

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, May 25, 2022 6:00 pm Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 N. Briggs Rd., Middleville, Michigan 49333 MINUTES</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES Page 1 of 3 YS Board of Trustees – PUBLIC HEARING May 25, 2022</p>
<p>Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Supervisor Rob Heethuis</p> <p><b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b></p> <p><b>INVOCATION</b></p> <p><b>Roll Call:</b> Deb Mousseau, Mike Cunningham, Rob Heethuis, Dave VanHouten, Larry Knowles. (All Present)</p> <p><b>Staff Present:</b> Rich Beukema, Greg Purcell</p> <p><b>Visitors:</b> 4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>INVOCATION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROLL CALL</b></p>
<p><b><u>ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA:</u></b></p> <p>The fire station HVAC system needs replacement. We have bids for the HVAC system if we want to add that and approve that. Also asked Frank Fiala to have the parking lots assessed so we can consider what is needed and if it is needed for this year’s budget. Also possible review of the four-year plan and usage of ARPA funds. Frank &amp; Jake Welch will be here tomorrow to discuss that so if we want the entire board here, we can make it a special meeting. It is not expected that any decisions will be made at this meeting; it will be informational only.</p> <p><b><u>Motion by Cunningham with support from Knowles to add discussion and possible roll call vote on replacing the fire station HVAC system. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Motion by Cunningham with support from Mousseau to have a special meeting tomorrow at 1:00 pm to listen to information from the Road Commission on township parking lots and four-year plan related to ARPA. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Motion by Knowles with support from Cunningham to accept the agenda as amended. Roll Call Vote: Cunningham: yes; Mousseau: yes; VanHouten: yes; Heethuis: yes; Knowles: yes.</u></b></p> <p>Yes: 5, No: 0. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION TO ADD THE FIRE STATION HVAC SYSTEM TO THE AGENDA</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION TO ADD SPECIAL MEETING FOR MAY 26</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA</b></p>
<p><b><u>Water System Rates Public Hearing</u></b></p> <p>Introduction by Greg Purcell of the Water Advisory Board and Presentation by John Monsees from the Michigan Rural Water Association.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OBJECTIVES: 1) Collect the money needed to maintain the water system and 2) Ensure that everyone pays an equal share of the cost.</li> <li>• The water system is an investment that we need to protect.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WATER SYSTEM RATE ANALYSIS RESULTS</b></p>

- Cost of living has gone up approximately 8% in the last year.
- Currently Yankee Springs charges \$2.00 per thousand gallons and \$84.00 per quarter for a ¾ inch meter.
- The analysis of the budget and expenses was reviewed. Projected expenses and capital improvements need to be factored into the budget based on when/how often these expenses will be incurred.
- The water system also collects non-sales money through fire hydrant rentals, late fees, and tax roll fees.
- Suggested rate increases were reviewed:
  - New cost per unit of water: \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons
  - Quarterly base rates would be:
    - \$86.00 for ¾” meter
    - \$101.36 for 1” meter
    - \$141.29 for 1-1/2” meter
    - \$184.29 for 2” meter
- Large expenses will affect the fund balance but the goal is to be able to spread out expenses so the balance can recover.

**Public Hearing opened at 6:32 PM:**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
OPENED**

**Greg Purcell:** Recognized Rich Beukema of the Advisory Board for being here tonight and faithfully attending the meetings. John Monsees has done a really nice job making the presentation tonight. We chose to suggest this rate increase rather than doing a two-year increase and this should last for some time. Also talked about the township sharing in the cost of cleaning the water tower every three years.

**Shane Vandenberg:** Expressed his support for the Township helping with the cost of the cleaning and upkeep of the water tower since it is a reflection on the Township and not just the water system customers.

The Board let the visitors know that they have already passed a motion to pay half the cost of cleaning the water tower this year.

**Motion by Mousseau with support from Cunningham to close public hearing at 6:37 PM. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
CLOSED**

Board Discussion: This is the recommendation of the Water Board and the Township Board should support the increase they are requesting. It will be looked at again next year.

**Motion by Knowles with support from VanHouten to approve Resolution 05-25-2022 to establish water rates effective with the July 1, 2022 billing cycle. Roll Call Vote:**  
*Cunningham: yes; Mousseau: yes; Heethuis: yes; Knowles: yes; VanHouten: yes.*

**MOTION TO  
APPROVE  
RESOLUTION  
05-25-2022**

Yes: 5, No: 0. **MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion on replacing fire station HVAC system.

- Two bids were received, one from Boniface Heating & Air Conditioning Inc. and one from DeWeerd Heating & Air Conditioning Inc.
- Bids are for a total heating and air conditioning system.
- There is a volunteer fireperson on the Wayland Fire Department that works for DeWeerd and has been doing some of the maintenance on the current system.

**Motion by Knowles with support from Cunningham to accept the bid from Boniface Heating & Air Conditioning for \$7,787.82.** Discussion: DeWeerd has also done the HVAC service at the township hall. Both contractors are local and have good reputations. Both of the products quoted are good quality. **Roll Call Vote:** Knowles: yes; VanHouten: yes; Heethuis: yes; Mousseau: no; Cunningham: yes.

Yes: 4, No: 1. **MOTION CARRIED**

There will be a special meeting at 1:00 PM tomorrow. It will be helpful to get this information now for budgeting purposes. If ARPA funds are assigned to pay for the road projects, that will free up the general fund for other expenses.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** (Limit 3 minutes)

None

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

**Cunningham:** No comment.

**Heethuis:** Good meeting. I think we are on the right track with both of the matters we talked about tonight.

**Knowles:** Glad we did this tonight so the Board can get more information.

**VanHouten:** It helps to see where all the numbers come from and it seems very reasonable to have a \$2.00 increase/average/2%.

**Mousseau:** Agrees with Dave.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

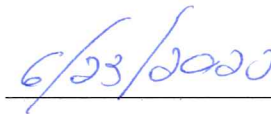
**Motion by Cunningham with support from Mousseau to adjourn meeting at 6:56 PM. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED**

Approved by:



Michael S. Cunningham, Township Clerk

Date:



Respectfully submitted by:

Betsy Frigmanski, Recording Secretary

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MOTION TO ACCEPT  
BID FOR FIRE  
STATION HVAC  
SYSTEM

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