

Wilson Township Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 11, 2023

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

Motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Penny Szatkowski, to accept the December 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Tina Slosser made comment about the Planning Commission chair and secretary resignation and the request from other members on the Planning Commission to receive raises if they were to take those positions.

Assessor

The Board received a resolution from Al Berg, the township assessor, regarding allowing residents to protest in writing. A motion was made by Penny Szatkowski, supported by Cody Werth, to adopt the resolution #23-02 – Resolution to Allow Township Residents to Protest in Writing. Roll call vote: Dan Hibner – yes, Cody Werth – yes, Mike Centala – yes, Penny Szatkowski – yes, Melissa Werth – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

There will be extra Board of Review training on January 31, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Alpena. The current Board of Review members have already taken their training and their training is good for two years and are not interested in taking this training. Any resident of Wilson Township who would be interested in serving on the Board of Review would need to take this training as it is now mandated by the state. If any township resident is interested, please reach out to Dan Hibner, Township Supervisor, or Melissa Werth, Township Clerk.

Allan Berg is also looking at moving all the public entities that he does the tax assessing for Board of Review sessions into Alpena. There would be two sessions offered, on two separate days, in four-hour increments each. A morning session and an evening session would be held.

Zoning Administrator

Dan Hibner stated that Tim Slosser is at training in Gaylord this evening. This training is free and is being provided by Denise Cline of NEMCOG. A motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to pay Tim Slosser per diem as well as reimburse him mileage to and from Gaylord. Roll call vote: Dan Hibner – yes, Mike Centala – yes, Cody Werth – yes, Penny Szatkowski – yes, Melissa Werth – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Building Department

Don Gilmet gave the Building Department report. He issued 24 building permits in 2022. Don submitted the new residential construction report to the Census Bureau. Don stated that soon he will be renewing the subscription for the MAD CAD building codes. So far in 2023 Don has issued one building permit. 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.

Planning Commission

Planning Commission meeting dates for 2023 are scheduled as follows:

January 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

February 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

March 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

April 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

May 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

June 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

August 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

September 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

October 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

November 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Kim Elkie stated that the Planning Commission typically only meets six times per year so these dates are scheduled on an as needed basis.

Kim Elkie stated that at the meeting last week she and Dana Hayka have resigned from their positions on the Planning Commission. They are not leaving the Planning Commission Board, just resigning from the chair position and the secretary position. Therefore, the Planning Commission Board currently does not have any officers. There were two members who stated that they would take the positions, but only if they received a raise in pay. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to postpone any further Planning Commission meetings until a resolution can be found. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Department

Chief Gil LaCross stated that he received a check from Larry Krueger from his wife's memorial. The Fire Department would like it to go into their activity fund. However, it must be deposited into the General Fund first and then during budget time it can be moved over to the Activity Fund.

Chief LaCross stated that he went over the bills from R&R with a representative from R&R Fire Truck Repair. Chief stated that after much conversation, invoice #63233 in the amount of \$6,512.67 the Fire Department was not overcharged and this bill has already been paid. Invoice #63537 in the amount of \$809.82 and invoice #63494 in the amount of \$1,902.05 were also reviewed with an R&R Fire Truck Repair Representative. Chief LaCross stated that after those two invoices were discussed, they both agreed that the amount charged was appropriate. Those two invoices have also been paid. Chief LaCross stated that invoice #64068 in the amount of \$6,393.79 was also discussed with R&R Fire Truck Repair. Chief LaCross stated that he was quoted \$1,200.00 for this work that was performed. Chief LaCross stated that the R&R Fire Truck Repair representative stated that he would need to speak with other individuals at his company and get back to him. Chief LaCross stated as of today's meeting he still has not heard back from them. The Board will continue to hold that invoice for payment until Chief receives a response from R&R.

Chief LaCross stated that the Fire Department has four Phillips brand AED's. He stated that he has been trying to purchase more pads for them and per Phillips, they no longer manufacture them. Chief is in the process of gathering information on new AED's.

Chief LaCross stated that there were 18 runs in December and there was a total of 177 runs for the 2022 year.

Chief LaCross stated that Chris Kinsey is enrolled in an EMT class.

Chief LaCross brought back the request from last month to hold the annual training dinner. Discussion ensued regarding waiting to hold the training dinner until March or paying for it with money from the Activity Fund. Chief LaCross will talk to the members of the Fire Department and report back to the Board at the February meeting.

Chief LaCross stated that Kim Elkie together with the Equalization Department helped get new address number signs.

Dan Hibner stated that the Board received a letter from Alpena Township regarding the potential development of a Fire/EMS Authority. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Mike Centala, supported by Penny Szatkowski, for not being in favor of forming a Fire/EMS Authority. All in favor. Motion carried.

Township Park

Dan Kirschner gave the township park report. He stated that the park committee is very thankful for the grant received from the county. He stated that the new grant applications are available for next year and those need to be completed. Dan stated that Zann Construction is rebidding the concrete project. Dan stated that there are several dead trees in the park that need to be taken care of and the committee will continue to work on removing those.

Recycling Committee

Dan Hibner stated that the Board needs to appoint a member and an alternate to the Northeast Michigan Materials Management Authority. Dan stated that he would be willing to be the board member, Cody Werth stated that he would volunteer to be the alternate. A motion was made by Melissa Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to appoint Dan Hibner as the Board Member and appoint Cody Werth as the alternate to the Northeast Michigan Materials Management Authority. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dan Hibner stated that the Northeast Michigan Materials Management Authority has received a large grant to go towards the building of a new recycling facility.

Township Hall

No report.

Correspondence

Dan Hibner stated that the Board received communication from Alpena Power Company regarding a Notice of Opportunity to Comment pursuant to the Order of the Michigan Public Service Commission in case # U-21255 as well as case #U-18089.

Dan Hibner stated that the Board received correspondence from the Alpena County Road Commission regarding the 2023 local road heavy maintenance, reconstruction and/or road preservation project matching funds. Wilson Township has 69.5 miles of roads that need to be maintained. Wilson Townships current population is 1972. Next year the road commission is offering \$54,882.00 as a match for heavy maintenance, reconstruction and/or road preservation.

The Intergovernmental Council Meeting will be held Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at ACC, CTR 106. Broadband will be the topic of discussion.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Mike Centala stated that he and Dan Hibner discussed possibly moving the meetings back to the fire hall since COVID has subsided. If it is decided that this will happen, the meetings will not be held at the fire hall until April.

Financial Report

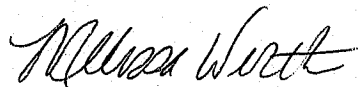
Penny Szatkowski gave the financial report. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to approve and accept the financial report. Roll call vote: Dan Hibner – yes, Mike Centala – yes, Cody Werth – yes, Penny Szatkowski – yes, Melissa Werth – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Pay Bills

Melissa Werth presented the bills to the Board. A motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to approve the payment of all bills. Roll call vote: Dan Hibner – yes, Mike Centala – yes, Cody Werth – yes, Penny Szatkowski – yes, Melissa Werth – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Penny Szatkowski, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Melissa Werth
Wilson Township Clerk