

<p style="text-align: center;">YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Regular Board Meeting</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday, December 12, 2019</u> 7:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 N. Briggs Rd., Middleville, Michigan 49333</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES</p>	<p>FINAL MINUTES Page 1 of 6 YS BOT – Regular Mtg. 12/12/19</p>
<p>Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Mark Englerth.</p> <p><u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u></p> <p><u>Roll Call:</u> Jansma, Englerth, Lippert, VandenBerg, Knowles. (All Present).</p> <p><u>Staff Present:</u> Frank Fiala, Ron Heilman, Richard Beukema, Karen Kennedy, Sandy Marcukaitis, Dave VanHouten, Frank Fiala, Chuck Biggs-Constable.</p> <p><u>Visitors:</u> 14 (not including staff present).</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>PLEDGE</p> <p>ROLL CALL</p>
<p><u>ADDITIONS or CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Under Clerk’s Report:</u> <i>Strike correspondence from C. Kaufman (per J. Lippert)</i> • <u>Under Board Action Items:</u> <u>Table GLASWA Articles of Incorporation.</u> <i>Englerth commented that he has case law that he will share with the Board regarding this, and noted that C. Kaufman could not be here tonight. (per M. Englerth)</i> • <u>Englerth commented that there was supposed to be someone present from <u>YS Mobile Home Park</u>, but they are not here tonight.</u> • <u>Jim Dull, Barry County Drain Commissioner,</u> is present to report on and clarify the Cuddy Drain situation. (per M. Englerth) • <u>Add: Individual to Acknowledgement of Visitors regarding Pickleball court</u> (per M. Englerth) <p><u>M. Englerth noted the township will no longer take any plastic bags in the recycling bin as of January 1, 2020.</u> Englerth noted the equipment in Grand Rapids cannot digest them (plastic bags). If bags are present, the whole load will be taken to the regular landfill and nothing will be recycled. This will also cost the township additional costs if load goes to the regular landfill.</p>	<p><u>ADDITIONS/ CHANGES TO AGENDA</u></p> <p><u>ACKNOWLEDGE -MENT OF VISITORS:</u></p>
<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA:</u></p> <p>a. <u>Special Board Minutes:</u> Nov. 14, 2019+; Nov. 20, 2019+; Nov. 30, 2019+</p> <p>b. <u>Nov. 2019 Accounts Payable Check Register #915465-915505 \$35,691.11</u> <u>Nov. 2019 Payroll Check Register #6621-6643 \$11,697.22; November; EFT Sprint \$266.92</u> Fed. Tax \$3,114.11 Fed. Tax/FICA</p> <p>c. <u>Total Disbursements: \$50,769.35</u></p>	<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Jansma with support from VandenBerg to approve the Consent agenda for tonight's meeting as presented. Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes, Knowles: No (was not present at the meeting of 11/14/19). Yes: 4, No: 1, MOTION CARRIED.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: (Limit to 3 Minutes).

Guest from Mobile Home Park (not present).

PUBLIC COMMENT

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

Barry County Commissioner, Vivian Conner gave the County Commissioner's report. *Written report provided.*

Tom Madden, new member of Pickleball Promotion Team, reported on fundraising going well for this time of year. "So far so good," commented, Madden.

Jansma commented on needing to get some legal groundwork done before getting too far along with the project.

Jim Dull of Barry County Drain Commission- gave an update on work to be done this summer with Barry County Drain Commission's dredge equipment at the Cuddy Drain crossing (at Patterson Rd.) (Sediment basin). Dull noted that it will be a 50/50 split for the cost, and it will come out of the contingency fund.

Also Barry County Drain Commission is redoing the whole district for the Gun River in January or February 2020. Dull commented that the Drain Commission will have good rolls for any drain that Gun River has anything to do with.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENT OF VISITORS

TREASURER'S REPORT: presented by Alice Jansma, Treasurer

a. November 2019 Financial Statement & Investment Report+

b. November 2019 Receipt Report+

Noted: Auditor comment regarding some purchase(s) from General Fund for fire equipment.

c. GLASWA October Report+

Motion by Lippert with support from Knowles to accept the Treasurer's Financial Report for November 2019. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Alice Jansma, Treasurer

