

WILSON TOWNSHIP  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
February 10, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER:** Todd Sorenson, Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

- A. **ROLL CALL:** Present: Supervisor Todd Sorenson, Treasurer Kerri Reinhardt, Clerk, Marilyn Beebe, and Trustee Louie Fall. Absent: Jeff Argetsinger.

Also present Scott McPherson, Planner and Zoning Administrator, and members of the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals: John Mathers, Mark Wuerth, Ray Guzniczak, Mel Nowland, Aaron Nordman, Norm Vogt, and Jeff Komondy.

- B. **READING OF MINUTES:** **Moved** by Fall, **second** by Sorenson to approve as presented the minutes from the January 13, 2016 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Discussion: None. **Voice vote: Ayes - 4, Nays - 0. Absent – 1. MOTION CARRIED.**

- C. **Additions to the Agenda: None**

- D. **TREASURER’S REPORT/CLERK WARRANTS:**

**Treasurer** –January 2016 month-end balances:

General Money Market (Charlevoix State Bank)	<b>283,687.59</b>
General Checking (Charlevoix State Bank)	<b>445.01</b>
Sewer Escrow Money Market (Charlevoix State Bank)	<b>11,249.83</b>
Tax Account Money Market (Charlevoix State Bank)	<b>118,534.17</b>
Tax Checking (Charlevoix State Bank)	<b>32.35</b>
General Money Market (Huntington Bank)	<b>102,689.55</b>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>516,638.50</b>

**CLERK** –January/February warrants for payment: checks numbering 4948 - 4973 totaling \$24,552.38 (includes an E-Pay amount of \$1,476.68 to Charlevoix State Bank for Federal payroll liabilities and \$258.74 to the State of Michigan for Michigan payroll liabilities).

**Moved by** Sorenson, **second** by Fall to approve the treasurer’s report and all requests for payment. Discussion: None. **Roll call: Ayes Sorenson, Fall, Reinhardt, Beebe. Nays – none. Absent: Argetsinger. MOTION CARRIED.**

- E. **CITIZENS COMMENTS / OATHS OF OFFICE / PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Planning Commission Appointments:
  - a. Jon Jasinski: Scott McPherson reported that Jon will be moving out of the township and will not be eligible to hold a position on the Planning Commission.
  - b. Aaron Nordman: **Moved by** Sorenson, **second** by Fall to reappoint Aaron Nordman to the Wilson Township Planning Commission. **Voice vote: Ayes - 4, Nays - 0. Absent – 1. MOTION CARRIED.**

- F. **PUBLIC HEARING/CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Invitation to attend a Coordinated Response Exercise for Pipelines meeting (meal and incident exercise) hosted by local pipeline and gas distribution companies (Odawa Casino Resort, Petoskey March 15, 2016 at 5:30 PM).
2. Notice to the supervisor from the United States Dept. of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau requesting voluntary assistance in completing a 2016 Government Units Survey in preparation for the 2017 Census of Governments.

3. Joint meeting with Planning Commission and ZBA:
  - a. Charlevoix County Community Foundation Grant: Scott McPherson is submitting a \$10,000 grant request from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation on behalf of the township to assist with paving the parking lot at Fall Park. Scott will finalize the budget numbers and submit the grant.
  - b. Cost estimates for parking lot project: Two estimates were discussed.
    - 1) NDG for \$61,750.00
    - 2) Charlevoix County Road Commission \$74,450.00 (extra ½ inch of asphalt)
  - c. Time Line on parking lot project: Discussed time line presented by NDG. Beebe noted that construction should not begin until after the May election and must be completed before the August election.
  - d. Grants for dredging, docking platform, hard surface walkways: Todd noted that all funds are tied up with the parking lot improvement. Plus most state and federal grants require matching funds. Discussed doing park improvements in phases.
  - e. Healey Road: Todd updated the group on the condition of Healey Road and the situation regarding a proposed road improvement special assessment.
  - f. Gravel and seasonal roads in Wilson Township: Mark Wuerth reported on the condition of Zink Road. He noted that the road commission repairs it, but days later it's in bad shape again.
  - g. Dead Trees: Ray Guzniczak asked who is responsible for removing dead trees alongside the road. Todd responded that the road commission is responsible for trees in the right of way.
  - h. High Speed Internet: Sorenson gave an update on the issues the board has faced trying to entice a company to provide affordable high speed internet to Wilson Township residents. He noted that there are a few ideas being worked on but the timeline is 2-3 years away.
  - i. Nuisance: Kerri Reinhardt asked about the status of the abandoned farmhouse on Fall Park Road. Scott McPherson stated that the property is owned by a bank. The house does not have access to a driveway and constructing a new one would be cost prohibitive. There is not much the bank can do. Kerri stated that the house is a health hazard and the health department should take action. Sorenson stated that he will contact the township attorney for advice.
  - j. Accessory buildings: Kerri also asked about zoning and accessing issues with accessory structures being used as living quarters. Sorenson commented that this issued will be addressed in the near future.
4. County Commissioner Ron Reinhardt joined the meeting. Ron gave a road improvement plan update. He noted that Antrim County will share costs with Charlevoix County for the improvement to Korthase Road.

#### G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Supervisor's Report (Todd Sorenson): Discussed throughout the meeting.
2. Planning Commission (Jeff Argetsinger): No meeting.
3. Zoning Board of Appeals (Marilyn Beebe). The ZBA elected officers and discussed sign regulations in the zoning ordinance that were recently reviewed by the Planning Commission.
4. MTA (Jeff Argetsinger): Elected leaders meeting held at Boyne Area Senior Center. February meeting program: Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet Office of Emergency Management and Cherry Capital Connection.
5. Cemetery (Jeff Argetsinger): Jeff was absent.
6. Township Park and Hall (Louie Fall): Nothing to report.
7. Roads: Discussed previously

H. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. 2015 Budget Amendment for Fall Cleanup / JKW Salvage: **Moved by Sorenson, second by Reinhardt** to adopt Resolution #2 of 2016 Amending FY 2015/2016 Wilson Township Budget account 528 Fall Cleanup Contingency to \$9,134. **Roll call: Ayes Sorenson, Fall, Reinhardt, Beebe. Nays – none. Absent: Argetsinger. MOTION CARRIED.**
2. Charlevoix County Community Foundation Grant: Discussed previously.
3. Charlevoix County Parks Grant: Grant was submitted to the county. No update.

I. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. JVEMSA Budget: The Jordan Valley Emergency Medical Service Authority provided a copy of the 2016/2017 budget.
2. Hall Furnace Replacement: Louie Fall reported that with the recent repair of the furnace in the hall, the service provider recommended replacing the furnace. One bid has been received from Great Lakes Plumbing. Louie and Todd will obtain two more.
3. Treasurer's Internet Update and Upgrade Estimate: Discussed the proposal by Gordon Compton to update/upgrade the hardware for the treasurer's internet connection (approximately \$2,500 to \$3,000). It was the consensus of the board members present that the best option was to go ahead with the proposal and input the costs in the 2016/2017 budget.

J. **ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.**

K. **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Marilyn L. Beebe, Clerk