

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES Regular Meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, Nov. 8, 2012 Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MINUTES</b></p>	<p><b>Circulated Nov., 2012 FINAL MINUTES Approved Nov. 19, 2012 As Presented</b></p>
<p>Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by Supervisor Al McCrumb.</p> <p><u>Roll Call</u>: All Present: Jerkatis, J. Lippert, McCrumb, M. Cook, Schwennesen</p> <p>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p> <p><u>Staff Present</u>: Deputy Supervisor Alice Jansma, Constable Jim Orr, Zoning Administrator Robert Lippert and Frank Fiala.</p> <p><u>Visitors</u>: 20 (not including staff present).</p>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p> <p><b>ROLL CALL</b></p> <p><b>PLEDGE</b></p>
<p><b>ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:</b></p> <p>Al Schwennesen requested two minutes of time before adjournment.</p>	<p><b>ADDITIONS TO AGENDA</b></p>
<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</b></p> <p>Motion by J. Lippert with support from M. Cook to accept the Regular Board of Trustee meeting minutes of October 11, 2012 as submitted. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</p>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b></p> <p>Motion to accept minutes of the Regular Board of Trustee meeting of October 11, 2012. Motion Carried.</p>
<p><b>CLERK ANNOUNCEMENT:</b></p> <p>Jan Lippert announced that a Special Meeting will be held on Monday, November 19, 2012 at 7 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to swear in the newly elected board members and officers of the township. On November 20, 2012, at noon, all newly elected board members and officers will officially take office.</p>	<p><b>CLERK ANNOUNCEMENT:</b></p> <p><b>Special Meeting Nov. 19.</b></p>
<p><b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:</b></p> <p><b><u>BARRY COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:</u> Craig Stolsonburg</b></p> <p>Bonds have been refunded for Thornapple Manor. Approximately 1.4 million dollars of taxpayers money should be saved.</p> <p>The Director of Veteran Affairs will be retiring. United Way will take over this responsibility resulting in \$23,000 savings.</p> <p>Four out of seven brand new members of the Board of Commissioners will take office on January 1, 2013.</p> <p>Current county bond rating is AA.</p>	<p><b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS</b></p> <p><b><u>BARRY COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:</u> Craig Stolsonburg</b></p> <p>Page 1 of 6 YST Bd Trustees 11-8-12</p>

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS: Cont'd**

Mark Englerth – Newly Elected Supervisor, commented that a “Thank you,” is not heard very often. M. Englerth presented plaques in gratitude to the following people for their years of service to the community:

Chuck Misak, Retired Constable/Liquor Inspector

Al Schwennen, Trustee, and long-time member of the Planning Commission.

Sandy Marcukaitis, Former Head of the Yankee Springs Park Committee, Zoning Assistant.

Alice Jansma, Deputy Supervisor, former Township Treasurer, and former TK Schools Business Manager.

Al McCrumb, Retiring Township Supervisor and retired police officer.

**TTES REPORT- Dave Middleton**

This time last year: 1,083 calls

Currently this year: 1,149 calls

Monthly reports were distributed to board members.

One ambulance has 200,000 miles on it and another primary vehicle is close to 200,000 miles as well.

D. Middleton was surprised at the amount of suicides this year. There were 68 attempts and 19 suicides. There have been “0” re-occurrences of those who went to the hospital and received help. Middleton said that the United Way provides valuable assistance in this area.

D. Middleton was thanked by board members for his many years of community service as well.

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

Shelli Smith, Community Health Specialist of Barry-Eaton Health Department updated the board regarding the Health Department’s efforts in the following programs:

- Complete Streets – (taking into consideration motorized and non-motorized transportation).
- Smoke Free
- Local Food Council
- Pennock “Be Healthy”
- Local Parks & Recreation
- Grant support for the City of Nashville regarding “Complete Streets”.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS: Cont'd**

Mark Englerth – Newly Elected Supervisor

Presentation of Plaques for recognition of service to the community.

**TTES REPORT: David Middleton**

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

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: by Robert Lippert**

**October SPR's:** (7): 1- garage addition, 3- new homes, 1 – fence, 2 – decks

R. Lippert commented that he will be requesting a refund for Mr. Kevin Cavanaugh for a \$35.00 permit regarding common ground/Whispering Pines.

Motion by M. Cook with support from Schwennesen to refund \$35 for SPR to Kevin Cavanaugh. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

**Planning Commission:**

Two items were dealt with at the most recent PC meeting, Oct. 18th:

- 1) Method for determining street side setbacks.
- 2) Increase of maximum square footage (size) in accessory/out buildings.

The PC also informally discussed the corner of Patterson and 179, where seven signs are located. An informal meeting took place with the owner of this property. The owner commented that he'd be willing to work with the township on this signage.

As a result, the PC has asked for the ZBA's interpretation on the sign ordinance.

**ZBA:** A meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> regarding this request from the PC to go over the sign ordinance.

