

<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, April 12, 2018</u> 7:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 N. Briggs Rd., Middleville, Michigan 49333</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES</p>	<p>FINAL MINUTES Page 1 of 11 YST Bd Trustees 4.12.18 Draft Circulated Date: 4-19-18 Approved May 10, 2018</p>
<p>Meeting called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Mark Englerth.</p> <p><u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:</u></p> <p><u>Roll Call:</u> All Present: Jansma, J. Lippert, Englerth, M. Boysen, VandenBerg.</p> <p><u>Staff Present:</u> Frank Fiala, Rich Beukema, Chuck Biggs- Constable, Ron Heilman, Sandy Marcukaitis, John Frigmanski.</p> <p><u>Visitors:</u> 12 (not including staff present). C. Yonkers of J-Ad present.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>PLEDGE ROLL CALL</p>
<p><u>ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA:</u></p> <p>Minutes of 4.5.18 (Veterans' Memorial Meeting) to be discussed when Consent Agenda is approved.</p>	<p><u>ADDITIONS/ CHANGES TO AGENDA</u></p>
<p><u>INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT HEARING:</u></p> <p>Travis Alden, President, President at Barry County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Alliance, commented regarding Herb Welz' project (Stickmann Baeckerei, Production Facility on M-179) Public Act 198- no application for abatement can be made without the property being in an established industrial development district. (Pending MDEQ grant application for \$175,000 to help with the remediation of controlling the contamination offsite which is crucial for Mr. Welz to do this project).</p> <p>Herb Welz commented that he was looking forward to the project starting and hopes that everything goes well. It was noted that it is a huge expense with lots of hurdles. H. Welz commented "I appreciate all the support and let us get going on it." Trustee VandenBerg addressed Welz, "We all appreciate your investment in the community."</p> <p><u>Motion by Jansma with second by Boysen to pass Resolution #04-01-2018 to establish Industrial Development District for Stickmann Baeckerei (Bakery) Production Facility at 11312 W. M-179.</u></p> <p><u>ROLL CALL:</u> Jansma: yes, Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Boysen: yes, VandenBerg: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0, <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u></p> <p>H. Welz noted the correct address is <u>11312</u> on W. M-179.</p> <p>Clerk Lippert noted this will be the 2nd Ind. Development District, the 1st being Middleville Tool & Die.</p> <p>Motion by J. Lippert with support from Boysen to <u>Close Public Hearing On Stickmann/Industrial Development District</u> at 7:15 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Travis Alden- President Of Barry County Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Motion to Adopt Resolution Stickmann Baeckerei (Bakery). (Industrial Development District)</p> <p>CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING</p>

WILLSON DRIVE ROAD REPAIR:

Larry Seger of Willson Drive was present to represent request for Special District Assessment (#47). It was noted every owner will be assessed only one portion of the assessment regardless of the acreage or number/portions of lots owned on Willson Drive. It was also noted that Casey McCarthy has two addresses on Willson Drive, however, he will be assessed only one portion of the assessment for road repair and replacement. Murray's Asphalt will be doing the repair work.

Motion by Englerth with support from Boysen to approve Willson Drive Special Assessment District (#47) for amount of \$14,000 at 3% interest for a five (5) year duration period. ROLL CALL: Jansma: yes, Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Boysen: yes, VandenBerg: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0, MOTION CARRIED.

The next public hearing for the Willson Dr. Road repair will be: Thursday, May 10, at 6 p.m. (Everyone will receive notice per Clerk Lippert).

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Motion for Willson Drive Spec. Assessm't District.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- **Regular Meeting: March 8th, 2018 at 7 p.m.**
- **Minutes: Work Session #3 of March 21, 2018 @ 6 PM**
- **Minutes: Special Meeting of March 26, 2018 @ 6 PM**
- **Minutes: Special Board Meeting of April 5, 2018 @ 6 PM**
- **Check Disbursement Register Check #914540 - #914579 - \$148,254.89**
- **#914580 – Veterans' Memorial - \$10,000.00**
- **Adjustment \$.03 – Chemical Bank CD #6492174864 - \$.03**
- **March Payroll Register Check #6177 - #6194 \$10,627.60**
- **February EFT Amount \$2,620.55**
- **March Receipts: All Funds \$180,904.09**
- **Transfer from Veterans' Memorial Fund to General Fund to cover Check #914580**

Regarding the minutes of 4/5/18 Veterans' Memorial meeting: Boysen commented that he had not checked with Carl Miskotten as the minutes stated. **Strike:** *Boysen had checked with Carl Miskotten-* and replace with: *Boysen would check with Carl Miskotten.*

Motion by Jansma with support from VandenBerg to approve the Consent agenda for tonight's meeting with the correction to the minutes of 4.5.18 Veterans' Mem. Meeting at fire station.

