

**Wilson Township Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**August 11, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present include Cody Werth, Penny Szatkowski, Melissa Werth, and Mike Centala. Absent was Dan Hibner, Supervisor.

Motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to accept the July regular meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to accept the special meeting minutes from July 22, 2021. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

Kevin Trelfa made public comment on the butcher shop that was approved a special use permit. There is an area of concern surrounding the composting of animal waste. Melissa Werth will reach out to Tim Slosser, Zoning Administrator, and have him take a look.

**Planning Commission**

Dana Hayka stated that the special use permit regarding the zoo has been tabled until September.

**Zoning Administrator**

No report.

**Building Department**

Don Gilmet was not present at the meeting. However, he provided a report which was read by Melissa Werth, Clerk. The report stated that the county jail morgue unit is nearing completion, but final inspection has not yet been performed. The Wilson School project work on the interior and new entrance continues. Curbing and approaches are being installed. A permit was obtained from A-1 Tree Service for a 5800 square foot building on Wallace Road. Mr. Gilmet has spoken with the architect for Switzer Veterinary Clinic and has received plans for interior remodeling electronically. Mr. Gilmet has issued 13 building permits so far this year. He continues to work with the Zoning Administrator to ensure customers know how to get their zoning permit approval prior to construction permitting, and to ensure they comply with zoning regulations.

**Fire Department**

Jake Trelfa reported that the Fire Department is over a hundred calls for the year.

The department did a demonstration for the Brown Trout Festival.

The Fire Department has a couple cars out near the department for training.

Everything went smooth for the A-10 landing on M-32. The Fire Department had tankers on site as a precaution. Jake stated that the department was there for several hours and asked if they could get reimbursed for that time. A motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to compensate the fire fighters of Wilson Township for their time spent during the A-10 landing on M-32. All in favor. Motion carried.

Hanna Trelfa has listed several items for sale on Buy, Sell and Trade that the Fire Department was looking to get rid of. So far, Hanna has collected \$375.00 which was turned into the Treasurer.

Hanna Trelfa requested approval for the Fire Department Facebook page so it can it be made to go live. Dan Hibner is still working on a policy. Discussion ensued regarding letting Hanna temporarily launch the Wilson Township Fire Department Facebook page and then revisit the policy next month. A motion was made by Penny Szatkowski, supported by Mike Centala, to allow Hanna to temporarily launch the Facebook page and when Dan gets back to get a policy put it in place. Roll call vote: Mike-yes, Melissa-yes, Penny-yes, Cody-yes. Motion carried.

### **Township Park**

Melissa Werth reported that she checked with The Lappan Agency regarding the liability insurance for the volunteers at the park. The Lappan Agency responded that from the township's liability perspective, the volunteers would fall under the township's liability policy as long as they are acting in the capacity the township had designated them. However, volunteers are not considered employees, so they would not fall under the workers compensation coverage if they were to get injured. The insurance company provided a volunteer waiver form that they recommended having all volunteers sign. A motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to have all volunteers who do work at the park sign the volunteer waiver form prior to performing any work there. All in favor. Motion carried. Kevin Trelfa will make sure everyone signs the waiver and that the forms get returned to Melissa Werth.

Kevin Trelfa reported some issues with the park committee. He addressed the Board in a letter. Melissa Werth expressed her disappointment with the poor communication within the committee and the committee members unwillingness to work together and get along. An issue arose over a concrete pad that was wanting to be poured at the last meeting/work bee. To the Board's knowledge, this was never approved. Discussion ensued. It was determined that the park committee will still meet at the next meeting date/time and will go from there.

### **Correspondence**

Melissa Werth stated that she received a notice of hearing from the DTE Gas Company which states that there will be a public hearing on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. regarding the Michigan Public Service Commission's approval of its Energy Waste Reduction Plan.

Melissa Werth stated that she received an email from Maurice Muise regarding a website that he runs called SeniorsMobility.org. This website provides information to seniors to stay active, mobile, and independent. It has several comprehensive guides that might be of interest to seniors in Wilson Township. He has nearly two dozen guides on various types of mobility

exercises. It also has information on where seniors can get free wheelchairs or mobility scooters along with where those types of items can be donated.

Melissa Werth presented information regarding broadband investment follow up. An email from Ron Siegel at Allband was read.

### **Unfinished Business**

Recycle committee, no report.

Melissa Werth reported that she has sent the application in for the ARPA money. It is currently in the review process. She has not had any communication regarding whether or not the money has been approved yet.

Lisa Fluharty gave a report regarding the Township Hall. Penny Szatkowski and the Board gave Lisa an outline of the responsibilities for the Hall Caretaker.

### **New Business**

MTA online courses subscription was briefly discussed. This will be tabled until next month.

The lawn mower has broken down and is beyond repair. Dan Hibner spoke with Randy at Saw Supply and was given a price to purchase a new mower. A motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Penny Szatkowski, to purchase a new lawn mower not to exceed \$4100.00. Roll call vote: Mike Centala - yes, Melissa Werth - yes, Penny Szatkowski - yes, Cody Werth - yes. Motion carried.

### **Financial Report**

Penny Szatkowski gave the financial report. A motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to approve the financial report. Roll call vote: Cody Werth – yes, Mike Centala – yes, Penny Szatkowski – yes, Melissa Werth – yes. Motion carried.

### **Pay Bills**

Melissa Werth presented the bills to the Board. A motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Penny Szatkowski, to approve the payment of all bills, including check #20388 to the City of Alpena in the amount of \$1931.25 and check #20389 to Mark Hall in the amount of \$450.00. Roll call vote: Cody Werth – yes, Penny Szatkowski – yes, Mike Centala – yes, Melissa Werth – yes. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Cody Werth, supported by Penny Szatkowski, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Centala  
Wilson Township Deputy Clerk