

Boyne Valley Township Meeting

January 11, 2021 – 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: Kelenske, Kondrat, Sparks, Hobbs, Matelski Members Absent: None Others Present: Jason Johnson, Ron Reinhardt, John Lamont
III. Approval of Minutes and Corrections	Motion by Kelenske, support by Matelski to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of December 14, 2020. Motion carried 5 to 0.
IV. Approval of Financial Report	Motion by Kelenske, support by Matelski to approve the financial report for December 31, 2020. Motion carried 4 to 1, Hobbs abstained.
V. Recognition of Audience	
VI. Board Update	
a.	Budget Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none">Workshop for General, Transfer Station, Liquor, and Cemetery on Monday, Jan 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
b.	Budget Update Motion by Kondrat, support by Matelski to approve the clerk make the following budget adjustments for third quarter 2020-2021: GENERAL: Transfer \$1775.00 from 101-101-726 Office Supplies to 101-101-801 Professional Serv Transfer \$3000.00 from 101-890-800 Contingency Fund to 101-101-802 Legal Prof Serv Transfer \$ 400.00 from 101-191-702 Wages- Elections to 101-191-263 School & State Elections Transfer \$ 510.00 from 101-215-703 Wages- Dept Clerk to 101-215-704 Wages – Cem Records Transfer \$ 600.00 from 101-401-703 Extra Planning Help to 101-410-704 Land Division Comm Transfer \$ 700.00 from 101-890-800 Contingency Fund to 101-446-728 Liquid Dust Layer Transfer \$ 34.32 from 101-890-800 Contingency Fund to 101-899-964 Tax Tribunal Adjustment CEMETERY: Transfer \$ 25.00 from 209-890-700 Contingency to 209-001-703 Sexton -Grave Dig Transfer \$1000.00 from 209-001-707 Tree Work to 209-001-708 Other Work TRANSFER STATION: Transfer \$ 600.00 from 227-890-007 Contingency to 227-004-957 Site & Container Main
c.	Rezone M75 Property owned by City of Boyne City Motion by Sparks, support by Matelski to follow the Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone properties 15-002-006-017-10, 15-002-006-017-20, and 15-002-006-018-00. Motion carried 5 to 0.

d. Resolution regarding protest to Board of Review

BOYNE VALLEY TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 2-2021

Authorization to Allow Local Residents to Protest in Writing to Board of Review

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Boyne Valley Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, desires to ease the burden on taxpayers, the assessor, and the board of review by allowing all taxpayers the opportunity to file a protest before the board of review by letter; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Boyne Valley Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, is authorized by THE GENERAL PROPERTY TAX ACT 206 of 1893, MCL 211.30(8) to adopt a resolution authorizing a resident taxpayer to file his or her protest before the board of review by letter without a personal appearance by the taxpayer or his or her agent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Boyne Valley, Charlevoix County that all resident taxpayers, or their agents, are authorized to protest to the board of review by letter. Said letters must be delivered to the physical or electronic address provided in the public notice or publication.

For the March meeting of the board of review, letters must be received prior to the deadline on the publication. For the July and December meetings of the board of review, letters must be received by 5:00pm on the day prior to the meeting stated on the public notice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Boyne Valley Township shall include a statement notifying taxpayers of this option in each assessment notice under section 24c and on each notice or publication of the meeting of the board of review.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member, Kelenske and supported by Board Member, Sparks.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Yeas: Matelski, Kelenske, Kondrat, Sparks, Hobbs

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent and Excused: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried, and Resolution 2020-02 duly adopted this 11th day of January 2021.

Lynn Sparks, Township Clerk

e. Poverty Exemption Resolution

BOYNE VALLEY TOWNSHIP – POVERTY GUIDELINES RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is within the power of the township board: and

WHEREAS, the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the Supervisor and Board of Review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exception in whole or part from taxation under Public Act 390, 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390, 1994 Boyne Valley Township, Charlevoix County adopts the following guidelines for the Supervisor and Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year:

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

1. Be an owner and occupy as a homestead the property for which an exemption is requested.

k.	<p>Ambulance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 21 entities meeting to discuss a county wide ambulance authority. Motion by Sparks, support by Matelski to follow the Planning Board’s recommendation to rezone the City of Boyne City’s M75 property. Motion carried 4 to 1 abstained.
l.	Charlevoix County Ambulance Authority
m.	Other
VII.	<p>Building and Grounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melrose Township and the Friends of the Library are meeting tomorrow to discuss the operations of the library.
VIII.	<p>Fire & Rescue Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Johnson requested to add Josh Elzinga and Cameron Wise to the fire department. Motion by Sparks, support by Matelski to appoint. Motion carried 5 to 0. • Chief Johnson reported that Kevin Cooper resigned from the department. Motion by Sparks, support by Matelski to accept resignation. Motion carried 5 to 0. • Tom Lince and Jim Testa were fitted for fire gear. Total for two sets of turn-out gear is \$6490 includes bunker pants, coat, lightweight coat). Motion by Matelski, support by Kondrat to purchase gear. Motion carried 5 to 0. • Jason reported that the new truck is close to being in service. Waiting for the truck to have emblems installed. • We currently have 16 fire members. The department would like to have 20.
IX.	Ambulance Report
X.	<p>Planning Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The realtor for Heartwood Mills property is expected to submit a mixed use request. • Majority of our time has been spent on the possible Act 425 request.
XI.	Transfer Station Report
XII.	Public Comments
XIII.	<p>Pay the Bills</p> <p>Motion by Matelski, support by Kondrat to approve the payment of the January bills. Motion carried 5 to 0.</p>
XVII.	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Motion by Kelenske, support by Spakr to adjourn.</p> <p>Motion carried 5 to 0.</p> <p>Time: 8:10 p.m.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>Lynn Sparks Clerk</p>