

A regular board meeting was held at 7:00pm at Ronald Township Hall on
Monday, May 15th, 2023.

Clerk Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Board Members present: Clerk Wilson, Treasurer Middleton, Trustee Wilson, Trustee Wells.

Board Members absent: Supervisor Blood

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Due to Supervisor Blood being absent, Motion made by Trustee Wilson to have Clerk Wilson run the meeting. Seconded by Treasurer Middleton. Motion passed.

Due to Clerk Wilson running the meeting, a motion was made by Clerk Wilson to have Trustee Wilson take meeting minutes. Seconded by Treasurer Middleton. Motion passed.

Introduction of quest

- Resident Kathy Ainsworth addressed several items including meeting minutes and the website.

Public Comment

- Resident Christine Strickling commented on trash voucher request on the website. The form asks a question about being a Bushnell Twp resident. Clerk Wilson will investigate this. Also asked the question who receives the emails when a resident requests a trash voucher.

Approval of Agenda

- Trustee Wilson made a motion to approve agenda with changes – added discussion about the resolution/election needed for the dry township issue and Audit. Clerk Wilson seconded. Roll Call-Trustee Wilson-yes Clerk Wilson-yes Treasurer Middleton-yes Trustee Wells-yes Motion passed.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Clerk Wilson made a motion to approve the March Meeting minutes as they were not approved at the April 17th meeting. Trustee Wilson seconded. Roll Call-Trustee Wilson-yes Clerk Wilson-yes Treasurer Middleton-yes Trustee Wells-no. Motion passed.
- In addition, per the meeting minutes on April 17th, 2023, there were no motions made on several items. The present board members went back and made motions on the following items:
 - Approval of Agenda

- Motion by clerk Wilson to approve the agenda seconded by Trustee Wilson. Roll Call-Trustee Wilson-yes Clerk Wilson-yes Treasurer Middleton-yes Trustee Wells-yes. Motion Carried.
- Treasurers' report/presentation of bills.
 - Motion By Clerk Wilson to accept the treasures report. Seconded by Treasurer Middleton. Roll Call-Trustee Wilson-yes Clerk Wilson-yes Treasurer Middleton-yes Trustee Wells-yes Motion Carried.
- Supervisor Blood spoke about Jack Wirtz wanting a raise for snows cemetery. Currently makes \$66/mowing and \$8/hr for maintenance. A discussion was had about paying him \$66/mowing and \$10/hr for maintenance.
 - Motion by Clerk Wilson, seconded by Treasurer Middleton to pay Jack Wirtz \$66/mowing, and \$10/hour for mowing of snows cemetery. Roll Call-Trustee Wilson-yes Clerk Wilson-yes Treasurer Middleton-yes Trustee Wells-yes. Motion Carried
- A discussion was had about paying the Palo cemetery and Woodard Lake associations, \$11,500.
 - Motion made by Clerk Wilson seconded by Trustee Wilson to pay Palo cemetery and Woodard Lake Associations a combined \$11,500 for mowing. Roll Call-Trustee Wilson-yes Clerk Wilson-yes Treasurer Middleton-yes Trustee Wells-no. Motion Carried.

Treasurers' report/presentation of bills

- Treasurer Middleton gave a treasurer's report and presented the bills.
- A discussion was had regarding the flags that were purchased from the VFW to put on veteran's graves in the cemeteries. Trustee Wells would like someone to check with the VFW to make sure the flags were manufactured in the USA. Trustee Wells wanted to hold off on paying the bill, deferring the bill to the cemetery board. Treasurer Middleton made a motion to pay the bills, as presented, pending Clerk Wilson checking with VFW to confirm that the flags were manufactured in the USA. Second by Clerk Wilson. Roll Call-Trustee Wilson – yes Clerk Wilson – Yes Treasurer Middleton- Yes Trustee Wells – No. Motion Carried.
- Treasurer Middleton closed out CD's moved them to Michigan class, as a contingency fund.
- The point and pay online tax payment system should be live soon.
- Clerk Wilson made a motion for Treasurer Middleton to open a money market account. Trustee Wilson seconded. Roll Call- Trustee Wilson – Yes Clerk Wilson – Yes Treasurer Middleton – yes Trustee Wells – Yes Motion Carried.

Old Business

- Treasurer Middleton gave an update regarding the fire station/twp complex meeting. The committee met. They have one price back and still waiting on a few more.
- Resident Christine Strickling who is on the committee commented on the condition of the fire station. Stating there is no running water or bathrooms for department personnel.
- Trustee Wilson brought up combining the blight and mobile home ordinance into one. Supervisor Blood should have completed the ordinance at June's meeting. Trustee Wilson suggested possibly giving these to the attorney so we can mark it as complete.

Supervisors Report

- Supervisor Mike Blood absent – no report submitted.

Clerks Report

- Clerk Wilson stated that Workers Compensation is now active for the year.
- Clerk Wilson stated she was contacted by Point Broadband who is interested in holding a community event in Ronald Township. For every new customer in our township that signs up, Point Broadband will donate \$100 to the fire department. They do all the marketing/mailings. We don't have a date yet – she will keep the board updated. Clerk Wilson made a motion for this event to be held in the township. Seconded by Treasurer Alexis. Roll Call-Trustee Wilson – Yes Clerk Wilson- Yes Treasurer Middleton - Yes Trustee Wells – Yes. Motion passed.
- Clerk Wilson stated we are under contract with Campbell Auditing until March 31st, 2024. May be possible to get out of contract. Clerk Wilson will investigate.
- Clerk Wilson brought FOIA form to the board. A discussion was had regarding stipulations and fees for FOIA requests. Trustee Wilson made a motion to approve the temporary template for FOIA requests as presented by Clerk Wilson. Clerk Wilson seconded. Roll Call-Trustee Wilson – Yes Clerk Wilson – Yes Treasurer Middleton – Yes Trustee Wells – Yes. Motion passed.

Fire Chief Report

- Chief Steve Walker gave a run report. 56 Calls to date-6 Structure fires, 39 medical first response, 2 personal injury accident, 1 vehicle fire, 8 brush fire/lines down/all others.

New Business from the board

- Discussion was had about using other free resources, before contacting the attorney. A discussion was had about if a board member contacts the attorney, they

must tell the board, when they called, why they called, and the outcome of the call. This would also be beneficial for future audits.

- Clerk Wilson made a motion for the fire department to have permission to take the fire department vehicles to the Memorial Day parade, the fourth of July parade, and the cow pie classic. Seconded by Trustee Wilson. Roll Call-Trustee Wilson-yes, Clerk Wilson-yes, Treasurer Middleton-yes, Trustee Wells-no. Motion Carried.
- Clerk Wilson brought up the issue with Ronald Township being classified as a Dry Township for class C liquor license. There was some confusion on whether we needed to bring this to the voters in an election or pass a resolution in addition to several other concerns and questions. A discussion was had and the decision to hold off on action for now until we have clearer guidance from the liquor control commission.

New Business from the floor

- Resident Matt Edwards had a question about cleaning headstones at Snows Lake cemetery. Another resident commented and said there is a volunteer group that does cleaning.

Motion made by Trustee Wilson to adjourn meeting. Clerk Wilson seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:31.