

<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, July 13, 2017</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 25 YST Bd Trustees 7/13/17 Distributed 7-20-17 JCL Approved Aug. 10, '17 With amendment p.16 (Jansma Seconded motion)</p>
<p>Meeting called to order at approximately 7:01 p.m. by Supervisor Mark Englerth.</p> <p><u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:</u></p> <p><u>Roll Call:</u> J. Lippert, Englerth, Rottschafer, VandenBerg, A. Jansma.</p> <p><u>Staff Present:</u> Larry Knowles, Cathy Strickland, Frank Fiala, Chuck Biggs-Constable, Rich Beukema, Greg Purcell, Paul Heystek, Dave VanHouten, Todd Delamar, Ron Heilman, Michael Maring-Code Enforcement Officer.</p> <p><u>Visitors:</u> 94 - per M. Maring- (not including Board Members). C. Yonkers was also present from J-Ad.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>PLEDGE ROLL CALL</p>
<p><u>ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CORRECTIONS</u> <p><u>Additions to the Agenda as announced by Clerk:</u></p> <p><u>Item No. 11 Trustee Rottschafer's Report</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Letter Attachment to Resolution Establishing Certain Policies and Procedures For the Township Board to Improve the Operation of the Township and Board Relations b) Resolution Establishing a Yankee Springs Water Utility Board <p><u>Item No. 12 Supervisor Report</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Board of Review date July 19, 2017 <p><u>Item No. 13 Zoning Administrator's Report</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Revised Report June Complaints <p><u>Item No. 14 Planning Commission Chairman Greg Purcell</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Memorandum Report for June 	<p><u>ADDITIONS/ CHANGES TO AGENDA</u></p>
<p><u>Resolution Requesting Action & Report from Barry County Regarding Zoning Enforcement For a Marina located at 11925 Marsh Road</u> (under Trustee Rottschafer's Report) <i>was moved to the top of the agenda.</i></p> <p><u>Staff Report: Barry County's Zoning Regarding Marinas on Gun Lake – Powerpoint presentation-</u> Larry Knowles, Yankee Springs Zoning Administrator, was requested by Roger Rottschafer to provide a powerpoint presentation regarding Barry County's zoning regarding marinas on Gun Lake.</p>	<p><i>Moved to the top of the agenda:</i></p> <p><u>Resolution Requesting Action & Report from Barry County Regarding Zoning Enforcement For a Marina located at 11925 Marsh Road</u></p>
<p>Larry Knowles, Yankee Springs Zoning Administrator, at the end of the</p>	

presentation stated, "Simply put, I can't find anything in their ordinance (Barry County's) allowing the new marina. If the resolution is passed, I would like to think that we could sit down with Barry County and work together to find out what is going on, and maybe they could explain to me how this came to be, because I wasn't in the middle of it. I have no idea what they (Barry County) were privy to."

Vivian Conner, Barry County Commissioner – commented that the county is well aware of the marina. She has spoke two or three times with Jim McManus, Barry County Zoning. The county is waiting for the State of Michigan to make their final decision. Ben Geiger, Chair of the Barry County Board of Commissioners wrote a letter to V. Conner today. Conner read Geiger's letter to the audience. The letter mentioned that the county has spent a lot of time on this particular property over the past few months. The DEQ has to have a decision made by July 21, 2017 and this is what the county is waiting for according to V. Conner.

