

Boyne Valley Township Meeting

December 14, 2015 – 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: Hobbs, Kelenske, Sparks, Kondrat, Matelski Members Absent: None Others Present: Chris Voran, Jackie Schoenbrun, Jason Johnson, Mike Richards, Tom Towne
III. Approval of Minutes and Corrections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Motion by Kelenske, support by Kondrat to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of November 9, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.
IV. Approval of Financial Report	Motion by Kelenske, support by Kondrat to approve the financial report for November 30, 2015. Motion carried 5 to 0.
V. Recognition of Audience	
VI. Board Update	
a.	Willcome Tree Service Bid Motion by Sparks, support by Matelski to have marked trees removed from cemetery at \$425.00 each including stump grinding. Motion carried 5 to 0.
b.	Poverty Guidelines BOYNE VALLEY TOWNSHIP – POVERTY GUIDELINES RESOLUTION #6 of 2015 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.
4. Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested – if requested.
5. Meet the Federal Poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget.
6. The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of Board of Review.
7. 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 Matelski and supported by Board Member Kondrat.

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 14, 2015

Lynn Sparks, Clerk

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| c. | BS&A Online Tax Information Subscription
Motion by Kelenske, support by Sparks to renew subscription for one year at the cost of \$3000.
Motion carried 5 to 0. |
| d. | Crooked Tree Library Board
Library Board Members, Chris Voran and Jackie Schoenbrun thanked the township board for their support of the Boyne Falls branch. They explained that 7-8% of the funding of the libraries is provided by Friends of the Library. Chris gave information on the new librarian and the new activities offered at the library. |
| e. | Distribute Master Plan
Copies of Master Plan distributed to the board members. |
| f. | LeBrecque Enforcement |

	Hobbs gave update on zoning enforcement. LeBrecque case went to court and they have been ordered to clean up by April 30, 2016.
g.	Church Street Update Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council should hear results of grant application in December.
h.	US 131 Update, O'Donnell Hobbs gave update on US 131. Highway will be redone in 2016 to the Boyne Mountain entrance. Patti O'Donnell believes that they'll do the remainder of 131 into the village to the culvert at Main Street in 2017. The village will probably be done in two phases.
i.	Ed Holtcamp Mediator, Ed Holtcamp, will be in touch with our fire and ambulance departments after January 1 st . He will begin working with the two departments to determine the best structure.
j.	Consideration of Appointment to Planning Commission Motion by Sparks, support by Matelski to accept Steve Ryder's resignation from the Planning Commission. Motion carried 5 to 0.
k.	Fireworks Permit Motion by Kelenske, support by Kondrat to approve fireworks permits for Boyne Mountain displays on December 31, 2015, January 16, 2016, and February 13, 2016. Motion carried 5 to 0.
VII.	Building and Grounds
a.	Basketball Court/Skating Rink Court needs to be repainted, not resurfaced. Basketball backboards should be replaced. Hobbs will contact Reith Riley to see who they recommend to do the painting.
b.	Library Door Doors for the library have been purchased. Total cost of \$1100.00 for two doors and the hardware. Lowes will install the doors for \$259 each.
VIII.	Education
IX.	Fire & Rescue Report Jason Johnson and Steven Hart participated in a live burn on Dec 13, 2015. Chief Richards reported that the annual service has been completed on all trucks. Santa will be at the fire station on Sat, December 19 at 5:30 pm.
X.	Ambulance Report
a.	Consideration of graded reimbursement for Fire & EMT training Motion by Kelenske, support by Sparks to change EMS tuition reimbursement policy to township pay 50% of tuition at time of registration, township will then reimburse 25% of tuition when license is obtained and the remaining 25% after one year of service to the department. Township will pay 100% of the cost books at time of course registration, state exam when taken, and licensing fee when obtained. Motion 5 to 0.
b.	Consideration of Katheena Mason attending Advanced EMT Training Motion by Sparks, support by Kelenske to approve Kathleena Mason registering for advanced EMT training under the new tuition reimbursement policy. Motion 5 to 0.
XI.	Planning Report Lenore Senter is interested in filling the vacancy on the planning commission.
XII.	Transfer Station Report
XIII.	Public Comments

XIV.	<p>Closed Session</p> <p>Motion by Kelenske, support by Matelski to enter closed session to discuss a possible property purchase.</p> <p>Motion carried 5 to 0.</p> <p>Motion by Sparks, support by Kelenske to return to open meeting.</p> <p>Motion carried 5 to 0.</p>
XV.	<p>Payment of the Bills</p>
a.	<p>Motion by Sparks, support by Kelenske to approve the payment of the December bills.</p> <p>Motion carried 5 to 0.</p>
XVI.	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Motion by Sparks, support by Kelenske to adjourn.</p> <p>Motion carried 5 to 0.</p> <p>Time adjourned: 8:13 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Sparks
Clerk