

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES Regular Meeting Thursday, April 12, 2012 Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MINUTES</b></p>	<p><b>DRAFT MINUTES</b></p>
<p>Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Al McCrumb. Roll Call: All Present: Jerkatis, J. Lippert, McCrumb, M. Cook, Schwennesen <b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b> Staff Present: Frank Fiala, Alice Jansma, Zoning Administrator Robert Lippert, Constable Jim Orr. Visitors: 14 (not including staff present).</p>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL PLEDGE</b></p>
<p><b>ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add to Approval of Minutes: Minutes of Special Meeting with Road Commission and Subdivisions of April 9, 2012.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ADDITIONS TO AGENDA</b></p>
<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</b></p> <p>Motion by M. Cook with support from Schwennesen to accept the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of March 8, 2012 as submitted. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>Motion by J. Lippert with support M. Cook to approve minutes of the April 2, 2012 Informational Meeting with the Barry County Road Commission and the Subdivisions of: Pine Meadow, Arhanna Crest, Barlow Lake Dr. (off Payne Lake Rd.), and Hill, Manitou and Shaw Lake Drive (off of Briggs Rd.) as submitted. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>Motion by J. Lippert with support from M. Cook to approve minutes of the April 9, 2012 Informational Meeting with the Barry County Road Commission and the Subdivisions of: Sandy Beach, Wayland, Cleland, Sunrise Ct., and Theris Drive (off of Patterson Road) as submitted. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</p>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b></p> <p>Motion to accept minutes of Regular Board of Trustees Meeting of March 8, 2012. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Motion to accept minutes of Special Info. Meeting with Barry Cty Road Commission held April 2, 2012. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Motion to accept minutes of Special Info. Meeting with Barry Cty Road Commission held April 9, 2012. Motion Carried.</p>
<p><b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:</b> <b><u>Mr. Allan Klein, Aide to the Honorable State Representative Mike Callton, 87<sup>th</sup> District Legislative Update:</u></b></p> <p>Allan Klein handles constituent relations for Rep. Mike Callton. A. Klein lives in Hastings. He mentioned a bill that Callton is working on that would eliminate the fear of malpractice suits for retired ophthalmologists that volunteer their services. Rep. Callton recently held a town hall meeting regarding current issues such as Medical Marijuana. Currently, a dispensary model is being worked on. This will allow communities to have more of a say in dispensing and to make it safer for patients, caregivers, and residents. Clerk Lippert commented on the recent dispensary approved by Barry County Zoning in Orangeville Twp., Gun Lake location. Klein believed that there were only two, possibly a third in Rutland Twp. Rep. Callton is also trying to make it possible for cancer patients to be able to take chemo treatments (pill) at home and still be covered by insurance.</p>	<p><b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS</b></p> <p>Mr. Allan Klein, Aide to the Honorable State Representative Mike Callton</p> <p>Page 1 of 8 YST Bd Trustees 4-12-12</p>

**Mr. Allan Klein, Aide to the Honorable State Representative Mike Callton: Cont'd**

A. Klein asked for questions or comments. Richard Beukema, YS resident, commented that he'd like to encourage Klein and Rep. Callton to contact the federal government regarding the medical issues mentioned above. Shane VandenBerg, YS resident, was in attendance at the town meeting in Hastings and he felt that people at that meeting were feeling better about the improved quality of life that is related to the medical marijuana law. VandenBerg mentioned that he'd like to see Rep. Callton's office go to work on the problem of young people using their parents' prescription drugs.

**Jeff McCray, Burnham & Flower Insurance Group – Policy Renewal:**

Jeff McCray announced that the Michigan Township Participation Plan now has a dividend sharing program. It also has a risk reduction grant program that is available twice a year. It maxes out at \$5,000 a project. Examples of grants awarded by this program are: defibrillators, security systems, fire equipment and training (such as Master Planning Classes).

Discussion occurred on certain policy items. Explanations were given by McCray. J. Lippert calculated that the difference between the new policy premium and last year's is \$179.00. McCray said the increase was partially because of the multi-sports court/park.

**TTES REPORT: David Middleton, Fire Chief**

D. Middleton remarked that at the end of March, TTES was at 50 calls more than normal at this point in the year.

**Total TTES Calls for March: 117**

**Total Yankee Springs Calls for March: 25 (6 Fire, 18 Medical, and 1 Fire/EMS)**

Middleton attended a class put on by the Michigan State Police regarding the new Fireworks law. Middleton commented that a lot of the legislation for this law was still sitting on the Attorney General's desk. Middleton had recommendations for the handling of complaints related to this issue. Discussion occurred regarding the complications and expense of storing confiscated fireworks (from illegal sales). Tent sales, and the enforcement of the law being handled only by the Michigan state police were also topics of discussion. R. Lippert, Zoning Administrator, invited D. Middleton to attend the next Planning Commission meeting to speak to the PC about this information on the firework matter.

