

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Work Session Meeting</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Wednesday,</u> <u>September 24, 2014</u> <u>7:00 p.m.</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MINUTES</b></p>	<p><b>FINAL MINUTES</b> Approved Oct 9, 2014</p>
<p>Meeting called to order at 7:25 PM by Supervisor Mark Englerth. (Later time due to previous meeting).</p> <p><u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u></p> <p><u>Roll Call:</u> Jerkatis, J. Lippert, Englerth, Roger Rottschafer, Bruce Campbell.</p> <p><u>Staff Present:</u> Alice Jansma, Frank Fiala</p> <p><u>Visitors:</u> 1 (not including staff present). Greg Purcell of the Planning Commission</p>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p> <p><b>ROLL CALL</b></p> <p><b>PLEDGE</b></p>
<p><b><u>ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA:</u> None</b></p>	<p><b><u>ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u> None.</b></p>	<p><b><u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:</u> None.</b></p>	<p><b><u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:</u> None</b></p>
<p><b><u>CLERK'S REPORT:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Accounts Payable to Date:</u></b></p> <p>Discussion occurred regarding removal of parked vehicles.</p> <p>Motion by Rottschafer with support from Campbell to approve Accounts payable check #s 912693-700 for the amount of \$1,543.86. ROLL CALL: Jerkatis: yes, Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafer: yes, Campbell: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p><b><u>MTA Seminar on Oct. 14, 2014</u></b> - Emerging Issues in Emergency Services (9-30-14) Early bird Rate (\$99 per person).</p> <p>Motion by Jerkatis with support from Lippert to allow up to \$99.00 per person plus expenses for MTA Seminar in Frankenmuth on Oct. 14. ROLL CALL: Jerkatis: yes, Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafer: yes, Campbell: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>Those planning on attending seminar: A. Jansma, M. Englerth, J. Lippert and J. Jerkatis.</p>	<p><b><u>CLERK'S REPORT:</u></b></p> <p><b>Accounts Payable Approved</b></p> <p>Motion to approve \$99.00 per person plus expenses for MTA Seminar on Oct. 14. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Page 1 of 6 YST Bd Trustees 9-24-14</p>

**Township Newsletter:**

Discussion occurred regarding the continuation of the township newsletter. Englerth commented that Sandy Marcukaitis has done a great job with it. Discussion occurred regarding mailing newsletters with tax bills taking into consideration that some tax bills are sent to mortgage companies directly.

Motion by Englerth with support from Rottschafner to continue with a newsletter twice a year. ROLL CALL: Jerkatis: yes, Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafner: yes, Campbell: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

**Motion to continue with a newsletter twice a year. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Park Drive Road Repair Correction: per meeting 9/24/14**

J. Lippert received a petition signed by the residents of Park Drive to cancel the slag seal in the amount of \$9,900.00. The budget will be amended by that amount in the October Regular monthly business meeting 10/9/14.

Another amendment will also be made of \$1,925.00 for crack seal on Park Drive. This work is scheduled within the next two weeks. A revised billing will be received from the Road Commission. Amendments will be coming at the Oct 9<sup>th</sup> meeting (in resolution form).

Motion by J. Lippert with support from Rottschafner to proceed with work and allow \$1,925.00 for crack seal on Park Drive. ROLL CALL: Jerkatis: yes, Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafner: yes, Campbell: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

**Motion to proceed with work allow \$1,925.00 for crack seal on Park Drive. Motion Carried.**

Fiala commented that the Road Commission would like to receive a copy of these minutes with the motion to proceed with work included in them.

**Striping:** With the upcoming election coming, J. Lippert will get estimates for striping for the township hall and fire station for Oct. 9 meeting.

**TRAILS – GUN LAKE REPORT – R. ROTTSCHAFFER**

Rottschafner commented on the route for possible trails that he has been thinking about. Prein & Newhof came back with a drawing of what Rottschafner was speaking to them about versus putting in a trail and widening of the shoulders, using existing roads as part of the trail and so on. Rottschafner requested Prein & Newhof to come back with a proposal of what it would cost to review the whole project, come up with studies to estimate construction costs of proposed non-motorized pathways around the Gun Lake and field review and description of each section addressing challenges and opportunities, itemized estimated construction costs of each section with a summation for total system construction costs, create a map of system identifying each section per estimates, meeting with client to review the preliminary draft of the study, meeting with the client to present the study. Prein & Newhof came back with a proposal for this with a cost not to exceed \$8,500.00.

