

<p style="text-align: center;">YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Regular Board Meeting</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday, August 13, 2015</u> 7:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES</p>	<p>FINAL MINUTES Approved Sept. 10, 2015</p>
<p>Meeting called to order at 8:17 PM by Supervisor Mark Englerth. Late meeting start due to previous meeting (Fire Authority Informational Meeting).</p> <p>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:</p> <p>Roll Call: Jerkatis, J. Lippert, Englerth, Rottschafer, Campbell.</p> <p>Staff Present: Frank Fiala, Jim Orr- Constable, Greg Purcell, Sandy Marcukaitis, Rich Beukema, Alice Jansma.</p> <p>Visitors: 3 (not including staff present).</p> <p><u>ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA:</u></p> <p>Add: (To Supervisor's Report) Letter received July 22, 2015 – from Bauckham, Sparks, Lohrstorfer, Thall announcing retirement of John Lohrstorfer, YS Attorney.</p> <p>Add: (To Acknowledgement of Visitors) Grant – “Love Where You Live” grant - Sandy Marcukaitis</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>PLEDGE ROLL CALL</p> <p><u>ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA</u></p>
<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</p> <p>Motion by Campbell with support from Rottschafer to approve the <u>Minutes of July 9, 2015 Regular Board Meeting</u> as presented. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p><u>Correction to July 14, 2015 Spec. Mtg. – Building Improvement Minutes:</u> Page 2: 2nd paragraph. <u>Add to Roll Call for Motion: Rottschafer: yes.</u> Yes: 4, No: 1. (This motion is for request to get preliminary numbers from Fleis & VandenBrink).</p> <p>Motion by J. Lippert with support from Campbell to approve <u>July 14, 2015 Special Meeting of Building Improvements</u> minutes as corrected (above). All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> Not necessary to approve the <u>July 11, 2015 DNR Shooting Range Meeting minutes.</u> <i>Minutes for informational purposes only.</i></p> <p>Motion by Rottschafer with support from Campbell to approve the <u>July 21, 2015 Water System Informational Meeting</u> minutes as presented. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> Not necessary to approve the <u>June 22, 2015 (Cuddy Intercounty Drain – with the Cuddy IC Drain Bd. Minutes.</u> <i>Minutes for informational purposes only.</i></p>	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p><u>Board Minutes approved:</u> July 9th, 2015 (Reg. Bd. Mtg.)</p> <p>Special Meetings:</p> <p>July 14, 2015 (Bldg. Improvem't) July 21, 2015 (Water System-Info.)</p> <p><u>For informational purposes only:</u> July 11, 2015 (DNR Shooting Range) June 22, 2015 (Cuddy Intercounty Drain – With the Cuddy IC Drain Bd.)</p> <p>Page 1 of 4 YST Bd Trustees 8/13/15</p>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:

TTES –July Run Report Submitted along with 911 Report.

Barry County Board of Commissioners – Craig Stolsonburg & Vivian Conner were both present.

Craig Stolsonburg gave report on the Activities of the Bd. Of Commissioners

Sandy Marcukaitis – Grant: “Love Where You Live”

Barry County Foundation is giving 20 (twenty)- \$1,000 grants. The grants are for communities to create “community spirit”. S. Marcukaitis commented that it has to be something like a Fall Fest. It will have to happen at the park. S. Marcukaitis will need the \$1,000 or it will not happen. Sandy is also asking the board for an additional \$500- if needed. The Fall Fest (which will occur in 2016) will hopefully involve area businesses and individuals on a voluntary basis.

Motion by Jerkatis with support from Campbell to approve up to \$500 (if needed) for the Love Where You Live grant project in addition to the grant amount of \$1,000. ROLL CALL: Jerkatis: yes, Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafer: yes, Campbell: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Dar Leaf- Barry County Sheriff was present at tonight’s meeting to show a new way to contact 911 in case of emergency – text 911 for hearing impaired or those with speaking issues. Dar Leaf also spoke about high volumes of inmates in the jail currently.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Trustee, Roger Rottschafer:

Revenue Sharing: Gun Lake Casino Distribution Allocation-

It was noted that the Gun Lake Tribe/Casino would like a report from our Township regarding our use of the funds they’ve allocated to Yankee Springs Township.

Motion by Rottschafer with support from Campbell that monies that have been collected from revenue sharing from the Gun Lake Casino Distribution allocation in the past and new monies to be set aside to go to the Trails Fund. (Current amount in the Casino Revenue account is \$83,183.59) ROLL CALL: (see below)

Discussion called for prior to Roll Call Vote: Jerkatis mentioned that the township had already set aside \$10,000 for the Trail Project. J. Lippert would like to see billing for the trail project from the engineer involved. Englerth commented on communication with those whom have shared revenue with the township.

ROLL CALL Vote: Revenue Sharing/Casino fund allocation: Jerkatis: No, Lippert: yes, Campbell: yes, Rottschafer: yes, Englerth: yes. Yes: 4, No: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

Fire Committee Report:

Rottschafer commented on a possible lease with the DNR for the office/office area and 4 short bays at the YS Fire Station. Proposal is being sent forward from our DNR contact to DNR Supervisors. The DNR is closing its building on Bassett Lake Rd. Details of the possible lease were discussed. Items that were mentioned follows on next page.