Middleton received a bill for the pump on the tanker, just prior to tonight's meeting. Middleton said that he would get the information on the repair to J. Lippert as soon as possible. Jerkatis, Treasurer, asked to know the reason for the repair. Jerkatis felt that in the future it would be good to know so that it can possibly be prevented from happening again.

Announced that TTES had been awarded a Homeland Security grant. TTES will be obtaining an imaging camera, fit testing machine, and hose sanitizing station (with a rolling rack) with this 5% matching grant.

TTES was also awarded coverage of ten counties by Sparrow Hospital. Irving Township will be involved with this coverage as well.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS: Cont'd**

**Jeff McCray, Burnham & Flower Insurance Group**

**TTES REPORT: David Middleton, Fire Chief**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS: Cont'd**

TTES has purchased a mobile home for \$1.00. This home will help in firefighter training.

**BARRY COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Craig Stolsonburg**

On Monday, April 9, the county sold \$6 million worth of bonds for the Thornapple Manor project.

\* A strategic planning meeting was held this morning (4/12/12). One of the main topics was agricultural preservation. Local townships will be invited to a future meeting regarding this issue. Revenue sharing and personal property tax were discussed as well. Resolutions are moving forward on these items.

\* In regard to the court security and old library building, the MSU Extension and Veteran's Affairs offices will be moved to the old library building. Also, a possible single entry in to the court house is being discussed.

\* Next week, the BC Commissioners will be re-visiting the address ordinance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Frank Fiala, BC Road Commissioner, YS Resident:** Announced that there will be a special 2 ½ hour session regarding **Road Funding** at the Barry County Expo Center on **May 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 6 – 8:30 p.m.

At the Expo Center, there will be a **Household Hazardous Waste** pick up on **May 12**. Electronics may be dropped off as well. There will be a minimum charge for tires (approx. \$1.00 each).

**Shane Vandenberg, YS Resident:** inquired about township liability in case it would pass a new ordinance. Insurance agent, Jeff McCray, of Burnham and Flowers, commented that "Generally speaking, the township is covered."

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** by John Jerkatis

Motion by M. Cook, with support by Schwennesen to accept the Treasurer's Report ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 as presented. Approved by all. MOTION CARRIED.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** Al McCrumb

- Barry County Road Commission Gravel Road Tour April 16-19 & 23-26  
Discussion occurred among board members for dates and times of availability to take the tour.

Motion by M. Cook with support from J. Lippert to adopt and approve RESOLUTION #04-12-12 ROAD REPAIRS for 2011 approved repairs, paved road repairs (not including 5 subdivisions), pavement markings and dust control for a total of \$150,779.00. ROLL CALL: Jerkatis: yes, J. Lippert: yes, McCrumb: yes, M. Cook: yes, Schwennesen: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

**TTES REPORT: David Middleton, Fire Chief cont'd**

**BARRY COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Craig Stolsonburg**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Treasurer's Report approved (March). All yes**

**Motion to approve**  
**RESOLUTION #04-12-12**  
**ROAD REPAIRS.** Motion Carried

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

Al McCrumb Cont'd

- Recommendation of Facilities Committee:

The Facilities Committee has recommended a 40 x 28 (1120 sq. foot) addition to the north side of the existing offices. The committee has proposed to have certified engineering firms bid on preparation of the plans. Discussion occurred about the concept of the plan that is yet to be drawn up. It was noted that the bid for document plans will be posted in the GR Press and Dodge report.

Motion by M. Cook with support from J. Lippert to proceed with the 1,120 sq. foot addition to the north side of the township hall building. ROLL CALL: Jerkatis: No, J. Lippert: Yes, McCrumb: Yes, M. Cook: Yes, Schwennesen: Yes. YES: 4, NO: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

**Motion to proceed with the 1,120 sq. foot addition to the N. Side of the township hall/office building. MOTION CARRIED.**

- Ambulance Coverage – Summer Weekends

Proposal #1: Ambulance coverage for two – 12 hour days during a summer weekend would be \$864.00 per weekend, or \$13,824.00 for 16 weekends.

Proposal #2: Ambulance coverage for three – 12 hour days per weekend would be \$1,296.00 or \$20,736.00 for 16 weekends.

Motion by M. Cook with support from Jerkatis to support two day per summer weekend ambulance coverage for 16 weekends totaling \$13,824.00 (Proposal #1). ROLL CALL: Jerkatis: Yes, J. Lippert: Yes, McCrumb: Yes, M. Cook: Yes, Schwennesen: Yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

**Motion to support two day per summer weekend ambulance coverage for 16 weekends. Motion Carried.**

The Board advised Middleton to use his discretion on the days covered during summer weekends. Billing for service will be monthly.

