

Boyne Valley Township Meeting

December 12, 2016 – 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, Sparks, Hobbs
	Members Absent: Kelenske
	Others Present: Christa Viles, Russ Koeman, Kathleena Mason, Tom Towne, Sarah Towne, Christopher Mason
III. Approval of Minutes and Corrections	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Motion by Matelski, support by Kondrat to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of November 14, 2016. Motion carried 4 to 0.
IV. Approval of Financial Report	
	Motion by Matelski, support by Kondrat to approve the financial report for November 30, 2016. Motion carried 4 to 0.
V. Recognition of Audience	
VI. Board Update	
a.	Poverty Guidelines Resolution
	<p style="text-align: center;">BOYNE VALLEY TOWNSHIP – POVERTY GUIDELINES RESOLUTION</p> <p>WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is within the power of the township board: and</p> <p>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</p> <p>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:</p> <p>To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">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 Sparks and supported by Board Member Kondrat.

Following is the roll call vote;
 Supervisor – Sue Hobbs - yes
 Treasurer - Marie Kelenske - absent
 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 12, 2016

 Lynn Sparks, Clerk

- b. BS&A Online Tax Information Subscription
 Motion by Sparks, support by Kondrat to renew annual subscription at \$3000 annually.
 Motion carried 4 to 0.
- c. Fireworks Permit
 Motion by Sparks, support by Kondrat to issue fireworks permits to Boyne Mountain for 12-31-16, 1-14-17, and 2-18-17.
 Motion carried 4 to 0.
- d. Broadband
 Discussion on investment for broadband internet in the township. Total investment would be \$9300 to get started. Char-Em would pay \$3000, Boyne Valley Township would pay \$3000 and @Wilson Township would pay \$3000. More information will be forthcoming.
- e. Adopt Zoning Ordinance
 The Planning Commission recommends passing the new Zoning Ordinance with the exception of rezoning the Heartwood Mills property to industrial. Conditional zoning is perfect for this property. Waiting on Heartwood Mills to come up with the conditions to begin working with the conditional zoning request.
 Motion by Sparks, support by Matelski to approve the zoning ordinance with the revised zoning map.
 Motion carried 3 to 1.
- f. Insurance

	Two insurance quotes were presented to the board. Board will review the quotes and act on the bids at January 9 meeting.
g.	Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board will need to act on Planning Commission By-Laws in January • Received notification of approval of a \$50,000 land acquisition grant from the DNR Trust Fund to purchase the land at the corner of M75 and US 131.
VII.	Building and Grounds
VIII.	Education
IX.	Fire & Rescue Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Tom Towne recommend Christopher Mason to the Fire Department Motion by Kondrat, support by Sparks to appoint Christopher Mason to the BVT fire department. Motion carried 4 to 0. • Front Line Service came in and serviced all of the trucks. All trucks passed. • Santa was at the fire hall on December 10. 20-25 children visited.
X.	Ambulance Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New 52@1 should be delivered to Michigan January 18 and then one week later should be delivered to us. New truck should be in service by the end of February. • Lucas Machine has been delivered and most personnel have received training. • Service was called out for mutual aid at the Boyne Highlands fire. • Discussion on selling old 52@1. Could be put up for sale via sealed bid.
XI.	Planning Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finished zoning ordinance amendment.
XII.	Transfer Station Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed quote from North Country Snowplowing to cut limbs down at transfer station. Randy Matelski will cut limbs and Eric can coordinate moving dumpsters.
XIII.	Public Comments
XIV.	Payment of the Bills
a.	Motion by Sparks, support by Matelski to approve the payment of the December bills. Motion carried 4 to 0.
XV.	Payment of the Bills
XVI.	Adjournment <p>Motion by Matelski, support by Kondrat to adjourn. Motion carried 4 to 0.</p> <p>Time adjourned: 8:20 p.m.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>Lynn Sparks Clerk</p>