

<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP</b>  <b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b>  <u><b>Special Meeting</b></u>  <b><u>With Fire Chiefs (Joe &amp; Dan Miller) and R. Hess of Wayland Area EMS</u></b>  <b><u>Wednesday, February 6, 2019</u></b>  <b>6:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Yankee Springs Township Hall</b>  <b>284 N. Briggs Rd., Middleville, Michigan 49333</b>  <b>MINUTES</b> </p>	<p> <b>FINAL MINUTES</b>  <b>Page 1 of 3</b>  Spec. BOT w/ YS Fire Chiefs and R. Hess of WAEMS/ &amp; Set Agenda  Circulated draft  2-14-19 jcl  Bd Approved March 14, 2019 </p>
<p> <u>Meeting called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Mark Englerth.</u>  <u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>  <u>Roll Call: Township Board:</u> Present: J. Lippert, A. Jansma, M. Englerth, L. Knowles.  <u>Absent with notice:</u> S. VandenBerg.  <u>Also Present:</u> Robert Hess of Wayland Ambulance, Joe Miller- YS Fire Chief, Dan Miller- YS Deputy Fire Chief, Chuck Biggs- Constable, Frank Fiala (PC).  <u>Visitors:</u> 2 visitors (not including staff) </p>	<p> <b>CALL TO ORDER</b>   <b>PLEDGE</b>   <b>ROLL CALL</b> </p>
<p> <u>PURPOSE OF MEETING:</u>  Set agenda items for Regular Board Meeting of Thursday, February 14, 2019.  <u>Added Item to meeting per minutes of 1/10/19:</u> Meeting with Robert Hess of Wayland Area EMS, Joe Miller -YS Fire Chief, and Dan Miller- YS Deputy Fire Chief. </p>	<p> <b>PURPOSE OF MEETING</b> </p>
<p> <b>DISCUSSION WITH R. HESS (WAEMS) &amp; J. &amp; D. MILLER (Y.S. FIRE CHIEFS):</b>  Prior to the arrival of R. Hess, M. Englerth commented on a previous meeting and discussion with Thornapple Twp. Emergency Services (TTES).  J. Miller commented on having 348 calls last year (for Wayland and YS Twp.). The average dispatch to in-service time was 2 minutes – 76 seconds. On scene time average was 8 minutes and 7 seconds (Page time to on scene time).  There are 23 firefighters for Yankee Springs now: 14 certified, 5 probationary, 12 EMRs, 6 EMTs and 2 medics.  J. Miller commented on improvement of ISO ratings. Mutual aid is with: Hopkins, Leighton, Martin, Dorr, Yankee Springs, Orangeville and Thornapple.  A. Jansma inquired about dispatch and dialing 911. J. Miller commented on fire dispatch. For medical, 911 calls go to Barry Dispatch. J. Miller commented that Barry will push the button for Yankee Springs Medical First Responders, and in the mean time, they will contact Allegan for Wayland Ambulance. </p>	<p> <b>Discussion with R. Hess (WAEMS) and Joe Miller and Dan Miller – (YS Fire Department Chief and Deputy), respectively.</b> </p>

Englerth commented on the Millers and R. Hess reviewing emergency services approximately every 6 months. A. Jansma commented on the need of more brochures for ambulance service.

R. Hess commented that he needed to talk to the new Barry 911 Dispatch director. R. Hess commented that Yankee Springs is a member of its Board/Authority. Hess noted that the Ambulance board is autonomous from everybody. Hess commented that the YS Board determines who covers its area or sections (WAEMS or TTES).

Hess noted how Wayland and Thornapple handle mutual aid when they don't have ambulances available.

Englerth reinforced that both YS Fire and WAEMS were doing an awesome job. Englerth reiterated his comment on sitting down twice a year.

A. Jansma inquired, "Who pays the First Responder?" R. Hess commented, "...Fire cannot charge for First Responders. ... The only people that can bill are the transporting agencies." It was noted that First Responders for the YS Fire department are also employees with WAEMS. Hess also noted that if a First Responder helps someone who's injured when the fire department responds to a call, the fire department will be paying that First Responder. Workmen's comp is also a factor. Jansma stated the reason Emergency Services millage was on ballot.

Frank Fiala commented on Wayland doing a splendid job of determining billing in a fair way of a vast area. Fiala commented on Wayland having meetings every other month. Fiala commented on having Roger Rottschafer, Greg Purcell, and Frank (Fiala) as a backup attending the meetings in the past. Fiala and A. Jansma commented on the importance of continuing attendance of YS personnel to these meetings (every other month).

Englerth commented on a resolution regarding Wayland Fire and Ambulance, asking that J. & D. Miller and R. Hess sit down every six months and if there are any changes or improvements they want to make, then they will come to the board with them. Englerth commented that he was going to "coin" a resolution stating something similar to his remarks above, and would like consensus from the Board for the resolution. Discussion took place. Jansma repeated there was not a need for a resolution to meet every six months. A meeting can be requested when needed.

Fiala mentioned the TAP fees for ambulance service. It was noted that the form was available for Wayland Ambulance in the township office. R. Hess noted what the fee was for. A. Jansma commented that the forms were mailed out to everyone at first, but time has elapsed since then.

A resolution will be put together by L. Knowles for the next board meeting. The second Wednesday of every other month (March 13<sup>th</sup> being the next meeting) is held for the WAEMS at the ambulance station (in Wayland).

In conclusion, J. Lippert asked what questions or needs the Fire department might have for the board. D. Miller commented on the need for tracks for the Kawasaki mule. This request will be presented at the next Board meeting. R. Hess commented on wage increases resulting from the minimum wage increase. Subsidy and fees are going up 2.8%. Sick time discussed.

At approximately 7:15 p.m., J. Miller, D. Miller and R. Hess left the meeting.

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**SETTING the AGENDA: (for Regular Board meeting of 2/14/19):**

**Discussion continued with F. Fiala regarding items pertaining to the Road Commission.**

**Agenda items were reviewed.**

**Meetings set:**

**Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. -Work session on Water Hook-ups and REU's**

**Tuesday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. – Meeting at the Road Commission**

There will also be a meeting of the Barry County Solid Waste Oversight Committee held on Thursday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 p.m.

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*\*Comment was made by Mrs. Jerrie Fiala regarding having furnace not running during the meetings. It is very difficult to hear discussions, especially from the audience, when the furnace is running. Brief discussion took place regarding outdated sound equipment in the hall.*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Lippert with support from Knowles to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Approved by all. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Deb Mousseau

Recording Secretary per audio

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Approved :Bd Approved March 14, 2019

Janice C. Lippert, Township Clerk

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