ROLL CALL: Jansma: yes, Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Boysen: yes, VandenBerg: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0, MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Limit 3 minutes)

Ron Heilman – of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) – a new chapter #139 opened in Hastings. The group would like to help with Yankee Springs Veterans' Memorial project. They ask that they be notified as to when they can help.

Jayne Spickenagle, of England Drive, commented that she would be getting paperwork to the township this week. She apologized that she didn't have it finished yet. She is trying to get all of her ducks in a row. Spickenagle commented that she will be working on it and will have it ready next month. J. Spickenagle thanked Alice Jansma for providing information.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Limit 3 minutes)

Bob Nelson, Vice President of GLPA (Gun Lake Protective Association)- received word this morning, “Jim McManus of Barry County Zoning has made a decision on the Lucas Spoor marina. The decision was “6 slips”. Clarification was made: six (6) **grandfathered**. “Six total slips-period,” noted Nelson and added, “Obviously he will appeal.”

Bill Medendorp, of Vista Point, referred to a recent article in the Sun & News. The article referred to as: “Yankee Springs Township Reviews \$52,000 in Legal Fees”. B. Medendorp asked the Board if the article was true. B. Medendorp referred to the writer of the article, Christian Yonkers, who was present at tonight’s meeting. “He wrote it. And I believe it’s true.....I want to offer to the township is- personal matters you guys ...decide that but evaluating newspaper, if you need me to read it to you guys and explain it to ya, just call me. Save a lot of money for lawyers. And Rebecca (Harvey, Professional Planner) wasn’t at the last planning meeting and they tabled everything. You waste my electric, you waste my gas to keep it warm, because nobody could make a decision. And I just thought it was kind of funny that they tabled everything, so why did you have the meeting? And the second page it was talking about people on the board. Those things, but not everybody on the board knows it. What it was said here was the board ... ‘little to work in understanding why the attorney was called in the first place for what advice was given. Vandenberg said he is interested in hearing the details of dozens of meetings which he allegedated were never disclosed to himself or the board.’ I would really like to see one thing that the community would be behind this so that the board is transparent. That if somebody got information or went to the attorney privately, the whole board should know. And I was just wondering if this is true (newspaper article). I think it is.”

Mr. Neeson, commented that he has been here (township) when there’s been a lot of turmoil on the board and, “What I’m seeing now on the board... I’m proud of you guys. You guys are actually coming together as a board. You’re talking. You’ve loosened up a lot and it just does my little ticker good. I can criticize ya but I can also praise you when you are doing well. I just want to say thank you.”

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:

Barry County Board of Commissioners – Written minutes received. A commissioner was not in attendance at tonight’s meeting.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

•**Resolution – Water Contract – Water main Specs to Board for review at 3/26/2018 Bd. Meeting (see page 3 of minutes).**

- **Adopt water main specifications recommended by Fleis & VandenBrink.**

Discussion took place. Vandenberg commented that both attorneys involved work for same firm (GLASWA & Yankee Springs) and mentioned that an agent is not a subcontractor. Jansma noted that the information was given to the Board ahead of time. Englerth noted that this discussion deserves some time and the board should have a meeting for this (separately). Boysen commented on being the least educated on the Sewer & Water Authority. Boysen mentioned having to start thinking about a Board of Public Works at some point. Boysen noted that things can get beyond the board’s expertise. Legal fees were mentioned. Englerth commented on creating a workshop to hammer things out and talk specifically about this matter.

