Boyne Valley Township Meeting
September 10, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

This meeting is a meeting of the Boyne Valley Township Board in public for the purpose of conducting the township’s business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.

Minutes

I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Hobbs at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Matelski, Kondrat, Kelenske, Sparks, Hobbs
Members Absent: None
Others Present: David Matelski, Mary Matelski, John Lamont, Jack Hemmes, Russ Koeman, Kathy Webber, Mike Skop, Matt Skop, Tom Towne

III. Approval of Minutes and Corrections

Motion by Hobbs, support by Matelski to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of August 13, 2018.
Motion carried 5 to 0.

IV. Approval of Financial Report

Motion by Kelenske, support by Kondrat to approve the financial report for August 31, 2018.
Motion carried 5 to 0.

V. Recognition of Audience

VI. Presentation

a. Cypress Creek Renewables presentation on Solar Farms
   • Kathy Webber presented on solar farms. Presented a solar panel. Most of the current farms are in the Carolinas, Maryland, and there is currently one in Stockbridge. They produce 2 megawatts with 20 acres of panels. The only concrete on the site is placed for the inverter to sit on. Most of the area is as green as possible. The entire property is fenced in. The only sound heard is from the inverter. The panels are waist high to 12-16 feet high, with an average of 14 feet. They face south and they move east to west following the sun throughout the day. The project will be decommissioned after the lease is up. The panels have a lifetime of 30-40 years, and a lease can be renewable up to 40 years.
   Motion by Matelski, support by Kelenske to table until after the planning commission reviews.
   Motion carried 5 to 0.

VII. Board Update

a. Burns Easement
   • Jim and Sonya Burns are selling their property on M75. Our property for the trail cuts through their property and the new owner will need an easement to cross the trail. The developer suggested a 66 feet wide easement. Attorney Bryan Graham suggested allowing the easement, although any damage to the trail would be the responsibility of the property owner.

b. Fire Department Recovery Fee
   • Board would like the policy written and adopted. Chief Tom Towne will get some sample policies from other local townships.

c. Report on Heartwood
   • Planning board is waiting on a little more information. The debarker is not on the original site plan and does need to be added. Heartwood Mills is willing to move the mill back further on the property away from Skop Rd.
d. Cement Work Bids
   • Hobbs reported that concrete needs to be poured at the Dam Road Park. Need to bid it. Discussion regarding the grade of the park and where the sidewalk should be placed. Motion by Sparks, support by Kondrat to table until the October meeting, until more information is gathered. Motion carried 5 to 0.

e. Snowplow Bids
   • Snow removal is going out to bid. Bids will be opened at the October meeting. Contract will require shoveling snow away from the doors at the hall and the EMS garage. Motion by Matelski, support by Kondrat to let snowplowing out to bid. Motion carried 5 to 0.

f. Report on Housing Forum
   • Housing forum held and group will continue to research ways to provide affordable housing.

g. Ambulance Authority Meeting – September 2018
   • Meeting to be held at Boyne Valley Township Hall on September 18 at 7:00 p.m.

h. Church Street Discussion
   • Mike and Matt Skop and Jack Hemmes addressed the condition of the Church Street hill. Discussion as to properly fix the road and who will pay for the repairs.

i. MTA Regional Meeting – Oct 22 8:30-3:30

VIII. Building and Grounds
   • Board agrees that the skating rink should be opened for the 2018-19 winter. Boyne Mountain has agreed to donate 20 pair of their older skates.

IX. Fire & Rescue Report
   • Chief Towne reported not much damage during the recent wind storm.
   • Need to replace some sections of hose
   • The department has considered donating Truck #5221 to another local township. The truck was donated to Boyne Valley by Great Lakes Gas. Any expenses for equipment for the truck would need to be reimbursed by the receiving township. Towne will research the value of the truck and equipment.
   • Garage door opener on the center door needs to be fixed.

X. Ambulance Report
   • Serviced alpha 2; broken tailpipe
   • Had the HVAC system at the station serviced by West Climate Control

XI. Planning Report

XII. Transfer Station Report

XIII. Public Comments

XVI. Pay The Bills
   Motion by Kelenske, support by Kondrat to approve the payment of the September bills. Motion carried 5 to 0.

XVII. Adjournment
   Motion by Kelenske, support by Sparks to adjourn.
   Motion carried 5 to 0. Time: 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Sparks
Clerk