

WILSON TOWNSHIP  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MAY 13, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER:** Todd Sorenson, Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**A. ROLL CALL:** Present: Supervisor Todd Sorenson, Treasurer Kerri Reinhardt, Clerk, Marilyn Beebe, Trustee Jeff Argetsinger, and Trustee Louie Fall. Guests: Ron Reinhardt, County Commissioner, Tim Petrosky, Area Manager Consumers Energy, Sara Christensen, Operations & Program Support Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, and Bud Shear, CEO, IMI.

**B. READING OF MINUTES:** **Moved** by Argetsinger, **second** by Fall to approve as presented the minutes from the April 8, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting, Discussion: None. **Voice vote: Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. MOTION CARRIED.**

**C. TREASURER’S REPORT/CLERK WARRANTS:**

**Treasurer** – April 2015 month-end balances:

General Money Market (Charlevoix State Bank)	<b>381,196.17</b>
General Checking (Charlevoix State Bank)	<b>24,416.73</b>
Sewer Escrow Money Market (Charlevoix State Bank)	<b>11,241.35</b>
Tax Account Money Market (Charlevoix State Bank)	<b>1,045.73</b>
Tax Checking (Charlevoix State Bank)	<b>101.83</b>
General Money Market (Huntington Bank)	<b>102,573.18</b>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>520,574.99</b>

**CLERK** –April/May warrants for payment: checks numbering 4700 - 4733 totaling \$16,222.38 (includes an E-Pay amount of \$2,200.42 to Charlevoix State Bank for Federal payroll liabilities and \$369.81 to the State of Michigan for Michigan payroll liabilities).

**Moved by** Beebe, **second** by Argetsinger to approve the treasurer’s report and all requests for payment. Discussion: Treasurer Reinhardt noted that \$450 was received for the recent burial while \$460 was paid out for the grave opening. Jeff Argetsinger commented that he told the contractor that the township pays \$450 for grave openings. Reinhardt commented that future grave openings should match the amount received for the burial and perhaps the fee schedule needs to be updated.

**Roll call: Ayes Sorenson, Fall, Reinhardt, Argetsinger, Beebe. Nays – none. MOTION CARRIED.**

**D. CITIZENS COMMENTS / OATHS OF OFFICE / PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Consumers Energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance: Mr. Tim Petosky, Area Manager for Consumers Energy reported that he has been working with Bryan Graham, the township’s attorney on the proposed electric franchise ordinance. Of note, the term was shortened from 30 years to 15 years. **Moved by** Louie Fall with **support by** Jeff Argetsinger to adopt Ordinance No. 1 of 2015, Consumers Energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance. Discussion: none. **Roll call: Ayes Sorenson, Fall, Reinhardt, Argetsinger, Beebe. Nays – none. MOTION CARRIED.**

**E. PUBLIC HEARING/CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Industrial Magnetics, Inc. Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate: Sara Christensen with Northern Lakes Alliance and Bud Shear CEO of IMI addressed the board on behalf of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate application for Industrial Magnetics. The exemption is for a 12-year tax abatement on a \$1.5M building improvement. Sara reported that IMI anticipates adding 12 new employees with the improvements. She also noted that the

exemption does not change current taxes but the township will see one quarter of a million dollars of new taxes over the tax period. Mr. Shear gave an update of the improvements. Opened to public comment at 7:26 PM. Public comment closed at 7:27 PM. **Moved by** Argetsinger with **support by** Fall to approve the application for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate by Industrial Magnetics, Inc. Discussion: none. **Roll call: Ayes Sorenson, Fall, Argetsinger, Beebe. Nays – none.** Abstain: Reinhardt. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Ron Reinhardt, County Commissioner:
  - a. Reported on area townships setting speed limit curfews on lakes.
  - b. Reported on a recent fraud scare by a neighboring township. The township discovered that bank funds lost by fraudulent methods may not be insured.
  - c. Discussed East Deer Lake and other road improvements using county-wide millage funds.
  - d. Discussed rising lake levels possibly caused by beaver dams. Sorenson reported that the Charlevoix County Road Commission has a permit to trap beavers and could remove the beavers if they are creating a problem with lake drainage – but permission must be granted by property owners first. Sorenson also noted that the county must maintain lake levels and that he would contact them.

#### F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Supervisor's Report (Todd Sorenson): written report presented and discussed throughout the meeting.
2. Planning Commission (Jeff Argetsinger): Approved site plan review for Industrial Magnetics Inc. (IMI).
3. Zoning Board of Appeals (Marilyn Beebe): No meeting.
4. MTA (Jeff Argetsinger): Program on digitizing records. No meeting in May.
5. Cemetery (Jeff Argetsinger): Jeff reported that he discovered that there were several double sold lots and has been working on straightening out the error. He also noted there was a burial at Todd Cemetery (his brother).
6. Township Park and Hall (Louie Fall): Louie reported that the electrical inspector approved the bathroom work.
7. Roads: Healey Road estimate came in at \$22,500 for 4" Aggregate base of Afton Stone gravel and \$31,600 for 6". **Moved by** Argetsinger with **support by** Sorenson to notify the Charlevoix County Road Commission to go forward with applying 6" Aggregate base Afton Stone on Healey Road. **Roll call: Ayes Sorenson, Fall, Reinhardt, Argetsinger, Beebe. Nays – none. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. JVEMSA: Sorenson reported that the authority will be meeting with the City of East Jordan to discuss the lease between the city and the authority.
2. Administrative Plan: Tabled.
3. Playground equipment: A grant from Lowe's has been submitted for playground upgrades and installation. The lumber will need to be stained to protect against arsenic seepage.
4. Channel: Discussed a proposal from NDG for professional engineering services for Fall Pak improvements (parking lot pavement and channel upgrades). The proposed cost for the services is \$18,074. **Moved by** Sorenson with **support by** Argetsinger to contract with NDG for \$18,074 for Fall Park improvements. **Roll call: Ayes Sorenson, Fall, Reinhardt, Argetsinger, Beebe. Nays – none. MOTION CARRIED.**
5. Clare's Store: No update
6. Lowe's Grant: Discussed previously
7. County Recreation Grant: Due July 1, 2015 for the first round.

8. Polling Place Grant: No update
9. Township Hall Bathrooms: Discussed previously.
10. Election: Voter turnout was as expected for the May Special Election – 341 ballots were cast.

#### **H. NEW BUSINESS**

1. New Assistant Planner: Hired Patrick Kilkenny.
2. Deer Lake level: Discussed previously
3. Tax sale properties: Two parcels that have been foreclosed upon in Wilson Township are being offered to the township. One parcel is located on Pearsall Road and the other on BC-EJ road. The board saw no reason to purchase the lots and declined the offer to purchase.
4. FOIA – Tabled to June – awaiting Bryan Graham’s input.

#### **I. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- J. **ADJOURNMENT**: With no further items on the agenda, moved by Argetsinger with support by Fall to adjourn at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marilyn Beebe