Wilson Township Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 12, 2023

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

Motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to accept the March 8, 2023 regular meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to accept the March 8, 2023 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to accept the March 27, 2023 Budget Hearing Minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to accept the June 8, 2022 Liquor Commission Meeting Minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment
Dan Hibner introduced Travis Konarzewski our township commissioner representative and he made a brief statement.

Assessor
No report.

Zoning Administrator
No report.

Building Department
Don Gilmet gave the building department report. He has issued eight building permits so far this year. Four permits were issued in March. One was for a cell tower antenna replacement on the existing mono pole at the airport. 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
No report.

Fire Department
Chief Gil LaCross gave the Fire Department report. There were 13 runs in March.

The Fire Department received a $500.00 cost recovery check from a fire. They also received a $110.00 donation from St. Matthews Church ladies group to be deposited into the Activity Fund.

Chief LaCross stated that Darrell Bowman has turned in his equipment and has resigned.

Chief LaCross reported on the St. Rose Church fire. He stated that ATF will be investigating the cause.

Chief LaCross stated that he received a quote from Dinges Fire to purchase two valves for Engine 1 pumper truck. The total for two valves would be $3,112.00 plus shipping costs. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to purchase two valves in the amount of $3,112.00 plus shipping. Roll call vote: Mike Centala – yes, Cody Werth – yes, Penny Szatkowski – yes, Melissa Werth – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chris Kinsey is attending the EMT class and that is almost completed. Kaitly Jobin and Anthony Garrow are currently enrolled in the Firefighter 1 and 2 classes and they will be finished with those courses soon.

Steve Barber stated that the Wilson Township Fire Department participated in region 7 radiological training exercise on March 21, 2023 and March 22, 2023. The training went very well.

Chief LaCross received three quotes for LED lighting for the fire hall. He received quotes from Gator Electric, Omega Electric, and J & L Electric. The quotes were reviewed. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to table this topic until the May regular meeting so that Chief LaCross can gather some more information regarding the lighting sensors. All in favor. Motion carried.

Township Park

Kevin Trelfa gave the park report. He put together a list of items for the use of the Youth and Recreation Grant money. The township received a $40,000.00 grant. Kevin obtained another quote for the park benches and tables that will be installed at the park. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Melissa Werth, to purchase and order benches, tables and grills for the park manufactured by Pilot Rock in the amount of $8,475.00. Roll call vote: Mike Centala – yes, Cody Werth – yes, Penny Szatkowski – yes, Melissa Werth – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Recycling Authority

No report.

Township Hall
Melissa Werth stated that St Rose Church was possibly interested in renting the hall for their church services. Some congregation members were present at the meeting and stated that they were looking at other options as well.

Correspondence
No report.

Unfinished Business
None.

New Business
The county wide cleanup will be held on May 6, 2023. In the past Wilson township donated funds to help with the cleanup. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to donate $1000.00 for the County Wide Cleanup. Roll call vote: Mike Centala – yes, Cody Werth – yes, Penny Szatkowski – yes, Melissa Werth – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Melissa Werth stated that this year is audit year for the township. Jerry Kieliszewski agreed to perform the audit again. A motion was made by Cody Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to have Jerry Kieliszewski perform the township audit. Roll call vote: Mike Centala – yes, Cody Werth – yes, Penny Szatkowski – yes, Melissa Werth – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Melissa Werth stated that a change of venue for the township meetings has been discussed. Prior to COVID, the meetings were held at the township fire hall. A motion was made by Penny Szatkowski, supported by Cody Werth, to change the venue of the township meetings to the township fire hall effective May 10, 2023. All in favor. Motion carried.

Cody Werth stated that he went on a ride along with the Alpena County Road Commission to look at what roads needed work this year. It was discussed that there were a couple of other roads that should be looked at. A motion was made by Melissa Werth, supported by Mike Centala, to table the approval of what roads will be repaired until May 10, 2023 meeting. 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: 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 with the addition of the bills for W.S.

Darley, Witmer Group, and Airgas. Roll call vote: Mike Centala – yes Cody Werth – yes, Penny Szatkowski – yes, Melissa Werth – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Penny Szatkowski, supported by Cody Werth, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Werth
Wilson Township Clerk