

**Wilson Township Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 13, 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 March 9, 2022 regular meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mike Centala, supported by Cody Werth, to accept the March 9, 2022 Budget Hearing Minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mike Centala, supported by Cody Werth, to accept the March 9, 2022 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Presentation**

Dan Hibner stated that PIE&G is looking at bringing in gas to our community.

Dan Hibner stated that interviews were held last week for the Cemetery Sexton as Mark Hall has resigned. A recommendation is being made to hire Kevin Newhouse to dig graves. Kevin will also be digging graves at other township cemeteries. A motion was made by Penny Szatkowski, supported by Mike Centala, to hire Kevin Newhouse to dig graves at the rate of \$600.00 per burial. Roll call vote: Dan Hibner – yes, Mike Centala – yes, Cody Werth – yes, Penny Szatkowski – yes, Melissa Werth – yes. Motion carried.

Dan Hibner recommended hiring Daryl Barton Sr. as Cemetery Sexton. Mr. Barton would be marking off the graves, selling cemetery plots, and burying the cremation urns. A motion was made by Penny Szatkowski, supported by Cody Werth, to hire Daryl Barton Sr. as Cemetery Sexton and to pay him a salary of \$1200.00 per year plus \$200.00 to bury cremation urns. Roll call vote: Dan Hibner – yes, Mike Centala – yes, Cody Werth – yes, Penny Szatkowski – yes, Melissa Werth – yes. Motion carried.

**Planning Commission**

Kim Elkie stated that the Planning Commission scheduled for April was cancelled due to not having any agenda items. Kim stated that they will be meeting on May 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Dan Hibner stated that at the budget meeting it was talked about using some of the ARPA funds to update the zoning ordinances. Dan Hibner spoke with Denise Cline of NEMCOG. She will be available to help with the zoning ordinances update. Motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to update the township zoning ordinances with the guidance of NEMCOG in the amount of \$15,400.00. Roll call vote: Dan Hibner – yes, Mike Centala – yes, Cody Werth – yes, Penny Szatkowski – yes, Melissa Werth – yes. Motion carried.

### **Zoning Administrator**

No report.

### **Building Department**

Don Gilmet gave the Building Department report. Switzer Veterinary Clinic obtained a permit for interior renovations to help expand services. Alpena Recycling has applied for another grant to help with future expansion plans on the airport property. The Alpena County Commissioners have agreed to contribute a \$500,000.00 match for the request providing the Recycling Committee forms a Recycling Authority. The County does not have any interest in owning the building. Don stated that he has issued four building permits so far this year and 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 Gil LaCross gave report. The brush truck has had some improvements to it and it is ready to go.

Chief LaCross stated that he received an application from Casey Wikaryasz and the fire department would like to recommend her for employment with the Wilson Township Fire Department. A motion was made by Mike Centala, supported by Penny Szatkowski, to accept Casey Wikaryasz as a probationary member of the Wilson Township Fire Department pending her background check. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chief LaCross stated that there were six runs in February and 21 runs in March.

Chief LaCross stated he received another cost recovery check in the amount for \$500.00.

Chief LaCross recommended amending the fee schedule regarding auto accidents. Dan Hibner recommended adding extrications and car fires. A motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to change the fee schedule to auto accidents, extrications, and fire. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chief LaCross stated that he would like to purchase an intake valve and a gas monitor totaling \$1600.00 for the fire truck using cost recovery money. Dan Hibner recommended that Chief LaCross obtain some quotes and bring it to the Board for further discussion.

Chief LaCross stated that he has a quote for one set of turnout gear in the amount of \$1774.00. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to purchase the one set of turnout gear in the amount of \$1774.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kim Elkie stated that the sealed bid opening for the radios and pagers was done this morning. Kim stated that she should have something to Chief LaCross before the May meeting.

### **Township Park**

Kevin Trelfa stated that the committee did some thinking and planning throughout this winter. The committee invited Mike Kieliszewski out to the park to look at the ditch issue. Kevin stated they spoke to EGLE at the state level. EGLE did visit the park site. Kevin invited Mike Kieliszewski to the meeting to discuss what the soil erosion process would be and Mike gave presentation. Kevin stated that they would like to put a sidewalk in this year. Kevin stated he has obtained one quote for the sidewalk in the amount of \$7000.00. Kevin stated that they did cut quite a bit of dead trees over the winter to clean up the park trails. Kevin Trelfa stated that the committee lost a member whom they thought would be able to help them obtain grant money. The committee is requesting help in that area. Dan Hibner stated that the committee should obtain bids for the ditch repair and apply for the park and recreations grant through the county for the sidewalk project.

A motion was made by Melissa Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to have Cody Werth take care of the arrangements for getting the outhouse cleaned and pumped beginning May 1, 2022. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Recycling Committee**

Dan Hibner stated that there will be a county wide cleanup held on May 7, 2022. The electronic recycling will be Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Alpena County Fairgrounds. The Recycling Committee did not hold a meeting last month.

### **Township Hall**

Lisa Fluharty gave hall report. Rentals are booked for future months.

### **Road Commission**

Dan Hibner stated that he and Cody Werth rode around with the Road Commission to figure out what roads need gravel and repair. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to gravel and repair the west half of Zbytowski Road, Badder Road, Schultz Road, Precour Road and Dege Road. Roll call vote: Dan Hibner – yes, Mike Centala – yes, Cody Werth – yes, Penny Szatkowski – yes, Melissa Werth – yes. Motion carried.

Dust control will be tabled until the May meeting.

### **Correspondence**

Dan Hibner stated that we received a bid from Tim Lewis for infrared heating in the bays at the township fire hall. The bid total was \$10,800.10. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to give Tim Lewis the go ahead to install the infrared heating at the fire hall in the amount of \$10,800.10 with the use of a portion of the ARPA money. Roll call vote: Dan Hibner – yes, Mike Centala – yes, Cody Werth – yes, Penny Szatkowski – yes, Melissa Werth – yes. Motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**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 Mike Centala, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Melissa Werth  
Wilson Township Clerk