**TRAILS – GUN LAKE REPORT – R. ROTTSCHAFFER**

**TRAILS – GUN LAKE REPORT – R. ROTTSCHAFFER cont'd**

Scott Post was the representative that put the quote together and knows the ins & outs of doing a project like this including funding and did the work for Ottawa County. The trails in Ottawa County were all completed without paying any money out for taking peoples' properties. Rottschafer commented that he'd like to continue with these same representatives of Prein & Newhof. Rottschafer commented that the main trunk of the trail would be from the Sand Bar & Grill area to the BP station, then down through the Park thru the woods on the snowmobile trail, then a trail on the other side of the road that goes down to Sam's Gourmet. Basically along the south end of Gun Lake, the path would have to be done by widening of the road. Patterson Rd. wouldn't be a problem. A possible obstacle near Chicago Point (Orangeville Twp.) was mentioned and discussed.

Englerth commented on having various people (i.e. Valerie Byrnes) and groups (Parks & Rec, MDOT) that are on board with the project. Englerth commented on some of the existing paths that are accessible or could easily be brought back. Rottschafer commented that a recreation plan was needed as a first step in beginning to apply for grants that are available. A. Jansma commented that there is a plan that goes to 2017. Rottschafer commented that S. Stepek (KATS) would help with updating the rec plan as well.

Jerkatis asked for clarification on paths/trails and widening the shoulders of the road. Jerkatis would like to see a driving force of this project to be "improving public safety". Englerth commented that the greatest safety threat would be the Chief Noonday portion of the trail. Discussion occurred regarding taking a first step or not by allowing the study to commence. Discussion also occurred about budgeting for the trails study previously in the year, as well as authorizing a firm to go ahead with the study so the feasibility of the project can be known and then information could be offered to the community.

Englerth asked G. Purcell to be present at the meeting tonight to ask about his perspective. Purcell commented that the area businesses think the running events are important. He announced "Run the Gun", an upcoming 5K race sponsored by the Gun Lake Business Community. Purcell commented that if the township doesn't have an engineering study or some costs and identified locations as to where the trail is going to go, the township will just be spinning its wheels. Purcell commented on grant money that should be available citing Ottawa County's use of funds for trails. "Unless you have the plan, take the first step and prime the pump, you are not going to get anywhere," commented Purcell. Purcell doesn't see anyone else except YS Township that is willing to lead the way toward the Trails project. Englerth added, "This isn't an absolute or the final draft, but sooner or later we have to put some horsepower and energy into it with some people with some expertise to make sure we are not going down the wrong trail." Alice Jansma inquired about going from YS and joining up with Paul Henry Trail which is in the northeastern part of the township. Rottschafer commented by asking how did Petoskey and Traverse City get started with their trails.

**TRAILS – GUN LAKE  
REPORT – R.  
ROTTSCHAFFER cont'd**

Jerkatis commented that regarding the project, his #1 concern was safety, and #2 was where the funding will come from.

J. Lippert commented that she feels that the concept has to get started. The "trails concept" around Gun Lake has been talked about for years (dating back to 1980).

Campbell agreed that it needs to be started.

Rottschafer commented that he would like his wife to be safe by the road when walking.

J. Lippert asked if in the prior trails meetings it was discussed as being a project that would come before the electorate. Rottschafer commented that it depended on if the township was funding it.

J. Lippert also brought up decreasing the speed limit on M-179. Englerth commented on that particular issue being brought up at a previous Trails meeting. Englerth commented that MDOT is looking in on this and that a lot of good conversation is happening on how to make our community safer.

Motion by Englerth with support from Campbell to move forward with the contract with Prein & Newhof and prioritize public safety involved the community and that 85% of the effort is spent within Yankee Spring Township. ROLL CALL: Jerkatis: (With reservations for the definition of construction cost (whoever is responsible for that) and definitely the public safety aspect): yes, Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafer: yes, Campbell: yes. YES: 5. NO: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Jerkatis: commented that he sees the goals of the project as being #1) to enhance public safety first and #2) to improve the business environment.