Motion by Vandenberg with support from Boysen to table this item (Water Contract & Water Main Specs)until a future meeting –TBA- and date of meeting to be discussed- later this evening. One nay (Lippert). 4 – ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

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**ACKNOWLEDGE
MENT OF**

**VISITORS: None
(Travis Alden &
Larry Seger were
recognized earlier
in the meeting.)**

**BOARD ACTION
ITEMS**

**MOTION TO TABLE
(WATER
CONTRACT-WATER
MAIN SPECS)**

<p><u>TREASURER'S REPORT: presented by Alice Jansma, Treasurer</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 2018: Financial Statement • Barry County Bonds for Delinquent Tax Payoff Information attached. <i>(Jansma noted \$9,700,000 was billed. YS Township collected all but \$357,000 of it).</i> • GLASWA: March Report • GLASWA will schedule a Public Meeting (Hearing) to address ordinance amendment Art. IV, Section J- and Publish notice later this spring. See Pg. 2 of 3/21/2018 Board Meeting. To be put on by Sewer authority. Will be held here. <p><i>Motion by Lippert with support from Boysen to <u>accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2018 as presented.</u> All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</i></p>	<p>FINAL MINUTES Page 4 of 11 YST Bd Trustees 4.12.18 Approved May 10, 2018</p> <p>TREASURER'S REPORT: Alice Jansma, Treasurer</p>
<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT: Jan Lippert, Clerk</u></p> <p><u>Accounts Payable Invoice register \$26,216.90: Motion by Jansma with support from VandenBerg to pay \$26,216.90 (Invoice Register). ROLL CALL: Jansma: yes, Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Boysen: yes, VandenBerg: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0, MOTION CARRIED.</u></p> <p><u>Attorney Bill for 3/1/2018 to 4/5/2018 (Bauckham, Sparks, Thall, Seeber, & Kaufman, PC) \$660.68 (Itemized- General: \$520.68, Zoning Enforcement: \$120.00).</u></p> <p><u>Fire Department Response Report of March 2018</u></p> <p><u>911 March Report</u> on File in Clerk's Office.</p> <p><u>PCI March: Building Report-</u> \$680,000 added value.</p> <p><u>PCI March : Zoning Activity Report</u></p> <p><i>Jansma commented that the (Fire) Millage Renewal language will have to come from the township attorney.</i></p>	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT: Jan Lippert, Clerk</u></p>
<p><u>SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Mark Englerth</u></p> <p><u>Landsplit</u> created a non-buildable lot. A business plan is in place to move forward. Eric of PCI has notified people to make them aware of.</p> <p><u>YS Recreation and State Game Area - Clean up</u> – expect over 100 people. Flyer (orange) is available. April 21st at the YS Fire Department.</p> <p><u>Appointments (to the Planning Commission)-</u> Interviews to be scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, at the fire station at 7 p.m. (Board was aware of a PC workshop scheduled on same evening). Englerth will contact applicants. An additional meeting date may be needed for interviews. (Time limit was mentioned for the 4/18/18 interview meeting).</p> <p><u>ZBA</u> –commented that Boysen was not appointed to the ZBA without Board approval. Boysen sat on the April 10, 2018 ZBA meeting as a voting member. Englerth suggested VandenBerg and Boysen talk with each other to see what would be a better fit (ZBA or PC). Historically a trustee has served on the ZBA and the other Trustee has served on the PC 1 year term.</p>	<p><u>SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Mark Englerth</u></p>

VETERANS' MEMORIAL -Discussion of Meeting at the Fire Station - 4/5/18 (minutes of meeting approved in tonight's consent agenda).

Englerth explained that the location was discussed at the April 5, 2018 meeting. Boysen commented that he wanted to decide the location (Fire Station or Township Park) at the meeting tonight.

Boysen commented that he feels a park is the best place for the Veterans' Memorial. Boysen also commented that there's been discussion of bringing the township hall down to the corner of M-179 and Payne Lake Rd. which brings on another discussion regarding "Is there enough room?" Boysen noted that he doesn't want to violate the wishes of the Veterans either.

J. Lippert commented that she was out of State and couldn't make the meeting. She said it was decided last year: 90 votes for the Fire Station and 18 for the Park. Undecided was 0. J. Lippert mentioned that Mark Englerth had sand dumped at the fire station for the memorial placement.