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Barry County Board of Commissioners – Craig Stolsonburg & Vivian Conner

Sandy Marcukaitis – Grant: “Love Where You Live”

Motion to approve up to \$500 (if needed) for the Love Where You Live grant project in addition to the grant amount of \$1,000. MOTION CARRIED.

Dar Leaf – Barry Cty. Sheriff

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Trustee, Roger Rottschafer:

Fire Committee Report & Revenue Sharing: Gun Lake Casino Distribution Allocation-

Motion that monies that have been collected from revenue sharing from the Gun Lake Casino Distribution allocation in the past and new monies to be set aside to go to the Trails Fund. MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee, Roger Rottschafer: Fire Committee Report cont'd

- DNR would like to construct a pole barn near the fire station for their equipment.
- Voting poll alternatives were mentioned.
- Keymen (DNR Firefighters) may be able to work with YS Fire volunteers.

Jerkatis inquired what Thornapple's take (opinion/position) was on the fire station department. It was noted that Thornapple was aware of the situation. Brief heated discussion occurred. Point of order was raised.

Consensus was to keep talking with DNR about leasing the fire station – except J. Jerkatis commented that we (YS) shouldn't proceed until it talks to Thornapple about it and gets a commitment (in writing) from them that it won't change anything in our contract (with Thornapple).

Motion by Englerth with support from Campbell to proceed with discussions and negotiations with DNR to come to a consensus of what they (DNR) want and are willing to pay so the YS Twp. Board can come to a decision. When at that point, YS can bring Thornapple in and ask them if they are in concurrence. ROLL CALL: Jerkatis: no, Lippert: yes, Rottschafer: yes, Campbell: yes, Englerth: yes. Yes: 4, No: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

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TREASURER'S REPORT: John Jerkatis, Treasurer

Motion by Englerth with support from Campbell to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Jerkatis, Treasurer

CLERK'S REPORT: J. Lippert

- **Accounts Payable & payroll approval:**

Motion by Lippert with support from Jerkatis to approve Payroll chk. #s 5422-5443 for the amount of \$ 11,473.23. **Roll Call:** Jerkatis: yes, J. Lippert: yes, Rottschafer: yes, Campbell: yes Englerth: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Lippert with support from Campbell to approve Payroll EFT amount of \$2,771.27. **Roll Call:** Jerkatis: yes, J. Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafer: yes, Campbell: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Lippert with support from Campbell to approve Accounts Payable chk. #s 913074-913111 for the amount of \$ \$39,877.40. **Roll Call:** Jerkatis: yes, J. Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafer: yes, Campbell: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

CLERK'S REPORT: J. Lippert

Accounts Payable & Payroll Approved

Letter of Retirement of J. Lohrstorfer of Bauckman, Sparks- addressed by M. Englerth - (new attorney, Catherine Kaufman, will be meeting with Board next month)

Strike from Agenda: Resolution Adopting Township Freedom of Information ACT (FOIA) Procedures and Guidelines- (Due to time)

SUPERVISOR REPORT- MARK ENGLERTH

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July Water & Sewer Report will be in mailboxes.

SUPERVISOR REPORT- MARK ENGLERTH cont'd

Emergency Appreciation Day is scheduled for Sept. 12th, Saturday. (This will be the third Appreciation Day held by Yankee Springs Twp.)

Land Split – 3320 Elmwood Beach Rd., Middleville- split is recommended by L. Knowles, Zoning Administrator, and the Assessor has recommended it as well. Brian Moore has requested the land split.

Motion by Campbell with support from Rottschafer to approve land split request of Brian Moore of 3320 Elmwood Beach Rd., Middleville as presented. **Roll Call:** Jerkatis: yes, J. Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafer: yes, Campbell: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: L. Knowles, ZA

Paper copy has been distributed of July Activity Report/Site Plans Issued as well as ZBA Activity (July 14, August 11, and upcoming meeting on September 8).

PLANNING COMMISSION: Frank Fiala, PC Chairman

Vacancy on the Planning Commission. Fiala recommended filling the vacancy as soon as possible.

Major Activities coming up: Master Plan Update. The ZBA is asking about zoning classification/density for example (mobile homes park).

Idea to have a joint meeting with new attorney and relatively new planner.

What the twp. can and can't do with the gun range on DNR land will be addressed at the Planning Commission meeting. Nuisance ordinance of other townships was mentioned in possibly dealing with making this a safe situation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: Jan Lippert mentioned avoiding heated board discussions in public meetings.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Next month – consideration of **projected cost for electric at the park** – Englerth will be asking for a vote. Proposal is in board members packets.

Fiala thanked the board for the Projector/laptop (*which was used at the ZBA meeting*) and suggested its use for other meetings as well within the township.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Campbell with support from Lippert to adjourn at 9:24 p.m. Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted:
Deb Mousseau
Recording Secretary 8/19/15

Approval Date: Sept. 10, 2015

Approved : _____
Janice C. Lippert, Township Clerk

SUPERVISOR REPORT- MARK ENGLERTH cont'd

Motion to approve land split request of Brian Moore of 3320 Elmwood Beach Rd., Middleville as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Written report

PLANNING COMMISSION: Frank Fiala

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

BOARD COMMENTS

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT