

<p style="text-align: center;">YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES Special Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, December 18, 2014</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Board of Trustees Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Circulated 12-19-14</p>
<p>Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Mark Englerth.</p> <p>Roll Call: Present: Jerkatis, J. Lippert, M. Englerth, Rottschafer, Campbell. All Present.</p> <p>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p> <p>Staff Present: Alice Jansma, Plan Commission Members Frank Fiala, Greg Purcell, Mike Cunningham</p> <p>Visitors: None</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CALL TO ORDER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ROLL CALL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PLEDGE</p>
<p>PURPOSE OF SPECIAL MEETING: Today's 18 Hour Special Meeting notice was posted in the Township Hall office on December 17, 2014.</p> <p>M. Englerth announced the purpose of this meeting was to address the purchase/approval of fire equipment (radios) of 12/11/14 and related issues.</p> <p>Englerth asked Trustee Rottschafer to share his perspective after looking at the maintenance of the fire station and its realistic costs. Rottschafer noted proper accounting of depreciation and maintenance costs. Rottschafer has met with Mike Bremer of Thornapple Township and has also recently done a cost analysis of mileage and truck maintenance.</p> <p>Rottschafer contacted M.Bremer and asked for two proposals: 1.) Thornapple would take over the building (fire barn) completely 2.) Fire station is gone, no fire trucks, and no apparatus.</p> <p>Rottschafer commented on Dr. Lynn Harvey's comment regarding response time being the same from Thornapple as from Yankee Springs Fire Station. The question arose as to why have the YS fire station if it doesn't affect response times.</p> <p>Proposal amounts were mentioned and compared against the current costs already incurred by YS township to maintain the fire barn and vehicles as well as equipment and future needs. Lack of YS firefighters was also mentioned.</p> <p>With this information, Rottschafer commented that it is the trustee's position to look into how the Township's money is being spent.</p> <p>The motion to approve the purchase of radios for \$3900, then rescinded, and then approved for 6 radios at approximately \$2000 is being questioned with the information that was summarized this evening.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PURPOSE OF TODAY'S MEETING</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 1 of 3 Spec. Bd. Mtg. Fire Equipm't/Radios 12-18-14</p>

Possibly, these radios will never be used with the decisions that could be made in the future. With these thoughts in mind, Mark Englerth called tonight's meeting.

It was discussed that until what will be done in the future with the fire barn is determined, no purchases to be made or approvals should come before the board for fire equipment related items.

Jerkatis mentioned that he'd like Thornapple Township to be notified that any proposals to be delivered would be done so by the Thornapple Township Supervisor, not the Fire Chief. Jerkatis noted that the triangular communication is causing a problem.

J. Lippert agreed with Jerkatis' comment.

Asked about the current condition of the radios in use. Rottschafer commented on the irrelevancy of the issue at this point in time after his recent conversations with the fire chief.

Jerkatis commented that he overlooked the items of his proposed resolution regarding purchases of items which include radios that were proposed at the December 11, 2014 meeting.

Motion by Rottschafer with support from Campbell to totally rescind the purchase of the radios (6) that was previously approved at the end of the December 11, 2014 Regular Board of Trustees meeting.

It was noted that Supervisor Englerth will contact Supervisor Bremer of Thornapple Twp. regarding the motion that was just made.

Discussion occurred regarding emergency maintenance that may need to be done immediately and cannot wait for a week or month's notice for consideration.

J. Lippert asked Rottschafer for his recommendations to be writing. Rottschafer commented that he hasn't put it in writing yet, because he is waiting for final numbers to come back.

Regarding the possible elimination of the fire barn, Jerkatis mentioned that the fire equipment is in YS Twp., and is owned by the YS Twp. by a popular vote of the people, not this Board. Jerkatis posed other considerations that he feels will need to be made as well.

Meeting Date for Work Session of the General Ledger Budget:

J. Lippert requested a work session on the General Ledger Budget prior to the January 8th Board of Trustees meeting. A "hands on" explanation of the General Ledger Budget and how it is spent in the individual departments expenses.

Bruce Campbell asked how the revenue is derived.

John Jerkatis would have a complete "income" list of revenue available at the next meeting.

Lippert explained that both revenue and expenses will be covered at this meeting.

Alice Jansma would be able to spend time to bring everyone up to speed in short order. A tentative meeting for December 30, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. was set.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Alice Jansma commented that the audit has been received from the auditor. The audit gives a lot of the information that is already being asked for. And will be available at the December 30th meeting.

John Jerkatis requested that the audit be distributed before the meeting on the 30th. Clerk stated she will distribute the audit tonight.

J. Lippert advised that the Road Commission would like to meet with townships throughout the county from January 19 thru Jan. 23, 2015. Time slots: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. It was noted that this is not the annual Road Tour. Tentative date was set for Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. Clerk request confirmation by Monday from Township Board Members.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by J. Lippert with support from Rottschafer to adjourn meeting at 6:43 p.m. Approved by all.

Clerk distributed the Audit Report to the Board Members.

Respectfully submitted:

D. Mousseau
Recording Secretary 12-18-14

Approved date: February 12th 2015 township Board Meeting: Motion by Lippert supported by Rottschafer --- ALL YES



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