BOARD ACTION ITEMS(S):

a) Summer Tax Collection 2020 Wayland Schools Resolution+

Motion by Jansma with support from Lippert to approve resolution to collect Summer Tax Levy for Wayland Union Schools at their request. ROLL CALL: Englerth: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Knowles: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes, Jansma: Yes. All Yes (5). MOTION CARRIED.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

MOTION TO APPROVE WAYLAND UNION SCHOOL SUMMER TAX LEVY COLLECTION REQUEST

b) Articles of Inc. GLASWA (Previously tabled).+ (taken off agenda for tonight per M. Englerth).

c) Set Date for Joint Meeting:

DATE WILL BE: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7 p.m.

d) Approve 2020 Meeting Schedule.+

Motion by Lippert with support Jansma to approve the 2020 YS Twp. Meeting Schedule to be published. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

e) Appoint or re-appoint PC and ZBA members. All terms begin January 1 for three (3) years, if filling an unexpired term, still use 3 year term schedule. See attached report.+

Per Englerth: Will put in paper (to advertise for these positions) and will do interviews and move forward on that.

f) Meeting with Barry County Road Commission. +

Date will be: 7:30 a.m. on January 8, 2020

g) Resolution from Library of Michigan re: Henika Library Resolution #12-01-2019- Resolution written by lawyer of Library of Michigan, reviewed by the YS Township attorney.

Motion by Jansma with support from Englerth to adopt Resolution #12-01-2019 regarding the YS Township portion residing in the Wayland Union Schools District joining the Henika District Library. ROLL CALL: Englerth: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Knowles: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes, Jansma: Yes. MOTION CARRIED.

Englerth acknowledged Kelly Robbins (present at meeting) and thanked her for going beyond efforts of others in the past, and also thanked A. Jansma for her work as well.

h) Light at Mobile Home Park

Motion by Englerth with support from Jansma to allow up to \$3,000 for two (2) lights at the YS Meadows Mobile Home Park on Patterson Rd. for Public Safety (Resolution #12-02-2019). Roll Call: Englerth: Yes, Jansma: Yes, Knowles: No, VandenBerg: Yes, Lippert: Yes. Yes: 4, No: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion prior to vote: Englerth noted that the Board has already supported \$1,500 and he will continue to hold a lot of pressure on the park to come up with the other \$1,500. Jansma noted that there are 275 sites in the YS Meadows Mobile Home Park and also noted the amounts collected by the township, county and state per site (\$3.00 per site- total). Jansma noted that people that own the park have mobile home parks all over the country. Englerth commented that it wasn't about who owns the property, "it's about public safety."

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2020 YST Meeting
Schedule Approved

BC Rd.
Commission
Meeting –date set

MOTION to
APPROVE Henika
Library Resolution

CLERK'S REPORT: Jan Lippert, Clerk

- November 2019 PCI Report+
- YSTFD October Statistics+
- Current Invoice Register + (see motion below.)
- Board Members Copy of Bauckham, Sparks' most recent bill+
- **Amend October 10, 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting to include/add that Geoff Moffat and Christian Meyer were in attendance representing Shalinda Development -under #5: Acknowledgement of Visitors. (Add as Present.)**

Motion by Jansma with support from Englerth to amend the October 10th Board minutes to include Geoff Moffat and Christian Meyer, representing Shalinda Development, as present at the October Board meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

- Correspondence from Catherine Kaufman (removed from tonight's agenda).

Motion by Lippert with support from Knowles to approve current invoice register (12/12/19) for the amount of \$21,425.94. Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Knowles: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Mark Englerth

1. **Monthly Code enforcement report from Brad Williams + (Annual report will be out next month.-per Englerth).** Englerth spoke well of the work of B. Williams and Eric Thompson, PCI/Zoning Administrator.
2. **Cemetery-** Hopefully out for bid and ready to go in the Spring- noted Englerth.
3. **Generator-**Looking at all the options before putting that before the board-noted Englerth.
4. **Hall use-** M. Englerth commented that he feels it's (the Township Hall) a public building – for the public. Englerth wants the board to “stand behind” that this is a public building. Englerth noted that if citizens of the community want to have an activity at the hall, -such as a church service, anniversary, or lake association meeting, -they should be able to. And if needed, he (Englerth) will open and lock up the hall for these activities. Englerth commented that he spoke to Owen of Bowens Mill (wedding/party/banquet venue). “We can't pick and choose,” Englerth commented regarding users of the township hall. I want the board to take a position to open up the building in the future.”

