

Wilson Township Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 12, 2022

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

Motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to accept the December 8, 2021 regular meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

Presentation

Larry Gauthier, the Electrical Inspector for Wilson Township stated that he is requesting a small pay increase in the fee schedule. The last time an increase took place was in 2010. Mr. Gauthier's fees are the lowest in the State of Michigan. Mr. Gauthier also suggested that the township impose a \$2.00 administration fee that the township would keep for the processing of the permits. Mr. Gauthier stated that he already does this with Green and Wellington Township. Mr. Gauthier stated that he is licensed through 2024. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Penny Szatkowski, to keep Larry Gauthier under contract until 2024. All in favor. Motion carried.

Planning Commission

Dana Hayka stated that they did not hold the last few meetings of the year because there was not anything on the agenda. There is not a meeting schedule set for 2022. Dana will reach out to Bill Church regarding that.

Zoning Administrator

No report.

Building Department

Don Gilmet gave the Building Department report. Switzer Veterinary Clinic is waiting on permit application to be submitted. Kelco Inc. rough inspection is completed. Final inspection will be in the spring. Don stated he has issued two building permits so far this year. Don stated that 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

Chief LaCross gave report. The Fire Department acquired a 1984 one-ton pickup from the DNR. This was a free vehicle. Chief LaCross and Jake Trelfa traveled downstate to pick it up. This truck will be used for brush.

There were 18 runs in December. The year-end total for runs was 178 which was higher than average.

Chief LaCross stated that Tanker One got serviced and some repairs were done on it. Engine One got pump tested and a few minor things got repaired.

Chief LaCross said they got the rescue back from Cliff Anschuetz after being repaired because of deer damage. He stated that one light was bright and one light was dim. Chief LaCross stated that Anschuetz called him before he got it back and said they could not get the dim light any brighter. Chief LaCross stated that when he picked up the truck he played around with it at the Fire Department and it was decided that he will contact Anschuetz and see if they will take it back and look at it again and see if there is something that they would be able to do for us.

Chief LaCross stated that the new shocks have been completed on the Tahoe.

Chief LaCross stated that there is a rattle in the vacuum pump on the tanker. He said it works, however, he is not sure how long it is going to last. He stated that Mark from R&R Firetruck Repair said the only way to fix it would be to tear it down and rebuild it. So there will be a big bill to repair that in the future. It is still operable at this time.

Chief LaCross stated that currently the township has received \$1950.00 in cost recovery money. There is \$750.00 pending.

Township Park

Kevin Trelfa gave report. He stated that he is getting a second bid on excavating the ditch. He stated that he would like to possibly dig it this winter while it is frozen, otherwise they won't be able to get to it until probably August.

Kevin stated that the committee came up with an idea for a sign. Billboard type with a rooftop and plexiglass over it.

Kevin stated that he is getting another bid on the sidewalk.

Kevin stated that there is some interest within the group to get together to take down some trees at the park. Kevin stated that he is looking for a winch to either borrow or rent to assist with taking down the trees.

Kevin stated that John Diamond is going to work on applying for the recreation grant. He needs some history on the park such as what year it was purchased and how many acres it is. Dan Hibner stated that he will contact Ted Somers to see what information he can provide. May is the cutoff for the recreation grant application.

Recycling Committee

Dan Hibner stated that there are some exciting things coming down the line in the next month.

Township Hall

No report.

Correspondence

Information was received from EGLE (Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy) regarding the Wetland Identification Report, Wetland Identification Site Name – Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center, and MiWaters Submission Number.

Dan Hibner stated that the MTA's 2022 Board of Review Training will be held in February. This is required training for the Board of Review Members. A motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to allow up to four members of the Board of Review to attend the training. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dan Hibner stated that some of the new ARPA rules are being released. Don Gilmet stated that his understanding of one of the changes to the rules is that if the entity received less than ten million dollars that the money can just be added to the general fund as revenue. This will be investigated further.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New Business

Dan Hibner stated that he had the gentleman who owns parcel #084-034-000-508-00 contact him. He stated that there is an easement to his property and he needs to name that easement in order for the power company to put a pole in so that he can get electricity. The gentleman would like to name the easement Scout Trail. Dan stated that he had the gentleman reach out to all of the surrounding property owners that the easement touches to see if they had any name ideas or if they had a problem with the name that he wanted to give it. Dan stated that the gentleman responded that he has not heard from anyone, Dan has not heard from anyone, and Ted Somers has not heard from anyone. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to name the easement with the property description of *The Northerly 33 feet of the Southerly 231 feet of the easterly 462 feet of said N.E. of S.W. and is provided as an easement for ingress and egress to be used in common with others. Also provided for ingress and egress is an easement over and across the Easterly 33 feet of the Southerly 993 feet of the N.E. of the S.W. of said Section 34 less and excepting the Easterly 462 feet Scout Trail.* All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to have Jerry Kieliszewski, CPA complete the townships W2's and 1099's for 2021. All in favor. Motion carried.

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. 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. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Melissa Werth, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Werth".

Melissa Werth
Wilson Township Clerk