

**YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 30, 2016
Yankee Springs Township Hall
284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333**

MINUTES

DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Mark Englerth

Roll Call: J. Lippert, Englerth, Rottschafer, Bruce Campbell. **Absent:** John Jerkatis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Legal Counsel present: Catherine Kaufman

GLASWA Board Members present: Glenn Leep, Larry Knowles

Staff Present: Frank Fiala, Alice Jansma, Cathy Strickland, Sandy Marcukaitis, Other?

Visitors: 8 (not including staff present).

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE

Trustee, Roger Rottschafer: The meeting began with R. Rottschafer's comments regarding items relating to the YS Fire Station. R. Rottschafer then introduced the purpose of tonight's meeting dealing with township board responsibilities.

In regards to Sewer Authority Board "membership", Catherine Kaufman, Attorney, commented according to the Articles of Incorporation, "...the governing body of the authority shall be the Supervisor of each of the four townships." C. Kaufman commented on what could be done if a vacancy is created.

Glenn Leep of Martin Township commented on a transition team/safety meeting that took place with the departure of former GLASWA Director, Bob Monroe.

J. Lippert clarified with C. Kaufman regarding the filling of a vacancy on the GLASWA Board.

Larry Knowles, GLASWA Director and YS Twp. Zoning Administrator – commented that he felt it would be best if M. Englerth left the GLASWA Board.

Catherine Kaufman commented on the possibility of a deputy supervisor filling M. Englerth's spot on the GLASWA board. It was noted that the Supervisor has a right to appoint his own deputy. It was noted that there is not a Deputy Supervisor at this time.

Discussion occurred regarding appointing a Deputy Supervisor, and M. Englerth would be willing to appoint a Deputy Supervisor.

It was noted that April 14th is the next Board Meeting at which the Deputy Supervisor could be appointed.

Discussion on Board Member's Duties/Supervisor's Duties:

R. Rottschafer mentioned M. Englerth's involvement in non-Yankee Springs issues, i.e. Cuddy Drain, gun range, Barry County ORV ordinance, Whispering Pines (ZBA made a ruling on WP- 3 years ago).

C. Kaufman commented on general law township statutes for the role of the Supervisor.

M. Englerth commented on his involvement in Whispering Pines, ORV ordinance, etc.

Frank Fiala commented on the benefits of Strategic Planning processes, including direction and guidance provided with goals, objectives and mission statements. F. Fiala commented on the hard work of M. Englerth.

Craig Stolsonburg commented on the use of a Parliamentarian and a beneficial session with this person regarding roles of those on the Board (of Commissioners) and strategic planning.

Discussion of a Manager for Township business:

R. Rottschafner mentioned the possibility of having a manager involved to run township business if M. Englerth feels he needs to be an advocate for non-township issues.

Englerth commented on the status of Veteran's Memorial and other projects that have been interrupted progress-wise.

C. Kaufman commented on information regarding the use of a manager in a township and items relating to having a manager. C. Kaufman referenced townships that have a manager to do day-to-day items, attend meetings, etc. A powerpoint is available as a presentation regarding the managerial role. Contact information for the presenter will be made available.

M. Englerth commented on the lack of policy regarding authority for bringing legal issues to the attorney.

C. Kaufman commented on the possibility of a use of a mediator. Contacts are available as well as assistance from C. Kaufman.

R. Rottschafner commented on the hard work of Mark on everything Mark wants handled. Rottschafner commented on time period spent working with C. Kaufman leading into this difficult meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cathy Strickland commenting on going into a 7 member board. C. Strickland commented that adding a couple more trustees could help get more projects accomplished.

Vivian Conner commented on having constituents coming to a person (an elected official such as herself) with problems/issues and the ease of wanting to help that person. V. Conner commented that constituents don't necessarily know what the protocol is and that makes it really tough.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by B. Campbell with support from R. Rottschafner to adjourn at 8:50 PM. Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted:

D. Mousseau
Recording Secretary 4-9-16

Approved Date: _____
Janice C. Lippert, Township Clerk

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