J. Lippert read the **Use Policy/written requirement** of the hall. J. Lippert commented on the issue/liability of liquor being served as being the reason why parties have stopped being held at the hall. Lippert noted additional insurance liability coverage needed as a result.

All Board members agreed to make the township hall available to the public. Jansma commented that she agreed as long as the form is filled out and insurance coverage is in place. Lippert also noted the form must be signed.

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CLERK'S REPORT: Jan Lippert, Clerk

Approval of Current Register.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Mark Englerth

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

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L. Knowles, regarding Citizen Planner Webinar+, commented that he would like to continue his Citizen Planner education. Fee is \$60. M. Englerth commented that the Clerk can spend up to \$150. *A motion is not needed- per Englerth.*

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Limit 3 Minutes) - None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Willard Case, former resident on Bowen Mills Rd., gave an update regarding getting a hold of the DEQ and Governor’s office as well as the Health Department. W. Case noted that the DEQ will be doing a core sample test in Yankee Springs. W. Case commented on PFAS findings, and spoke of human waste being injected into soil in the township. Case commented that he is “getting some movement”, with the Governor’s office getting involved. Case spoke with the Health Department regarding the plumes and flow direction. W. Case noted MSDS sheets (data sheets) and still putting monitoring wells in after the fact. Case wants everyone to be aware and to keep their ears open. Case also mentioned the gravel pit, and knifing into it (human waste) to revitalize it, and noted the issues involved with the aquifer and filtration system. Case commented that PFAS is undestroyable as of right now. Case noted that MSU is going to start working with Grand Rapids City Sewer to try to kill this (PFAS).

Jayne Spickenagle, England Dr., commented that she saw smoke and noted responses to the fire on Winchester Drive, two weeks ago. Spickenagle commented that she saw Wayland Fire Dept. go by first, and then Yankee Springs. J. Spickenagle asked, “Why was Yankee Springs so slow?” J. Spickenagle noted that it was very strange. (Englerth commented on the possibility of YS Fire trucks attending other accidents or fires. Englerth also commented on the increased activity of the YS Fire Station.)

Jim Dull, BC Drain Commissioner commented that a generator would give the township availability for a warming center (without showers) to get water, and charge cell phones.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS/ BOARD COMMENT:

NEW/OLD BUSINESS/

J. Lippert noted for the record, the “Committee to be reappointed”:

BOARD COMMENT

From Planning Commission:

Frank Fiala, term expires at the end of this month.

~~**Shane VandenBerg** as a one-year Representative to the PC for reappointment, as Trustee to the PC.~~

Confirmed by Attorney Kaufman: A. Jansma noted that S. VandenBerg, Trustee, does not have to be reappointed. His appointment goes as long as his term.

Karen Kennedy, term expires at the end of this month. J. Lippert noted that K. Kennedy took over an unexpired term, so Kennedy will be renewed for a three (3) year (term).

For the ZBA:

Pat Jansens’ term expires at the end of this month as the PC Rep to the ZBA.

Regarding Catherine Kaufman, YS Township Attorney:

J. Lippert noted C. Kaufman's opinion is always emailed (in writing) to all the Board members, with Shane Vandenberg's information (no email) going to his township mailbox.

J. Lippert requested that C. Kaufman be at next Board meeting. (January 9, 2020).

Motion by Englerth with support by Lippert to have C. Kaufman, YS Attorney, attend next Regular Board meeting (to be held January 9, 2020.) Roll Call Vote: Knowles: Yes, Jansma: Yes, Vandenberg: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes. MOTION CARRIED.

Full audio recording of this meeting which has been downloaded to the township office computer system on 12/12/19 immediately following meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Englerth with support from Vandenberg to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Approved by all. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted:
Deb Mousseau
Recording Secretary 12/12/19

Date: _____

Approved : _____
Janice C. Lippert, Township Clerk

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**MOTION to
REQUEST C.
KAUFMAN
ATTEND BOARD
MTG. on 1/9/20**

ADJOURNMENT