Englerth commented that he really didn't care where the memorial is. Englerth commented that he wanted to set the stone before Memorial Day. Now it has been delayed. Englerth commented that the discussion of location is important.

S. Vandenberg commented on making a mistake. He has changed his mind. He mentioned that it would be difficult for viewing the Memorial with the speed of vehicles on M-179. "Let's make a fiscally better choice than we did a few months ago," commented Vandenberg. He added, "If you are dead set about having it at the fire barn. Let's take some trees down by the water utility building and put it (Veterans' Memorial) over there. I would prefer the Park. We have acres (at the park)." Vandenberg commented that if there's a fire call there could be issues at that point also.

Jansma commented "It's the first I've heard that the township hall is going to be at the corner of M-179 and Payne Lake Rd. We have plans and it was approved in 2012 (Twp. Hall remodel at current location)."

Boysen commented that at this point it's just talk about moving the township hall near the fire station.

J. Lippert commented at the beginning (of project) of wanting the Memorial at the park. "And so did Greg Purcell," added Lippert. Lippert commented on the park being a quiet, somber setting for the memorial. J. Lippert commented, "That being said, we have to have it somewhere where we can honor our Veterans...Mark and I did vote "NO" for the fire station (previously)." J. Lippert commented that she reviewed Veterans' Memorial meeting minutes to obtain this information.

Vandenberg motioned that the Veterans' Memorial location be moved from the Fire Station to the Park. (There was no support for this motion).

PUBLIC COMMENT: *(M. Englerth commented that the board will allow the public to weigh in on this – with a 3 minute limit).*

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Sandy Marcukaitis, commended M. Boysen on saying that he didn't know all of the history regarding the Veterans' Memorial. S. Marcukaitis on commented that she didn't know of the 18 hour meeting notice for the April 5th meeting regarding the Veterans Memorial. She commented, "I just don't know how you can change the scope of stuff ..." She commented that no one could have known about the 18 hour meeting notice unless they came to the township office. "Since 2013, the plans have always been there. If you look back through the notes that you can print off the computer, the vote has always been there (Memorial at the Fire Station). The people spoke. The veterans spoke... I can show you here in the minutes where the veterans themselves have wanted it visible. They wanted it on that corner. I get the traffic and that. But if I look at Hastings, Tyden Park, it's right there on 43. (A park on 43)... I can tell you personally, that as a taxpayer, if you vote to move that, because of knowing the knowledge that there was an open house held, people showed up, Pat Krepel baked cookies, all this other stuff. I will go to the paper with it." S. Marcukaitis commented that she could hand the whole stack of papers (meeting minutes, etc.) to the newspaper reporter, Christian Yonkers, in attendance at the meeting. S. Marcukaitis commented, "I just don't think it's fair in 18 hours, that you are going to change what's been going on since 2012 when people started that memorial."

M. Boysen commented, "Just to be clear, it wasn't a meeting to change it (Veterans Memorial location), it was just to put a stake in the ground." Boysen commented that he wanted to be clear that they were making a good decision.

S. Marcukatis also noted that the April 5 meeting minutes said that the meeting to discuss the meeting of April 5th, would be held at 6:30 (this evening) and it was held at 6:00 p.m.

David Neeson commented that personally if it is set on M - 179 more people would see it driving by. He didn't feel he had to stop and physically go to it. Neeson also noted that in a park the parents would not necessarily take kids to see it. They would be more interested in the goings on at the park. "Personally just driving by every day and looking at the memorial, saying, 'Hey these guys really do care', I think you get more exposure on 179, but you guys all have got good valid points."

Bill Medendorp asked the board, "Are you going to control it (Memorial at Fire Station) as a picnic area? And then you've got emergencies..." B. Medendorp commented regarding emergency vehicle lights flashing and the vehicles trying to get out of the parking/picnic area with blankets down (for picnics)...They are all parked in the area where you didn't designate it for them. I just think it could be a nightmare eventually," added B. Medendorp. Also commented about people parking down at the end of Vista Point going into the park.

Boysen commented, on the points that were brought out- all being valid, "We've got to honor what the community wants."

