

Wilson Township Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting (Joint Boards) – April 9, 2014

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Todd Sorenson, Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Supervisor Todd Sorenson, Clerk Marilyn Beebe, Treasurer Kerri Reinhardt, Trustee Jeff Argetsinger and Trustee Louie Fall. Also present Mark Wuerth, Mel Nowland, Ron Reinhardt, Norm Vogt, Ray Guzniczak, John Mathers, Clare Van Laan, Bruce Vaughn (Cherry Capital Connection), Elaine Pelk (MI DEQ), Bob Verschaeve and Don Curry with Gosling-Czuubak.

**READING OF MINUTES:** **Moved** by Jeff Argetsinger with **second** by Louie Fall to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting, Discussion: None. **Voice vote: all ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**JOINT BOARDS MEETING**

1. Cherry Capital Connection. Bruce Vaughn with Cherry Capital Connection gave a short presentation of their current (Network Neighborhood) and future (fiber to the home) funding models of internet access. The Network Neighborhood cost per household is estimated at \$850 (return on investment approximately 23 months). Fifteen (15) consumers would prepay for one (1) year of service and the installation; then Cherry Capital Connection builds the required infrastructure. Funding for fiber to the home is \$2850 (return is estimated at 13 years).
2. Clare's Country Corners. The Michigan DEQ has determined that Clare's Country Corners is a priority site for cleanup of soil contamination caused by leaking underground fuel storage tanks. The DEQ is proposing a cleanup of the contamination that will be funded by the DEQ. The cleanup, besides removal of the contaminated soil, includes removal of the existing building, which will be rebuilt after the project is completed. Scott McPherson, township planner, reported that the proposed project poses several problems. First, the current use was never applied for or approved, and second, the existing lot is a nonconforming lot. According to the Zoning Ordinance (ZO) the nonconforming use must be eliminated if a structure used for a nonconforming use is destroyed by more than 50%. The ZO also states that any nonconforming structure removed for any means must thereafter conform to all regulations. Since the proposed project was for the benefit of the public, Scott contacted the township attorney to see what could be done to allow the project to move forward. Bryan Graham, township attorney, indicated that the township would need:
  - a. Planning Commission review and approval of the conversion of the nonconforming use
  - b. Board action on ZO amendment allowing the removal and replacement of a nonconforming use and structure

Elaine Pelk from the DEQ provided a PowerPoint presentation explaining the process of evaluation of contaminated sites that the DEQ follows. Funding for tank removal is raised from the sale of petroleum products at the wholesale level.

The engineering company, Gosling-Czubak gave an overview of the proposed cleanup and structure rebuild.

The Board directed Scott to bring the conversion of the nonconforming use to the Planning Commission for review at the May meeting and to schedule a public hearing for the proposed amendment.

3. Dredging Fall Park Channel. Todd reported that the Bourget family gave approval to go forward with dredging of the channel. However, funding is still an issue. Scott reported that there isn't funding available unless the dredging is part of a project where dredging is only part of a plan. Todd reported that the Board has set up a fund to generate monies for future projects.

**PUBLIC HEARING/CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Mowing Proposals:

- a. 7:42 PM from "B" Green Turf Service \$110/park mowing & \$75/cemetery mowing
- b. 7:43 PM from Northern Lawn Service \$115/park mowing & \$100/cemetery mowing
- c. 7:44 PM from Carson Landscape Service \$95/park mowing & \$55/cemetery mowing
- d. 7:45 PM from Aly's Lawncare \$65 park mowing & \$65/cemetery mowing

**Moved** by Todd Sorenson with **second** by Jeff Argetsinger to award the mowing bid to Aly's Lawncare at \$65 per park mowing and \$65 per cemetery mowing. **Roll call:** Fall – aye, Argetsinger – aye, Sorenson – aye, Beebe – aye, Reinhardt – aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Audit Proposals:

- a. 7:50 PM from Barry E. Gaudette, CPA \$4,400 audit & F65 & \$400/F67 FY 2015
- b. 7:52 PM from Gabridge & Co. \$3,100 audit & F65 & \$300/F65 FY 2015
- c. 7:54 PM from Campbell, Kusterer & Co. \$2,600 audit – F65??

**Moved** by Jeff Argetsinger with **second** by Louie Fall to award the audit bid to Gabridge & Co. at \$3,100 per audit with F65 and \$300 for F65 for fiscal year 2015. **Roll call:** Fall – aye, Argetsinger – aye, Sorenson – aye, Beebe – aye, Reinhardt – aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT/CLERK WARRANTS:**

**Treasurer –March 2014** month-end balances:

General Money Market (Charlevoix State Bank)	<b>321,290.76</b>
General Checking (Charlevoix State Bank)	<b>27,584.45</b>
Sewer Escrow Money Market (Charlevoix State Bank)	<b>11,229.24</b>
Tax Account Money Market (Charlevoix State Bank)	<b>699.77</b>
Tax Checking (Charlevoix State Bank)	<b>405.43</b>
General Money Market (Huntington Bank)	<b>102,406.82</b>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>463,616.47</b>

**CLERK** –March/April warrants for payment: checks numbering 4319 to 4342 totaling \$18,584.04 (includes an E-Pay amount of \$1,519.16 to Charlevoix State Bank for Federal payroll liabilities and \$263.17 to the State of Michigan for Michigan payroll liabilities).

**Moved by** Louie Fall with **second** by Jeff Argetsinger to approve the treasurer's report and clerk's warrants for March/April bills totaling \$18,584.04. Discussion: None. . **Roll call:** Fall – aye, Argetsinger – aye, Sorenson – aye, Beebe – aye, Reinhardt – aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 1. Supervisor: Todd Sorenson. Discussed in joint boards meeting.
- 2. Planning Commission: Jeff Argetsinger. No meeting.
- 3. ZBA: Marilyn Beebe – No meeting
- 4. MTA: Jeff Argetsinger – Elected officers and discussed annual MTA meeting
- 5. Cemetery: Jeff Argetsinger – Having a hard time connecting with Brian Kelly for maps.
- 6. Park/hall: Louie Fall
  - A lot of fencing damage from snow (plowing) to repair.
- 7. Roads: Todd Sorenson. No update.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1. Jordan Valley Area Ambulance Authority: A special meeting is scheduled to establish emergency services millage language to be placed on the August Primary ballot.
- 2. Broadband: No update.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The road and fire and ambulance millages expired December 31, 2013. Renewal millage language was provided by Bryan Graham and the following resolutions were offered for adoption:

1. Road Millage: **Moved** by Jeff Argetsinger with **second** by Kerri Reinhardt to adopt Resolution 7 of 2014, a Resolution to Adopt Millage Ballot Language. **Roll call:** Fall – aye, Argetsinger – aye, Sorenson – aye, Beebe – aye, Reinhardt – aye. **RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.**
2. Fire and Ambulance Millage: Moved by Louie Fall with **second** by Jeff Argetsinger to adopt Resolution 8 of 2014, a Resolution to Adopt Millage Ballot Language. **Roll call:** Fall – aye, Argetsinger – aye, Sorenson – aye, Beebe – aye, Reinhardt – aye. **RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to come before the Wilson Township Board of Trustees, Todd Sorenson **moved** to adjourn with **second** by Jeff Argetsinger. All ayes by voice vote. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted

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Marilyn L. Beebe, Clerk