

**BAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**JANUARY 12, 2017 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**APPROVED**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Moeschke called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance were Clerk J.G. Vanek, Treasurer S.L. Ritter and Trustee G.R. Monk. Trustee W. Wehrenberg was absent with excuse.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Moeschke opened public comment at 7:01PM.

Bill Nason:        Questioned what roads the township is considering this summer for construction.

Moeschke closed public comment at 7:02PM.

**PRIOR MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION by Ritter, seconded by Monk, to dispense with the reading of the December 8, 2016 Board of Trustees regular meeting minutes, passed upon unanimous affirmative voice vote of the Board Members present.**

**MOTION by Ritter, seconded by Monk, to approve the December 8, 2016 Board of Trustees regular meeting minutes, as amended, passed upon affirmative voice vote of the Board Members present.**

**TREASURER REPORT**

December 2016 Treasurer's report as follows:

<u>Huntington Banks Accounts</u>	
General Fund Savings	\$ 53,772.63
General Fund Checking	\$ 6,877.59
Road Fund	\$ 26,313.31
Tax Collection Fund Checking	\$ 579,565.30
Escrow Account (Checking)	\$ 1,000.00
CD (Renewed June 2016)	\$ 33,234.62
<u>4Front Federal Credit Union Account</u>	
General Fund Savings	\$ 210,112.45

Stated Huntington Bank has charged a \$10 service fee on the Road Fund account for the past three months and will inquire why this was assessed.

**CLERKS WARRANTS**

Vanek presented the January warrants for payment.

**MOTION by Ritter, seconded by Vanek, to approve the January warrants, totaling \$12,410.66, to be paid from the General Fund passed upon unanimous affirmative roll-call vote of the Board Members present.**

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

*Note: See the Planning Commission January 3, 2017 minutes for further details.*

Vanek reviewed the meeting as follows:

- Held a public feedback session on the proposed Outdoor Wood Furnace Ordinance and the following were the main concerns:

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1. One person objected to allowing existing units to require the same standards as newly installed furnaces.
2. Need to define "nuisance" better.
3. Like the additional stack height requirement.

**LAND DIVISION  
APPLICATION**

**Land Division Applicant: Steve & Cindy Johnecheck**  
**Property Identification No.: 15-001-128-009-00**  
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*See the December 8, 2016 minutes for background information.*

The Board discussed township legal council's recommendation and legality of the proposed "Lady Bird Deed" as it related to the proposed land division application.

**MOTION by Monk, seconded by Ritter, to approve Resolution 2017-01-1 Steve and Cindy Johnecheck Land Division Application, passed upon unanimous affirmative roll-call vote of the Board Members present.**

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE  
REPORT**

Monk reviewed their December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting as follows:

- Recapped the Wreaths Across America ceremony that was Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at three cemeteries in Bay Township. The 2017 Wreaths Across America ceremony will be December 16, 2017.
- Discussed the new technology of locating graves using ground penetrating radar.
- Cemetery deeds should be renamed to "Right of Burial" as a deed implies ownership of the person who purchased the lot, when that is not the case.
- Decided on the 2017 meeting dates.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None received.

**OTHER**

**Vanek**

- Stated the Equalization Department will be doing all the required advertising for the March Board of Review meeting notices. This will save the township between \$200 to \$300.

**Ritter**

- New copier is ready to be installed. Determining what day works best for copier installation and training.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment received.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by Monk, seconded by Ritter, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35PM, passed upon affirmative voice vote of the Board Members present.**

Respectfully submitted

James G. Vanek  
Bay Township Clerk