J. Frigmanski commented on talking about planning and mentioning moving the hall, "someday". "Something is going to have to happen to this place. Has anybody ever thought about sketching in that lot out there to see where this memorial fits best? It may fit best next to the fire barn as a separation between it and the building. Has anybody thought about anything like that? Hire an architect, how many square feet you got? How many square feet do you want build? How much parking...."

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SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: cont'd (PUBLIC COMMENT regarding VETERANS' MEMORIAL cont'd)

Boysen commented "It's interesting that you bring that up because it's exactly where it is going to go. Let's honor what the community wants, but let's be a lot more flexible about that property."

VandenBerg – commented on possibly moving it over more to the shaded areas by the water utility barn, and mentioned that it wouldn't be a hazard to traffic over in that area.

Englerth commented that he had brought that up (Shane's alternate location suggestion-with a back drop of trees) previously, but it was shot down.

Motion by Boysen with support from VandenBerg to keep the Veterans' Memorial at or near the fire barn, but to deliberate the place as noted by Mr. Frigmanski to be revisited. ROLL CALL: Jansma: yes, Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Boysen: yes, VandenBerg: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0, MOTION CARRIED.

(Meeting date determined later in minutes - Saturday, April 28, at the Fire Station at 9:00 a.m.)

Sandy Marcukaitis commented, to keep in mind that Mr. Don Williamson had two trees planted, where they are (now), on his design.

Englerth commented that too many times the meetings have gotten out of control by letting others speak. Englerth commented that people have to be courteous and respectful. If a person wants to be recognized, they have to ask the chair.

Englerth noted that a **Dinner/Fundraiser will be held at the Barry County Fairgrounds for Disabled Veterans, Sat., April 28, at 6 p.m.**

Attorney Bills:

Englerth commented on an issue with code enforcement and an attorney bill that resulted because of it. Englerth commented on the need for a gatekeeper to the attorney (bills).

Motion by Englerth with support from VandenBerg to have calls to the attorney approved by the supervisor. If the supervisor tells an individual "No", the individual can go to the Board for permission. ROLL CALL: VandenBerg: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Jansma: Yes, Englerth: Yes, and Boysen: Yes. Yes: 5, No: 0, MOTION CARRIED.

Future Meeting involving Sewer pump amendment: Englerth commented on the Board tabling a meeting regarding sewer pumps –ownership. Jansma commented that it was a GLASWA ordinance that was involved. Jansma clarified the Sewer (GLASWA) will run the meeting since it's their ordinance, but the meeting will be held at the YS Township Hall. All other townships involved have approved the amendment. Englerth confirmed that it would be a joint meeting.

Recycling container - Englerth commented on a credit for the purchase of a recycling bin and asked for authority to negotiate a deal with the company to use the credit for the purchase of a cardboard recycling bin. \$3,500 was the requested amount by Englerth. Englerth also commented on applying for a grant to be used for the recycling bin.

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MOTION to Keep Vet. Memorial at Fire Station

MOTION to have CALLS to Attorney go through Supervisor.

