

<p style="text-align: center;">YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES Regular Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, January 12, 2012 Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES</p>	<p>DRAFT MINUTES</p>
<p>Meeting called to order at 7:16 PM by Supervisor Al McCrumb.</p> <p><u>Roll Call</u>: Jerkatis, J. Lippert, McCrumb, M. Cook, Schwennesen. All Present.</p> <p>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p> <p><u>Staff Present</u>: Frank Fiala, Alice Jansma, Constable Jim Orr.</p> <p><u>Visitors</u>: 11 (not including staff present).</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>ROLL CALL</p> <p>PLEDGE</p>
<p>ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The date for the Joint Meeting of the Board of Trustees, ZBA and Planning Commission will be covered in the Zoning Administrator's Report. 	<p>ADDITIONS TO AGENDA</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by J. Lippert with support from M. Cook to accept the minutes of December 8, 2011 as presented. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</p>	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion to approve Regular Meeting minutes of December 8, 2011 as presented. Motion Carried.</p>
<p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:</p> <p><u>The Honorable Judge Amy McDowell</u> of Barry County introduced herself as the Circuit Judge appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to replace Judge Fischer.</p> <p><u>David H. Tripp</u> Chairman of the County Community Corrections Board was present as well to announce a new program the county will be using to help offenders obtain their GEDs and stay in the community rather than putting them in prison. Tripp commented that it costs an average of \$33,000 a year to keep an offender in prison.</p> <p>Judge Amy McDowell said that statistics show that just sending an offender to prison doesn't work. <u>Barry County is part of this pilot program</u>. It has been noted to have a high success rate. This program is somewhat targeting young offenders including those involved with methamphetamine and those addicted to prescription drugs.</p> <p>Clerk J. Lippert asked if Allegan County has a similar program. Judge McDowell confirmed that Barry's program will be modeled after Allegan's program.</p> <p>The Community Corrections Board, Barry County ISD and Michigan Works is coming together to provide educational benefits for offenders to keep them in the community as</p>	<p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS</p> <p><u>The Honorable Judge Amy McDowell</u> of Barry County</p> <p><u>David H. Tripp</u>, Chairman of the County Community Corrections Board.</p> <p>Page 1 of 5 YST Bd Trustees 1-12-12</p>

employable citizens rather than using tax dollars to put them in prison. This program is completely state-funded. The current goal is to have approximately 30 people involved. Using this figure, a savings of \$750,000 could occur using this program instead of traditional imprisonment.

This educational benefit will be available to employers and the public as well. There are employers definitely interested. In order for some employees to advance in their jobs, they must obtain further education.

GED testing will become available January 23, 2012. Transportation will be made available through Barry County Transit. Transportation for only \$1.00 will be provided to and from the testing site for enrollees. Besides the Barry County ISD testing site, another site will be at the Barry County Jail.

BARRY COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Craig Stolsonburg

Both the Prosecutor's and Sheriff's Offices have turned in budgets for 2012. The only change in personnel is one full-time clerical person changing to part-time. The projected budget deficit for 2013 is \$1.2 to \$1.3 million.

Three of four unions in the Sheriff's Department have ratified contracts. At this point, zero wage increases will be made in the first or second years of the contracts. Wage negotiations will open in the third year.

Strategic planning will start next Thursday. Some of the chairman's goals are moving offices from the courthouse into the old library building, moving the Circuit court into the new Courts & Law building, securing the courthouse and courtrooms with metal detectors, etc., and trying to get pension liability paid down.

TTES REPORT: No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: by John Jerkatis

Motion by M. Cook, with support by Al Schwennesen to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Approved by all. MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Al McCrumb

- Water Report: It was noted that cost of fuel and electricity has increased for GLASWA.
- Parking Lot – Reconfiguration (Scheme B2) Discussion took place regarding the new scheme for Township parking lot. Currently, 36 spaces are available in the parking lot. Scheme B2 would add two more spaces than Scheme B which

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**BARRY COUNTY
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REPORT: Craig
Stolsonburg**

TTES Report: None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:
None**

TREASURER'S REPORT

**Treasurer's Report
approved**

allowed for 60 spaces. A. McCrumb advised that the Board stay with the original Scheme B

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

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ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: by Robert Lippert

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December SPR's: (2) Covered porch – Valley Drive
New building/expansion – Elmwood Beach

Planning Commission: A meeting was not held in December. Some of the Planning Commission members will attend a MSU Planning and Zoning seminar to be held January 18, 2012. (MI Sign Regulations Workshop)

Joint Meeting of the Planning Commission, ZBA and Board of Trustees will take place on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 7 p.m.

