

**Wilton Township
Board of Trustees
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2022**

I. Call to Order

The April meeting was called to order, immediately following the Annual Town Meeting, at 7:55 PM by Gynith Borden.

Present were Supervisor Gynith Borden; Clerk Jody Thatcher; Board of Trustees: Kelly Farmer, Michael McKinney, Steve Quigley, and Jake Slattery; Road Commissioner Ray Nugent.

II. Approvals

The Consent Agenda was approved including the meeting minutes for March, and the Financial Statement for April. Steve Quigley motioned to approve the Consent Agenda; Kelly Farmer 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

Greg Osborn addressed the board about the sale of the church across the street.

IV. Reports

a. Supervisor Report

Gynith reported the financial report was available for review, an audit was conducted, and everything is in good standing. She stated there was 22K of excess funds in the township account that was able to be moved during the annual town meeting and it was approved for \$1,500 to go to helping hands food pantry, \$500 to the Peotone High School Senior Scholarship for a Wilton Township resident, \$5,500 to go directly to the initial community building loan, \$2,250 to go to the cemetery account, \$2,250 to go to the community building account, and \$10,000 to go to the road and bridge account.

b. Road Commissioner Report

Ray reported there has been some road deterioration and crick issues. To hire someone would be too expensive. He has investigated grants and ways to put money towards repairs but the grants available require a current bridge tax to be in place before being able to apply and with the roads needing work, there is no extra money. Ray stated he is unhappy that a sitting board member couldn't vote to have the bridge tax question to be placed on the ballot. 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 was happy to report, there were enough votes to be able to place the bridge tax question on the ballot for the upcoming election. 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 will be putting up jersey barricades on the bridge by the old

school and he knows people will not be 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.

c. Planning Commission Report

d. Cemetery Report

Alan reported there were several funerals and a couple cremations. There were some improvements made to the cemetery by Ray Nugent and Jeff Palmer by having gravel moved, fence moved, and trees removed. There is not better light to allow for better grass to grow. Alan stated they will need to start looking into funding the cemetery in the next couple of years. There is a 5k savings bond that will possibly need to be cashed in in 2023.

e. Community Building Report

Carmen reported the floor is done. There are currently two loans to pay off for the community building. Future work that needs to be done is the fiberglass laminate on one of the windows needing to be replaced, which Steve Hoen replaced the windowsills in the past that were rotted out from being left open at no charge to the township so she would like to give him the work. The community building has a good cleaning person who they are happy with. There are rentals on the books, but they need picking up more.

f. Multiple Township Report

Gynith reported the Multi-Township has hired a new Tax Assessor, Mary Tomoz (Crete Assessor) for \$10,000 per year. She has the knowledge of the county programs which were also purchased by the multi-township. Mary should be starting to visit properties this spring.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

VII. Adjournment⁷

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 7:30 PM at the Wilton Township Community Building. Kelly Farmer moved to adjourn the April Meeting at 8:20 PM, Steve Quigley seconded the motion. All in favor with Aye, motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jody Thatcher
Wilton Township Clerk