**Complaints:** (4)

1. Palmer Drive – Porta –john - Porta-john owner would like to meet with the township regarding removal of the porta-john.
2. Funneling- PWC's. Owner of property brought in copy of deeded access that appears to extend riparian rights to renters of that property.
3. Towed away car on Park Drive.
4. Weed issue- weeds growing over lot lines- no weed ordinance in effect. Letter was sent just seeking cooperation on this.

Discussion occurred regarding the Health Department's cooperation in this matter. R. Lippert commented that he had contacted the Health Department previously, but they could not give any assistance in the matter(s).

**McKenna Billing-**

Motion by M. Cook with support from Schwennesen to approve the October 2012 billing of \$540.00 and to be passed onto the Planning Commission. Ayes: 4, Nays: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: by Robert Lippert**

**Motion to refund \$35 for SPR to Kevin Cavanaugh. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Motion to approve McKenna October billing. Motion Carried.**

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: by Robert Lippert continued**

**FEMA** - The current total of Letter of Map Amendments is:

**276 LOMA's of 465.**

R. Lippert commented that FEMA now has information for a total remap. (180 days yet to go on this).

Al McCrumb thanked Bob Lippert, as well as, Paul Heystek, for all of their work on this FEMA project.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Al McCrumb**

**Water Report:** The township water contract is up for renewal with GLASWA for Yankee Springs.

Motion by M. Cook with support from Jerkatis to accept contract with GLASWA for the next three years beginning January 1, 2013 through December 2015. ROLL CALL: Jerkatis: yes, J. Lippert: yes, McCrumb: yes, M. Cook: yes, Schwennesen: yes. All Yes (5). MOTION CARRIED.

**Parking Lot Improvements:**

Application #2 has been submitted by West Michigan Dirtworks. There have been some manufacturing problems with lights. Al Schwennesen asked if there will be three matching light bulbs. An inquiry will take place on this. M. Cook commented that she was pleased to see that no parking occurred on Briggs Rd. during the election.

Motion by M. Cook with support from Schwennesen to pay Application #2 to West Michigan Dirtworks in the amount of \$57,665.31. ROLL CALL: Jerkatis: yes, J. Lippert: yes, McCrumb: yes, M. Cook: yes, Schwennesen: yes. All Yes (5). MOTION CARRIED.

A retainage of approximately \$4,800.00 remains. Jerkatis mentioned the accumulation of bumper blocks that needs to be removed. This item will be brought up at a meeting to be held possibly Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Correspondence/ Letter-** was received from Cobb Lake Association Board President, Jeff Ulin. Roadwork has been done on Oakwood Shores that diverts water off of Oakwood into Cobb Lake. A. Schwennesen, Water Quality Chairman for the Cobb Lake Association added further information regarding the situation concerning drainage ditches filling up over many years of time.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: by Robert Lippert continued**

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Al McCrumb**

Motion to accept contract with GLASWA for the next three years beginning January 1, 2013 through December 2015. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to pay Application #2 to West Michigan Dirtworks in the amount of \$57,665.31. MOTION CARRIED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** by John Jerkatis

Motion by M. Cook, with support by Schwennesen to accept the financial report as presented. Approved by all. MOTION CARRIED.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** by J. Lippert

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

**Presidential Election Results:**

**Precinct 1:** Registered voters: 1,828 Absentee Voters: 388 Walk-ins: 946 Total: 1,334

**Precinct 2:** Registered voters: 1,421 Absentee Voters: 388 Walk-ins: 716 Total: 1,104

**For Yankee Springs:**

**Supervisor:** Mark Englerth 1,774 (votes)

**Clerk:** Janice C. Lippert 1,770

**Treasurer:** John Jerkatis 1,795

**Trustee:** Bruce Campbell 1,526

**Trustee:** Mary Cook 1,439

**Trustee:** S. VandenBerg 936

**Constable/Liquor Inspector:**

Jim Orr 1,797

Tomorrow, November 9, at 9:00 a.m., Precincts 1 & 2 of Yankee Springs will be re-tabulated.

Motion by M. Cook with support from J. Lippert to approve payroll checks #4724-4743 for the amount of \$10,965.85. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Motion by M. Cook with support from Schwennesen to approve accounts payable checks through Nov. 9, #911771- 911817 for the total amount of \$83,618.23. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

**PCI Report:** Good building month for October.

**MTA Annual Educational Conference:** Coming January 22-25<sup>th</sup> (2013)

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer's Report approved

**CLERK'S REPORT:** by J. Lippert

**Presidential Election Results**

Accounts Payroll & Payables approved.

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Al McCrumb** thanked all who ran for office in the recent election. It was noted that election signs should be removed as of 8:00 p.m., Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> (this evening), according to YS Twp. Ordinance.

**Al Schwennesen** would like to thank everyone that has supported him for almost two years serving on the Board of Trustees. Al McCrumb added that Al Schwennesen has served for almost 20 years on the Planning Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by M. Cook with support from Jerkatis to adjourn at 8:15 PM. Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted:

Special Meeting 11-19-12 Approved

D. Mousseau  
Recording Secretary 11-10-12

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

Final Approval of Minutes: Nov, 19, 2012

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS**

**OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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