Motion by J. Lippert with support from M. Cook to allocate funds from the casino account to fund Proposal #1 ambulance coverage. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

**Motion to allocate funds from the casino account to fund Proposal #1 ambulance coverage. MOTION CARRIED.**

- Cost Approval at Bowens Mill & Patterson Road Street Light

A. McCrumb received information from Great Lakes Energy for the erection of a street light at the Bowens Mill & Patterson Rd. intersection. Monthly electric cost would be \$11.74. Yearly electric cost would be \$140.88.

Motion by M. Cook with support from Schwennesen to pay Great Lakes Energy \$624.27 to erect and maintain a street light at Bowens Mill and Patterson Road intersection with funds coming from the Metro account/fund. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

**Motion to pay Great Lakes Energy \$624.27 to erect and maintain a street light at Bowens Mill and Patterson Road intersection. MOTION CARRIED.**

- Fire Contract Administration Cost Explanation

McCrumb commented that the Director of TTES said that the administrative fee in question on the TTES contract was for Yankee Spring's share of administrative fees. Mary Cook will contact Don Boysen for further information. M. Cook feels that the 1% fee should be charged on just Yankee Spring's contract amount, not on the total amount of all the contracts with TTES.

- Dept. of AG & Rural Development Regarding the Cuddy Intercounty Drain at Patterson Road crossing

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**  
Al McCrumb cont'd

Al McCrumb is looking into who is paying the costs for the Patterson Road Cuddy Intercounty Drain.

Discussion occurred regarding the drainage situation. Items discussed: In 1997 the water was a foot over the road and a real mess, cost of tube replacement, possible barriers needing to be erected, debris causing drainage difficulty and commentary on the lack of taxpayer support if the situation does not directly affect them.

J. Lippert read a letter from the Dept. of Agriculture & Rural Development regarding the costs to be incurred with this project. The letter requests a response from the township to approve or disapprove a resolution to allow the drainage board to exceed drainage costs.

Motion by M. Cook with support from J. Lippert to send a letter of response to the Drain Commission stating that for lack of information on this project, "YS Township will not support a resolution to allow the Cuddy Intercounty Drain Drainage Board to exceed maintenance allowances imposed by statute, in lieu of a petition from the Allegan County Road Commission." ROLL CALL: Jerkatis: yes, J. Lippert: yes, McCrumb: yes, M. Cook: yes, Schwennesen: yes. YES: 5, NO: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

**Motion to send letter of response to the Cuddy Intercounty Drain Drainage Board MOTION CARRIED.**

- West Michigan Regional Planning Commission Economic Development Strategy Project List

A. McCrumb described this as basically a "wish list" for certain projects in the township. Some of those items are: Countywide broadband connectivity, Paul Henry Trail (connection to), a bike trail along W. 179, restoration of the historical site of the YS Hotel, and a bubbler system for GLASWA. J. Lippert will distribute copies of this list in the Planning Commission members' mailboxes.

- Setting of Budget Workshop Date

The Budget Workshop (#2) will take place Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 7 p.m.

**BREAK: 9:28 P.M.**

**RESUME: 9:40 P.M.**

**End of Supervisor Report**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** by Robert Lippert

**March SPR's:** (7) 2 – deck modifications, 2 – fences, and 3- garage related.

**Planning Commission:**

The PC worked on a Special Exception Use for a garage. Special request to be tabled for the next meeting.

The PC also worked on a SEU for an office at Putt Putt Golf on Chief Noonday.

A MTA Workshop on speed bumps will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup>

**ZBA :**

No April meeting held. A meeting will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup> in the Township Offices to accommodate the election taking place that day.

**Complaints:**

1) Water runoff – will check with rain forecasted in the near future.

**ZBA Mtg (5-8-12) Twp Offices**

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- 2) Barking dogs
- 3) Cluttered residence – 75% of the lot was covered – letter sent.

**McKenna Billing-**

Motion by M. Cook with support from Schwennesen to pay McKenna billing (invoice #98072) of March for the amount of \$675.00 and pass along to the Planning Commission. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

**Refund of Escrow Account Balance to AT & T:**

Motion by J. Lippert with support from M. Cook to pay a refund of the remainder of the escrow account (ATT) to Goodman Networks/Fortune Wireless/ATT&T for the balance of \$1,275.00. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED. This pertains to a cell service device and the tower on Payne Lake Rd.

