

YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Special Meeting Veteran's Memorial Update

Saturday, March 2, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Yankee Springs Township Hall
284 N. Briggs Rd., Middleville, Michigan 49333

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Meeting called to order at approximately 10:06 a.m. by Supervisor Mark Englerth.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call: Township Board: Present: J. Lippert, A. Jansma, M. Englerth, S. VandenBerg, L. Knowles.

Also Present: Frank Fiala, John Frigmanski, Pat Jansens, Shana Bush, Brad Williams-Code Enforcement Officer.

Visitors: 20 visitors

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Per Minutes of 2/14/19: Special meeting will be held for an update on Veterans Memorial Site.

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Supervisor Englerth commented there wouldn't be any decisions at today's meeting, noting the board was taking the opportunity to bring the public up to date on the Veterans Memorial.

A concept drawing of the Veterans Memorial was projected on screen. Location was voted on to be at the Fire Station. Englerth noted it was important to focus on what the veterans have done. Englerth pointed out pavers that are in the hall to be used. The pavers are a ceramic tile; an outdoor paving tile. Englerth mentioned donated items and labor.

Larry Knowles, Trustee, commented that he had been asked by people as to what's being done on the Veterans Memorial. Knowles noted that he has found all the info he can on it. Knowles commented that he thinks the township should do something formal as to the approval of the project. He couldn't find a budget in place. Casino money was mentioned in minutes to be used toward the project. Knowles commented that right now there's some confusion and there should be a game plan going forward.

Englerth commented that Boysen and VandenBerg were at meetings and at the site. Englerth commented on the work done so far at the site and labor that was donated. Englerth commented on the prior "wins" of clearing the lot in a weekend. Englerth commented on being a fragmented community. Englerth noted that there are four different lake "villages" and three different school districts. Sand has been brought in, and compacting done. The radius for the front has been staked in and there will be a sidewalk which will go from the monument to the parking area. Englerth added that the money set aside now is going for additional engraving on the back of the stone. Englerth commented that the stone is hard to read from 60 mph. Englerth commented on what is to be engraved on the stone. Englerth also commented that the memorial is already scheduled to have the sidewalk poured and the engraving finished on the back of the stone by this year's Memorial Day Service.

Knowles asked for a drawing. Knowles also asked for confirmation as to if the sidewalk would be like the one on the concept drawing (by D. Williamson). Knowles requested a finalized plan and a budget, (this request made during Public Comment time).

Englerth commented that everyone will take a recess and go to the fire station and walk it, so they would know what is going to be there.

Roger Rottschafer, Former Trustee, asked, "When was all this agreed to?" Rottschafer asked about what was being done right now. Rottschafer wanted to know who was making the decisions on the Veterans Memorial, and also noted "It was pretty much paid for." Rottschafer added that it was noted in prior minutes that the board voted unanimously to use the funds from the casino to pay for the Veterans Memorial. Rottschafer noted the concept drawing for the Memorial (by D. Williamson). Rottschafer commented that the monument was put in backwards and an embarrassment to the township.

M. Englerth commented that he's been in the building world for 40 years and there was nothing done in the "middle of the night" (work on the Veterans Memorial). Englerth commented that the monument was laid out in such a way as to accommodate for possible purposes of land use in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT began at 10:27 a.m. *Comments were received from the following:*

Mick Lane, of 2684 Russell Dr., Veteran.

Frank Fiala, of 1184 Lakeridge Dr., Planning Commission.

Bruce Campbell, Former Trustee, YS Business Owner.

Mike Boysen, Former Trustee, 245 S. Payne Lk.

Roger Rottschafer, Former Trustee, 1268 Lynn Dr., commented briefly and left the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Russell Hubert, 12855 Bowens Mill Rd., Veteran.

Gloria Medendorp, 1905 Vista Point.

At 10:50 a.m., Supervisor Englerth called for a recess to go to the site of the Veterans Memorial, and then return to the Township hall.

The Board members, except for VandenBerg who was not present at the Board table at the time, **decided to formally adjourn the meeting.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by J. Lippert with support from M. Englerth to adjourn at 10:53 a.m. (Approved by all except S. VandenBerg who was no longer at the Board table in the township hall.)
Motion Carried.

Note: After meeting was adjourned, Supervisor Englerth left to go to the memorial site with Trustee VandenBerg, and some other residents in attendance at this morning's meeting.

Respectfully submitted:
Deb Mousseau
Recording Secretary 3.2.19

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Approved : _____
Janice C. Lippert, Township Clerk

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