Joint Meeting Set:
February 1, 2012

ZBA - a meeting was held January 10th dealing with a setback request for a garage on Barlow Lake Rd. This setback involved the taking down of a non-conforming fence.

Complaints:

- Removal of snow fence – Sweetland Dr. The fence has been removed.

McKenna Billing- A. Schwennesen mentioned that the Planning Commission did not have a meeting last month, but a bill still came from McKenna. He felt that every month there may be a little bit of the budget that maybe should be charged to others than the Planning Commission.

Discussion occurred regarding planning and preparing drafts, ordinances, and amendments. Jerkatis questioned whether or not these activities could be done in the township office. C. Strickland commented that with her professional background and experience, there was a time when she took a stab at the first draft and then sent it to Greg Milliken of McKenna to review. She added that this saved the township a lot of money.

Motion by M. Cook with support from Schwennesen to pay McKenna billing of December, inv. #98072 for the amount of \$112.50 with the consent of the Planning Commission. Ayes: 4, Nays: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to approve McKenna December billing. Motion Carried.

FEMA - Last month, Paul Heystek and Bob Lippert met with Mike Callton in Lansing regarding the FEMA situation involving Gun Lake area residents. M. Callton said he'd like to assist in any further remapping issues the township deals with.

Two additional LOMA's came through this past month.

- The current total of Letter of Map Amendments is:
267 LOMA's of 475. (over a 55% margin of error).

CLERK'S REPORT: by J. Lippert

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

Motion by M. Cook with support from Jerkatis to approve payroll checks #4468– 4489 plus EFT3 dated 12/30/11 for the amount of \$12,895.47. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by M. Cook with support from J. Lippert to approve accounts payable checks #911369-911395 for the total amount of \$29,541.27. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

**Accounts Payroll
& Payables approved.**

PCI: \$492,400 value was added in December to the township. The total for the 2011 Year-end Report was: \$4,791,015 ~Total Construction Value. (The hospital accounted for almost \$1 million of this total).

2012 Meeting Schedule- J. Lippert verified that there should not be a conflict with any holidays.

**Motion to accept the 2012
Township Meeting Schedule.
Motion Carried.**

Motion by M. Cook with support from Jerkatis to accept the 2012 Township Meeting schedule as submitted. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED. (This schedule will appear in the Penasee Globe and The Sun & News).

J. Lippert has submitted information for the EPB Grant. The grant would make it possible for voters to swipe their driver's license or other approved ID and then they will receive their ballot. If the grant is received, this service will be at no cost to the township.

In the upcoming election, in Precinct 2, the operations renewal for Delton-Kellogg Schools will be voted on. At the upcoming primary election, it will be a Republican or Democratic ballot. Last day for voter registration is January 30, 2012 to be able to vote in the Presidential Primary February 28, 2012.

There have been some email and telephone communication issues in the township office recently. This situation is being addressed and should be corrected soon.

OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT:

Vivian Conner- of Blue Lagoon, Orangeville was present to announce that she will be running for the District 6 County Commissioner position. She is retired after 36 years of working. She will run as a Republican candidate. Ms. Conner loves to hunt and fish.

Planning Commission Member's term renewals will be made at the Joint Meeting to be held February 1, 2012.

John Jerkatis- provided a drawing of his concept for the kitchen area to be remodeled into an ADA unisex restroom, kitchen area (including refrigerator, single sink and counter top), and janitorial area (including closet with shelves, floor sink).

** Per request, this is to be attached to the minutes of this meeting. **

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Alice Jansma- inquired as to whether a letter of thanks had been written to the Road Commission for their work on the intersection of Patterson and Bowens Mill Roads. Alice added that she would do this.

OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT Cont'd

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk has placed an ad for the vacancy on the Board of Review will appear in the Penasee Globe and The Sun & News.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by J. Lippert with support from M. Cook to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted:

D. Mousseau January 15, 2012 Approved Date: Janice C. Lippert/ January 19, 2012 Draft

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