

WALES TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
DECEMBER 01, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. and opened with the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present: Supervisor L. Thomson; Clerk C. Bobcean Treasurer E. Messina; Trustee D. Shannon; Trustee Liz Masters.

Absent: None.

Also present: Recording Secretary J. Duncan and nine members of the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes of the November 10, 2015 regular meeting.
- C. Approval of Check Register and Financial Report (Treasurer)
- D. Approval of Additional Bills (Clerk) (None)

Motion by Bobcean, second by Masters, to approve Consent Agenda with the removal of Item C, Treasurer's report. It's too early in the month to receive the necessary information from the banks. Roll call vote taken: Bobcean, aye; Masters, aye; Messina, aye; Shannon, aye; Thomson, aye. All ayes; motion carried.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS from the audience on agenda items. None.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. R-LEMS Public posting.
- B. Natural Flow Doctrine.

REPORTS

A. Township Supervisor Thomson

1. Multi-Township meeting on Memphis Fire Department.

On Nov. 23rd, leading members of the four townships contracting with the Memphis Fire Department for services met to discuss the City of Memphis proposal to remove funds from the fire department's equipment fund for other purposes. The group directed Richmond Township Supervisor Greenia to call Mayor Schneider of Memphis and ask if he would be willing to hold off a decision on this matter until after the Holidays so that we could meet in January to discuss this. Memphis agreed to not act on this until they hear from the townships involved, sometime in January.

B. Township Clerk Bobcean

1. Bond forfeiture – James Meldrum. Bobcean explained the situation which created the delay.

Motion by Thomson, second by Masters, to extend the bond for six months. Roll call vote taken: Masters, aye; Bobcean, aye; Messina, aye; Shannon, aye; Thomson, aye. All ayes; motion carried.

2. Birthdays this month – Larry Thomson and Liz Masters.

C. Township Treasurer Messina. Messina has nothing this month.

- D. Township Trustee Masters (Planning Commission). Masters reported that there will be an organizational meeting of the Planning Commission on January 18, 2016.
- E. Township Trustee Shannon (Zoning Board of Appeals). Shannon had nothing this month.
- F. Committees. No one from Parks Committee in attendance..
- G. Other. None.

OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

- A. December Budget review. The General Fund Budget Report shows all accounts within budgeted range, except Account 223-Audit. They simply charged more than was anticipated, based on past costs. **Motion** by Thomson, second by Messina, to accept budget as amended. Roll call vote taken: Messina, aye; Bobcean, aye; Shannon, aye; Masters, aye; Thomson, aye. All ayes; motion carried.

COMMENTS from the public. Tim Somma spoke to the fact that he had just received a letter from the Township Attorney to cease his activities at his residence by December 11th because of violations. He feels that the Board hasn't given him a chance to explain his position. All the Supervisor or the Zoning Enforcement Officer do is drive by; they don't stop and talk to him. Thomson asked if Somma would allow him to stop by without the 24-hour prior notice; Somma said "sure, anytime". When asked how he thinks it's possible to rectify the situation, he said he'd like to be allowed to build a fence to hide the cars, but he doesn't want to start a junkyard. He also doesn't want to go to Court. Thomson offered to have Mr. Somma, himself, and attorney Dubay meet together to try to work something out without going to Court. Somma agreed. Thomson will arrange the meeting.

Bob Somma asked Thomson, "You're not going to shut him down on the 11th now?" Thomson, "No". Liz Masters spoke to Tim Somma about the work the Planning Commission went to trying to make it possible for him to work there at all. Bob Somma found fault with the Planning Commission for the way the Ordinance was written.

Ron Miller agreed with the idea of having Somma, Thomson, and Dubay meet before resorting to a Court action.

Gary Jeffrey supported Somma.

ADJOURNMENT. **Motion** by Shannon, second by Masters, to adjourn. All ayes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Bobcean, Clerk