<p>SUPERVISOR'S REPORT cont'd:</p> <p><i>Motion by Jansma with support by Boysen to allow \$3,500 for Englerth to acquire a cardboard recycling bin using credit of \$3,280. Roll Call: Englerth: Yes, Boysen: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes, Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Yes. All Yes (5). No (0). MOTION CARRIED.</i></p> <p>LED Sign at M-179 and Payne Lake Rd.: Englerth commented that the GLPA (Gun Lake Protective Association) would like LED sign to notify Gun Lake residents of dues (being "due").</p> <p><i>Motion by Englerth with support from Lippert to allow GLPA Dues notification on LED sign near Fire Station. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</i></p> <p>Jansma commented that there should be a policy regarding sign postings.</p> <p>Inquiry on Closed session with attorney opened to public: A break was taken to allow Clerk to obtain date regarding the closed session involved in the inquiry.</p>	<p>FINAL MINUTES Page 8 of 11 YST Bd Trustees 4.12.18 Approved May 10, 2018</p> <p>MOTION \$3500 toward Recycling Bin (cardboard)</p> <p>MOTION- LED Sign Message</p> <p>BREAK</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">BREAK 8:46 p.m. Resume: 9:03 p.m.</p>	
<p>After the break discussion occurred regarding: Sealed minutes of closed sessions, and if minutes that have been sealed (for a year a day) can be opened for public view.</p> <p>Lippert noted Closed session minutes of 2/19/18 were signed, approved and sealed at meeting of 3/26/18. Jan Lippert reviewed the minutes regarding Boysen's request of opening up the (Closed Session) minutes for discussion in some point of the future.</p> <p>Englerth will give Catherine Kaufman (YS Attorney) a call and get an answer regarding if the board is allowed to review the sealed closed session minutes of a prior meeting.</p> <p>FOIA – One request came in. M. Englerth said the requesting individual was happy and signed off receipt of FOIA.</p>	
<p><u>PLANNING COMMISSION – Greg Purcell, Chairman – Presented by Frank Fiala</u></p> <p>F. Fiala presented a request for special meeting on Wednesday, April 18th (prior to the Regular PC meeting on April 19th), to talk about the Master Plan. The 7 p.m. meeting is to be properly noticed for Wednesday, April 18.</p> <p><i>Motion by Jansma with support from Lippert to allow Planning Commission to have special meeting to work on Master Plan. ROLL CALL: Jansma: yes, Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Boysen: yes, VandenBerg: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0, MOTION CARRIED.</i></p> <p>Capital Improvement Plan – needs to be done in accordance with the Zoning Enabling Act. The next step would be a joint meeting to discuss the CIP. It was determined that meeting will be:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May 8th – JOINT meeting – Tuesday, at 7 p.m. (to go over CIP)- "CIP Presentation".</p>	<p>PLANNING COMMISSION Presented by Frank Fiala</p> <p>MOTION for PC Master Plan Workshop</p>

Other Meetings- Scheduled this evening:

Board Appointments/Date for interviews: April 19th at Fire Station (Thursday) at 7 p.m.

There may have to be an additional meeting - per M. Englerth.

(Board was aware that Regular PC meeting is scheduled at same time on April 19th at the Township Hall).

Date for determination of location of Veteran’s Memorial at the Fire Station: April 28th, Saturday, at 9 a.m. *Meeting to be held at the Fire Station.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS/ BOARD COMMENT:

Ron Heilman inquired as to who is the person that calls the Professional Planner and requests the planner to attend ZBA meetings.

Frank Fiala commented, only speaking for the PC, that the Planner is needed at the Planning Commission meetings because of the items the PC is dealing with.

Further discussion took place.

M. Boysen felt the instruction of R. Harvey was well done and very helpful (referring to ZBA meeting of April 10, 2018).

F. Fiala suggested as a possible remedy to have the Supervisor contact the Planner for her consultation at PC or ZBA meetings. The Chair of the PC or ZBA must contact M. Englerth to contact the planner and request the planner’s attendance.

Jansma commented that these communications be emailed to those involved, and then there will also be a chain of reference and record of it (request).

ZBA Report- given by Ron Heilman, ZBA Secretary

Referring to the most recent meeting of April 10, 2018: R. Heilman noted that at they meeting – they (the ZBA) didn’t even know Mike Boysen would be coming on the ZBA. Englerth interjected that the Board didn’t know this either. Heilman commented that M. Boysen did a great job.

1st request acted on was a Turner Lake Request - a variance for a roadfront and sideyard setback. The property had an abandoned cul-de-sac. The parcel was split by neighbors. R. Heilman commented an error by a past Zoning Administrator giving approval to build on the cul-de-sac which was illegal because it was a cul-de-sac still on record. The applicants had taken and ran a electric and gas line on the other side. A tree was cut down. They were going to put their building up and then our ZA now told them they couldn’t do it. The residents now have a limited area to build so it became a very unique situation and one that Heilman thought the township had a little responsibility for because they had already cut the tree down. Both variance requests were granted.

2nd Request addressed was for a triangular shaped lot on Parker Dr. They needed a roadfront setback variance for a corner of their house and one of their outbuildings. The ZBA passed the request to go ahead and have the setback but it was modified not giving as much as they wanted, there was an 11 foot variance given. J. Lippert asked if the applicant was the owner.