A. Jansma offered to make a copy of the recreation plan for Rottschafer.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT- MARK ENGLERTH:**

**Emergency Services Appreciation Day at Fire Station: was held Saturday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>**

The Red Cross was present conducting the blood drive. B. Campbell helped out with proper food preparation for hotdogs. The Veteran's Memorial Committee was there washing cars. Fire Service men were thanked, Central Dispatch was there, as well as the Road Commission. Total costs other than the newspaper ad was probably not over \$180.00. Two junk cars were donated. A new sign will replace the thank you/Veteran's Memorial sign that was taken down for the helicopter landing (that didn't take place - due to hydraulic issues).

Englerth commented about the recycling bin that was purchased approximately a year ago and contracting a contractor to haul it. Englerth would like to propose another container for metal recycling. Englerth explained the hauling expense/and pay off from a metal recycler such as Padmos, which would be an income situation for the township.

Motion to move forward with the contract with Prein & Newhof and prioritize public safety involved the community and that 85% of the effort is spent within Yankee Spring Township. Motion Carried.

**SUPERVISOR UPDATE:**

**Mark Englerth**

Englerth would like a six month trial period and then proceeds would go to the Veteran's Memorial Fund. Worst case scenario would be having the metal stolen, in which there wouldn't be any hauling costs. Englerth commented that if there's a consensus and it is successful, Englerth proposed adding on to the slab and buying the township's own box for metal recycling. It wouldn't cost anything to give it a try. Consensus of the board was to go ahead for a six month period.

**Park/Tulips-** Englerth proposed putting \$750 worth of tulip bulbs into the Township Park. The bulbs would be planted by the Women's Club (GFWC of Gun Lake Chapter). Discussion took place regarding rodents eating the bulbs, labor involved in planting and the amount spent, as well as future plans for a restroom.

Motion by Englerth with support Rottschafer to approve the purchase of tulip bulbs not to exceed \$750 for the YS Twp. Park. . ROLL CALL: Jerkatis: no, Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafer: yes, Campbell: yes. Yes: 4, No: 1. MOTION CARRIED

**OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Frank Fiala** commented regarding the Planning Commission going to one meeting a month after its October 16 meeting. It will start after October 2nd, due to a public hearing that was already scheduled for that meeting date.

**Culvert work at Island Drive: (per F. Fiala)** To be done in a few weeks. Work will start at 7 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. at night – door to door notice will be given, with boat transport to homes if necessary.

J. Lippert commented that this road work amendment (which will be made to the budget in regards to the above mentioned work) will be on the November meeting agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS:**

J. Lippert announced available dates for a meeting with Dr. Lynn Harvey (Fire Contract) of Oct. 6 and Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. First time on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> (a Tuesday) would be 8:30 a.m. and 2<sup>nd</sup> time available is 3:00 p.m. The meeting would be at the Township Hall.

Mike Bremer's suggestion of a joint meeting will be temporarily put off until the board members have an opportunity to grasp a good understanding by asking questions of Dr. Harvey at the meeting mentioned above. After this opportunity, we will have a joint meeting with Thornapple Township. Englerth commented that there has been eight months to have a joint meeting, and it hasn't happened. Thornapple Township has also had an opportunity to contribute financially in Dr. Harvey's studies and they've elected not to do that.

J. Lippert commented that the reports of Dr. Harvey would be in mailboxes tomorrow a.m.

**SUPERVISOR UPDATE:**

**Mark Englerth cont'd:**

Motion to approve the purchase of tulip bulbs not to exceed \$750 for the YS Twp. Park. MOTION CARRIED

**OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT**

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

The GLIB (Gun Lake Improvement Board) will be meeting at the township hall on October 1 regarding the weed control program on Gun Lake.

Also, the vacancy on the ZBA has been published in the paper.

Snow plow ads were put in Penasee Globe and Sun and News and bids should be in by October 9.

The Regular Board of Trustees meeting of Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> will be a full meeting - 6:30 p.m. will be a public hearing for Griffith Drive. 6:45 p.m. Cobb Lake Weed and 7:05 p.m. Middleville T & D. Correspondence will be distributed from John Lohrstorfer.

John Jerkatis mentioned that he would appreciate effort towards getting back to one meeting per month for the Board of Trustees.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Jerkatis with support from Campbell to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted:  
Deb Mousseau  
Recording Secretary 9/29/14

Date: 10-6-14 jcl draft.

Approved : \_\_\_\_\_  
Janice C. Lippert, Township Clerk

Final Minutes approved: Oct 9, 2014

**ADJOURNMENT**

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