**FEMA** - Additional LOMA's came through this past month.

- The current total of Letter of Map Amendments is:

**269 LOMA's of 465.**

R. Lippert turned the floor over to Paul Heystek. Paul has been doing a tremendous amount of background work on unraveling the red tape involved in this situation. He (P. Heystek) presented a proposal to the Board from an aerial photography firm (Aerocon) who is able to generate contour maps from their existing aerial photography of the Gun Lake Area for \$5,470.

#1. The firm of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, Inc., proposes to assist the mapping of the base flood using 2-foot contour maps provided by YS Township.

#2. Proposes to plot the base flood elevation on a GIS base map showing contour lines, parcel lines and aerial photography.

Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber will then overlay the FEMA floodplain boundary to determine those lands deleted (or added) due to the more detailed topographic maps. FTCH will also complete the MT-2 forms required to file a Letter of Map Amendment or a Letter of Map Revision assuming a holistic mapping approach for the entire Gun Lake floodplain. Proposed amount for this work: \$3,500.

Motion by Jerkatis with support from M. Cook to go ahead with work to be done with Aerocon and Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber (including submission of applications) for a total amount of \$8,970. Roll Call: Jerkatis: yes, J. Lippert: yes, McCrumb: yes, M. Cook: yes, Schwennesen: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

On behalf of the Board, Al McCrumb thanked Paul Heystek for all of his efforts in this matter.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** by J. Lippert

Clerk Lippert fielded any questions and explained any items relating to accounts payable checks presented.

**ZONING**  
**ADMINISTRATOR'S**  
**REPORT** Cont'd by Robert Lippert

**Motion to approve McKenna March billing. Motion Carried.**

**Motion to pay a refund of the remainder of the escrow account to Goodman Networks for the balance of \$1,275.00. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

**FEMA Aerial Photography and Mapping proposal presentation from Paul Heystek**

**Motion to go ahead with work to be done with Aerocon and Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber. Motion Carried.**

Motion by M. Cook with support from Jerkatis to approve accounts payable checks #911473-911516 for the total amount of \$46,652.28. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by M. Cook with support from J. Lippert to approve payroll checks #4558– 4580 for the total amount of \$11,637.76. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

**Cemetery Sexton Request**

Additional markers are needed for cemetery improvement.

Motion by M. Cook with support from J. Lippert to pay Holland Supply \$1,001.00 for markers needed for cemetery improvement. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

**Request Bids for Fencing for Coman & Robbins Cemeteries-**

J. Lippert will be inspecting fencing on the west side of both cemeteries and will get bids.

**May 8, 2012 will be the election for the Grand Rapids Community College Millage**

An accuracy test was done today (4/12/12) on the tabulators. Precinct #1 tabulator failed, and a repair request was called in today for the failed tabulator.

**HAVA – Help America Vote Act:**

J. Lippert will be applying for grants on doors for the township hall and for the parking lot. Also, the fire station will get an application for the handicap ramp that needs to be redesigned, and the entrance door (for the handicapped) at the fire station is applicable for a grant.

**Approval for insurance policy renewal with Burnham & Flower Insurance:**

Motion by M. Cook with support from J. Lippert to approve insurance premium to Burnham & Flower Insurance Group for premium coverage of \$12,037.00 for policy renewal 2012/2013. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

**OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Paul Heystek, YS resident**, inquired about the recommendation of the addition to the township hall by the Facilities Committee. He was concerned as to whether or not the proposed addition was the bare amount needed to be added or would the addition be useful 30 or 40 years from now.

**J. Lippert, Clerk** referred to the Master Plan and inquired to whether or not the township was built out. It was confirmed that the township was not built out because the population increase that was forecasted never materialized.

**Bill Baughman, YS resident** wanted to know if the township is giving out dock permits. It was mentioned that the DEQ is no longer handling marina permits.

**J. Lippert** commented that she will be taking advantage of the Burnham & Flowers Risk Reduction Grant Program to benefit the township.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** by J. Lippert  
Accounts Payroll & Payables approved.

**Motion to purchase cemetery markers. MOTION CARRIED.**

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**Motion to approve insurance premium to Burnham & Flower Insurance Group for premium coverage of \$12,037.00 for policy renewal 2012/2013. MOTION CARRIED.**

**OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**M. Cook** attended the MTA meeting last month. The Open Space Farmland Preservation Act was discussed. The next meeting will be held the third Tuesday of June at Charleton Park.

**Alice Jansma** mentioned that a seven member township board was brought up at the last meeting. The seven member board is possible for the township since Yankee Springs has over 3,000 registered voters. A. Jansma commented that this (7 member board) can only be approved at an annual meeting or general election. Possibly it could be put on the August ballot.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by M. Cook with support from Schwennesen to adjourn at 10:47 PM. Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted:

D. Mousseau

Recording Secretary 4-16-12

Draft 4-19-12

Janice C. Lippert, Township Clerk

**ADJOURNMENT**

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