

**Wilton Township  
Board of Trustees  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2023**

**I. Call to Order**

The April meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by Gynith Borden following the Annual Town Meeting.

Present were Supervisor Gynith Borden; Clerk Jody Thatcher; Board of Trustees: Kelly Farmer, Michael McKinney, Jake Slattery, and Steve Quigley; Road Commissioner Ray Nugent; Cemetery Sexton Alan Christiansen; Community Building Manager Carmen Kinsella.

**II. Approvals**

The Consent Agenda was approved including the meeting minutes for March, and the Financial Statement for April. Kelly Farmer motioned to approve the Consent Agenda; Steve Quigley seconded the motion. All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried.

**a. Approval of Road and Bridge Bills.**

**b. Approval of Township Bills.**

**III. Public Comments**

**IV. Reports**

**a. Supervisor Report**

Gynith reported the Annual Town Meeting took place before the regular scheduled monthly meeting of the board of trustees. There is currently \$50,711.36 in the town account and payroll is \$36,150 leaving a surplus of about \$26K -\$28K in surplus which it was approved to transfer \$2,500 to the Community Building, \$3000 to the Cemetery, \$15,000 to Road and Bridge and \$5,500 to be paid directly to the Community Building Loan from the Town account along with an approval of \$1,500 to Helping Hands of Peotone and \$500 to the Peotone Education Foundation Scholarship fund. She reported the floor loan is currently at \$24,508 and the other loan with the balloon payment is currently at \$46,180.

She also stated Phil Borelli reached out to her to let us know there is a company, TES Patel Managing Partner, interested in putting a solar farm on an empty 10 acre parcel. On the NE corner of Arsenal and Walsh to which Ray stated there will need to be road restrictions and road repairs will need to be covered by the company. She stated Phil is not in favor of this project.

**b. Road Commissioner Report**

Ray reported the referendum did not pass. He stressed the importance of the bridge tax and how unsafe our bridges are. He stated he has to spend more money on signs and barricades for the bridges and that money in turn does not get spent on the roads. He stated the Road District can only get grants if there is an established bridge tax in place. If the referendum doesn't pass, the township can end up with many closed roads. He also reported there has been some road deterioration and creek issues. To hire someone would be too expensive. He stated there is still a wooden bridge in the township that is not safe, school buses travel across our bridges and they are not safe. Ray stated he is aware no one wants their taxes to be raised, neither does he, but this is a necessity. He recalled a bridge collapsing in the past in the township and it was more work and money than if it would have just been maintained. Ray stated he has already put up jersey barricades on the bridge by the old school and he knows people are not happy about it, but it is for safety reasons. Some of our bridges are over 100 years old and those who live on hard roads are not affected by these bridges but need to realize it is a real safety concern to a large portion of the township.

He also reported there is more and more traffic on Wilton Township roads each day causing damage. The roads are rough now due to an easy winter; they need to be graded and need materials put down, but due to having to spend 28K to move materials from a community members location to the road district, funds are down. Ray will be waiting for after the rainy season to start road work. There is brush that will be removed from Gerde's woods.

**c. Planning Commission Report**

**d. Cemetery Report**

Alan reported there have been several funerals the past months and 5-6 plots have been sold. Lots are currently \$600 and he is looking to increase that price. The balance of the account is currently about 2K. Mowing is the biggest expense, which doesn't leave much left over for projects. He would like to see tax support in the future. He reported there is also a 5K CD for the cemetery. He stated he is always looking for volunteers to help clean up the cemetery and anyone is welcome to do so at any time to pick up branches and debris. Clerk Thatcher stated she would add that information to the web site.

**e. Community Building Report**

Carmen reported they increased the rental fee from \$125 to \$150 for a resident application with no alcohol. Non-residence contract went up \$100. She stated non-resident is the majority of the rentals and there is quite a few events booked thru September. She reported Suzanne Bramble was sworn in as the third community building manager this past year. Carmen stated the septic tank was pumped, there are two lids that were cracked which were repaired along with the large furnace being replaced. She received a notification from the County that the floor was inspected, and we passed. All panels were replaced outside above the windows. She possibly wants to replace the stage door and the furnace room door along with painting the other doors. The driveway was leveled and rolled. She is looking to have a new flagpole and flag installed for at about \$700. She stated the covid relief money should cover the reimbursement of the furnace and the new doors.

**f. Multiple Township Report**

**V. Old Business**

**VI. New Business**

Jody reminded everyone to complete their statement of economic interest.

Decennial Committee met and appointed Larry Christensen and Alan Christensen as community member representatives. The next meeting for the Decennial Committee will be in July.

**VII. Adjournment<sup>7</sup>**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 7:30 PM at the Wilton Township Community Building. Kelly Farmer moved to adjourn the April Meeting at 8:11 PM, Steve Quigley seconded the motion. All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jody Thatcher  
Wilton Township Clerk