

Wilson Township Board of Trustees

April 10, 2013

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Supervisor Todd Sorenson, Clerk Marilyn Beebe, Treasurer Kerri Reinhardt, Trustee Louie Fall, and Trustee Jeff Argetsinger. Guests: Scott McPherson, Assistant Planner Leslie Meyers, Ray Guzniczak, Mark Wuerth, Mel Nowland, Norm Vogt, John Mathers, Aaron Nordman, Tim Deneau, and Bill Gaylord.

READING OF MINUTES: **Moved by** Jeff Argetsinger to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting; **second by** Louie Fall. Discussion: None. Voice vote: all ayes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZENS COMMENTS / OATHS OF OFFICE / PRESENTATIONS:

1. Joint Boards Meeting:

- Scott introduced the new assistant planner, Leslie Meyers and Jeff Komondy, new ZBA member.
- Todd Sorenson gave an update on the broadband initiative
 - Survey overview of respondents
 - 19.5% don't have internet, 17.9% have dial up internet, 16.7% have cell phone internet, 12.3% Satellite, 6.9% DSL, 18.2% cable and 8.5% wireless broadband
 - 81% of are in favor of the township developing broadband internet service, 6.9% were not in favor of the project
 - 65.7% were in favor of the township borrowing funds to develop the service (would be paid back by subscribers), 13% said no
 - Anticipated cost for towers, access points on towers, and subscriber equipment is \$338,776.00.
 - Loan repayment for 7 years at 5% interest: monthly \$5,494.92 and yearly \$65,939.04.
- Hayes Township Rental ordinance: The group agreed that Wilson Township doesn't have a problem with short-term rentals and that at this time the township doesn't need to consider adopting a Short-term Rental Ordinance.
- Louie Fall asked if Planner Scott McPherson thought that the township's ordinance addressed noise / odor issues such as Boyne City is experiencing. Scott commented that the site plan review of the township's ordinance is a tool to review and address these issues with future development.

PUBLIC HEARING/CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Review of Wilson Township Wireless Broadband with COLI.

- Bill Gaylord from Coli Communications was present to review the proposed plan with the board.
- Breakeven point is 250 subscribers
- Towers will be 195 feet tall
- When paid off the system can be converted to a fiber optic system

2. Request for speed study of Marshall Road

- Tim Deneau, who lives on Forest Way a private drive off Marshall Road, was present to request a speed study on Marshall Road. The current speed limit is 25 MPH. A study done in 2006 recommended that the speed be set at 35 MPH; however the road was gravel at that time. Now that the road is paved, a 35 MPH speed limit would be more appropriate. Part of Marshall Road is located within the Boyne City city limits and approval for the study will also have to be requested from the city. **Moved by** Jeff Argetsinger for Wilson Township to request that a speed study be done on Marshall Road, **second by** Kerri Reinhardt. Discussion: none. All ayes by voice vote. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Lawn care Maintenance Bids

- 7:25 PM opened bid by Aly's Lawncare (7463 US Old 31, Petoskey, MI) for \$65.00 per park mowing and cemetery mowing for \$65.00 per cut, with \$125.00 for optional spring and fall cleanup.

- 7:26 PM opened bid by Jeremy Peck (00552 Shaler Rd., Boyne City, MI) for \$100 per park mowing and cemetery mowing for \$40 per cemetery cut.
- **Motion by** Louie Fall to award the bid to Jeremy Peck for \$100 per park mowing and \$40.00 per cemetery mowing (each) contingent on Mr. Peck providing proof of applicable insurance, **second by** Marilyn Beebe. Discussion: none. . Roll call: Fall – aye, Argetsinger – aye, Sorenson – aye, Beebe – aye, Reinhardt - aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

TREASURER’S REPORT/CLERK WARRANTS:

Treasurer – March 2013 month-end balances:

General Money Market (Charlevoix State Bank)	252,757.50
General Checking (Charlevoix State Bank)	1,513.14
Sewer Escrow Money Market (Charlevoix State Bank)	11,218.51
Tax Account Money Market (Charlevoix State Bank)	268.08
Tax Checking (Charlevoix State Bank)	538.28
General Money Market (Huntington Bank)	102,253.33
Total Checking/Savings	368,548.84

CLERK –March/April warrants for payment: checks numbering 3997 to 4018 totaling **\$20,982.18** (includes an E-Pay amount of \$1,518.30 to Charlevoix State Bank for Federal payroll liabilities and **\$261.77** to the State of Michigan for Michigan payroll liabilities).

Moved by Louie Fall to approve the treasurer’s report and clerk’s warrants for March/April bills totaling \$20,982.18, **second** by Todd Sorenson. Discussion: none. Roll call: Fall – aye, Argetsinger – aye, Sorenson – aye, Beebe – aye, Reinhardt - aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Supervisor: Todd Sorenson. Report submitted and discussed under Unfinished and New Business.
2. Planning Commission: Jeff Argetsinger. No meeting
 - corrections on pages 3, 4, 5, and 7 changing road name BC-EJ Road to Fall Park Road and correcting the number of houses in Wilson Township on East Deer Lake Road from one to two; **second by** Louie Fall. Discussion: none. Roll call: Fall – aye, Argetsinger – aye, Sorenson – aye, Beebe – aye, Reinhardt - aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**
3. MTA: Jeff Argetsinger
 - Update on county broadband by NLEA and Merit Network.
4. Cemetery: Jeff Argetsinger
 - The contract submitted for ground penetrating radar was incorrect. Jeff is waiting for a revised contract.
5. Park & Hall: Louie Fall
 - Louie asked about the status of purchasing the property adjacent to the park. Todd noted that Scott McPherson is waiting to hear back from one of the owners. Todd stated that the Watershed Council is ready to help with writing a grant, but we need to wait to see if the property is available and affordable.
6. Roads: Todd Sorenson
 - Todd talked to the County Road Commission and advised them to go ahead and put out bids for the gravel projects.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Broadband: Continuing the previous discussion about the broadband initiative, Todd stated that COLI has a presence in Wilson Township – no other service provider does. Kerri Reinhardt stated that she would be more comfortable with getting a longer term loan with smaller monthly payments. The next steps will be to determine tower locations and propagation maps. **Moved by** Kerri Reinhardt to move forward with the study for broadband service for Wilson Township, **second by** Jeff Argetsinger. Discussion: none. All eyes by voice vote. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jordan Valley Area Ambulance Authority. Todd Sorenson reported on the proposed Jordan Valley Area Ambulance Authority that is being considered to address funding for emergency services for the city of East Jordan and surrounding townships. Possible funding costs for the authority were reviewed. Bryan Graham, township legal counsel, provided instruction on how the township can be part of the authority.
 - a. The township can't be an original member of the authority because Wilson Township has two areas being served by two different ambulance services.
 - b. Wilson Township would have a voice vote on how the authority is funded and operated.

Moved by Jeff Argetsinger to direct Bryan Graham to begin working on the Jordan Valley Area Ambulance Authority by putting together articles of incorporation, **second by** Marilyn Beebe. Discussion: none. All eyes by voice vote. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before the Wilson Township Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Marilyn L. Beebe, Clerk