

Boyne Valley Township Meeting

December 11, 2017 – 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: Kathleena Mason, Steve DeNise, Tom Towne, Jason Johnson, Russ Koeman

III. Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Kondrat, support by Kelenske, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of November 13, 2017.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

IV. Approval of Financial Report

Motion by Kelenske, support by Kondrat to approve the financial report for November 30, 2017.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

V. Recognition of Audience

- Inquiry on the zoning ordinance and how it pertains to Sea Land Containers used as storage units. Zoning Administrator will clarify with township's attorney.

VI. Board Update

a. 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.
2. File a claim with the Supervisor or Board of Review, accompanied by Federal and State Income Tax Returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
3. Produce a valid drivers' license or other form of identification – if requested.

- Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested – if requested.
- Meet the Federal Poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget.
- The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of Board of Review.
- Any additional eligibility requirement as determined by the Township Board.
The asset test limit shall be set at \$18,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and Federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the Board of Review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and Federal Guidelines and these are communicated in writing to the claimant.

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

Following is the roll call vote;

Supervisor – Sue Hobbs	- yes
Treasurer - Marie Kelenske	- yes
Trustee - Bernie Kondrat	- yes
Trustee - Randy Matelski	- yes
Clerk - Lynn Sparks	- yes

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted and ordered to take immediate effect.

Dated December 11, 2017

Lynn Sparks, Clerk

- b. Computer Issues & Replacement
 - Clerk presented two quotes on a server replacement, replace treasurer’s computer, and a support contract.
Motion by Kondrat, support by Matelski, to approve purchase of server, treasurer’s computer and to sign support contract with IT Right.
Motion carried 5 to 0.
- c. Board Appointments
 - Motion by Sparks, support by Kelenske, to reappoint Russell Koeman, Mike Heaton, Marilyn Seelye, and Leonard Zakrzewski to the Board of Review.
Motion carried 5 to 0.
- d. Budget – Comprehensive Plan
 - Discussion on upcoming budget. Majority of board does not support presenting a road millage to the voters.
- e. Char-Em ISD Building
 - Building is for sale. Supervisor has contacted Northern Lakes Economic Alliance to assist with planning for future of and marketing the building.
- f. Trail is a Township Park
 - Supervisor is writing a County Parks grant for the portion of the non-motorized trail that will run through our park property on Dam Rd.

- g. Christmas Lighting
 - Kondrat is meeting with an electrician tomorrow to try to get the lighting over US 131 fixed.
- h. Hunt Property
 - Hunt leases 2 or 3 lots for mobile homes on US 131. He does not own the mobiles, but has been taxed for years on the mobiles. State tax tribunal concurs that this is the only way that he can operate.

VII. Building and Grounds

- Kondrat will begin working with volunteers to get the skating rink flooded and lit.

VIII. Fire & Rescue Report

- Newly appointed fireman, Samuel Bowman has attended 2 meetings so far.
- The generator at the hall seems to be working well. A new battery was purchased and it seems to have fixed the issue.
- Santa is coming to the fire hall on Saturday, 12/16 from 6-7 p.m.

IX. Ambulance Report

- Kathleena Mason reported that Barb Loper is still working on her ride alongs.
- Truck 52@1 has a punctured tire, but it has been replaced.

X. Planning Report

- Quiet

XI. Transfer Station Report

XII. Public Comments

XIII. Payment of the Bills

- a. Motion by Sparks, support by Matelski to approve the payment of the December bills.
Motion carried 5 to 0.

XIV. Adjournment

Motion by Sparks, support by Matelski to adjourn.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

Time adjourned: 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Sparks
Clerk