**ZBA Report-
given by Ron
Heilman, ZBA
Secretary**

Heilman clarified that the applicant was the person in process of buying the property.

The last request addressed was a parcel on England Drive requesting a sideyard setback so they could have a carport teardown and put a regular garage in. Heilman commented that there were other options that they could have done to stay within compliance of the ordinance, so the ZBA denied it.

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NEW/OLD BUSINESS/ BOARD COMMENT:

A. Jansma commented she will have budget amendment information for May Board Meeting.

Filing Petitions- to fill remaining 2 year term of R. Rottschafer position- due April 24.

Presently the position is filled by appointment of Michael Boysen.

S. VandenBerg commented that the Board stripped M. Englerth of his seat on the Gun Lake Sewer and Water Board by a 3-2 vote and that he (VandenBerg) was going to attempt to make things right by making the following motion:

MOTION by VandenBerg with support from Boysen to reinstate Supervisor Englerth as YS Township Representative on the GLASWA Board. Roll Call: VandenBerg: Yes, Jansma: Abstained (because motion involves Jansma), Lippert: No, Englerth: Yes, Boysen: Yes. Yes: 3, Abstained: 1, No: 1. MOTION CARRIED. (The following discussion occurred before support was given and the roll call vote).

M. Boysen commented "This will fall on me. ... I tend to believe it was unjust because I've asked a lot of people, if they could give me a compelling reason "why", and I've never heard a reason that was compelling; that was even close to being right. And I've come to a conclusion that it was based on just personal matters. And maybe it's some vendettas. I really don't know the whole back story. But what I am a fan of is democracy and I like it when people get elected for their position and they enjoy what is customary in their position. And to take some of those customary roles and duties away, that's not democracy. That's just a power grab. And that's kind of the way I looked at it. It just felt like a little bit of a power takeover because I could not, and nobody gave me, a good reason why this happened. I wished somebody would, but they didn't. So I'm going to second it on that ground. And I want to be clear, Alice (Jansma), this has nothing to do with you. Because I think you are probably doing a fine job. It doesn't really matter to me, if you're on the board or Mark's on the board. But it's a customary role. And to take somebody's customary role away without a good reason, it's a dangerous precedent for the community to do that. Because if we start doing that then what's going to happen to the next Supervisor? If we decide all of a sudden if we get a quorum together that we don't like what he's doing, then we just strip him from roles. The way to deal with this is through elections. That's the way it's done or through recall. This smells bad. This doesn't smell like democracy at all. That's my take on it and I'll second it."

J. Lippert commented "I was not asked by you (M. Boysen). I know what happened. So does Larry Knowles know what happened. That's all I'm going to say."

M. Boysen commented, "I asked Larry Knowles. Not a good reason."

**NEW/OLD
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J. Lippert commented that a confidential memo was distributed to board members four days before the February 8th meeting. Only the five members had the memo. That following morning, on February 9th, J. Lippert got a call requesting a FOIA request for that same information. J. Lippert commented, “On February 15, worksession meeting, motion made by J. Lippert with support from Jansma, to take the 6 page confidential memo, attorney client memo, dated February 5th, distributed at February 8th Board meeting out of private and make it published to the public. And therefore made it a matter of public record, public view.”

Lippert also commented that she has **petitions for the trustee position**. Must be filed before April 24.

Shredder will be at township on Wednesday, May 2nd per A. Jansma .

Household Waste Collection at Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 5th, at 9 am – 1 p.m.

RE: YS Clean up Day on April 21st. M. Englerth asked for confirmation that the township will assist with recycling dumpster – a \$750 “piece”. Lippert recalled that she thought the board approved it at the last meeting.

M. Englerth commented the board has been thru some very hard struggles. “I have nothing more than respect and admiration for Alice. It is not any animosity for Alice. ...We’ve had a very hard go at GLASWA. We’ve come a long ways, and we will continue to do so,” commented Englerth.

ADJOURNMENT

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Motion by Boysen with support from Englerth to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Approved by all. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted:
Deb Mousseau
Recording Secretary 4.12.18

Date Board Approval May 10, 2018

Approved: jcl draft Circulated date of April 19th, 2018 ____
Janice C. Lippert, Township Clerk