Mark Englerth commented on contacting Mr. Jim McManus, of Barry County Zoning, as well, regarding Mr. McManus' stance on this matter and not responding to the questions of the general public. Noting that 2/3 rds of Gun Lake is in Yankee Springs Township, Englerth stated "Whatever happens in Orangeville Township, happens in Yankee Springs. We share that together even though you've got two different government entities." Englerth also commented on the Gun Lake Overlay District that the Yankee Springs Planning Commission worked on in the past. "Mr. McManus said that he was very reluctant to comment because of the rules of ethics, through the AICP code, which is basically what the zoning administrators follow; that until a request is in front of them, they cannot start acting on it. They cannot make a decision. They cannot be biased. They have to remain neutral, and no different than if one of you people were thinking of buying a piece of property and building whatever on it, prior to your request to the government, they cannot take a position of being aggressive or going against it. This is a very awkward, very tough piece. We're all emotional; we're all passionate. Yankee Springs is supporting of the greater good of the township and the greater Gun Lake Area (other YS Twp. lakes were named). So, to make this resolution and it is not within the scope of Yankee Springs Township, we certainly have an interest as it says we voiced that interest in April that we had a concern that the county was aware of that."

Roger Rottschafer read the **Resolution Requesting Action and a Report from Barry County Regarding Zoning Enforcement for A Marina located at 11925 Marsh Road.**

Mr. Lucas Spoor, Owner of The Landing Marina was offered the floor to make comment on this matter. Mr. Spoor stated he did his due diligence by calling Jim McManus when he had first purchased his property. He was told he needed a soil erosion permit. That was all that was needed according to L. Spoor. Spoor commented that it was obvious that everyone knew they were building a

marina. "Not knowing is difficult when you do all the right things and do your due diligence before you start anything," stated Spoor. Spoor also commented that he almost felt like something was neglected to be said. "I'm not sure if people thought I was going to build a marina or not. But once I applied for the permits, I think everyone knew what we're doing. It wasn't until today, after I was already permitted for a marina last year, that there is an ordinance nobody made me aware of after I asked all the questions of what permits I needed. You can talk to me or any of the organizations that supply permits. I've asked every single one of them, 'What do I need from you?' I am not a business owner that asks for forgiveness. I ask for permission. And that's what I did on everything," commented Spoor. "I will agree with Larry (Knowles) on one thing. It is not grandfathered in. There was no marina with 20 slips there before," stated Spoor. Spoor referred to Doug Vickery owning the property before Spoor did. Spoor noted previous owners before Vickery as well. L. Spoor distributed and read his press release: YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP TRIES TO SHUT DOWN MARINAS OUTSIDE OF THEIR JURISDICITON. (Please see ATTACHMENT).

Mr. Spoor read in his press release that the GLPA has spent \$9,090.55 on attorney fees to fight the expansion of The Landing Marina, **an unidentified person in the audience** commented "Money well spent." Applause followed this comment.

Mick Lane, Russell Drive- felt that Mr. Spoor based his actions of due diligence on a false premise. Lane noted L. Knowles as doing due diligence by basing his findings on the ordinance. Regarding the GLPA (Gun Lake Protective Association), Lane felt they were acting with his best interest. Lane also noted a previous accident with a little girl on a jet ski. Lane commented that tonight's issue wasn't about knocking off good business. Lane also commented, "... You (Spoor) just got done saying, I'm glad you got it in the records, that you didn't have any 20 slots."

Ron Knol- of Marsh Rd, commented that he lives next door. Knol commented that he never heard about the permit to open a marina last year. "If you think you're going to put Matteson marina out of business, think again. How about that grandfather thing guys...He's (referring to Spoor) trying to do something that hasn't been done...He wants to put 54 boats out in front of that place? That's insane.....It's ridiculous. Stick with your 20 boats, or better shut up."

Jeff Garrett, of Valley Dr., commented that he and a relative use to put the dock in for Mr. Vickery. Garrett commented that there were 8 boats total and 4 paddle boats he (Vickery) rented. "There was no 20 boats out there.... There were no boats out there all night. They got their pizzas and they left (Southside Pizza)," added J. Garrett.

Mark Englerth commented that Orangeville has not been approached with any resolution. This was verified by Vivian Conner.

Roger Rottschafer commented that this was a resolution to Barry County to deal with their zoning issue. "I'm not picking on Mr. Spoor. This has been requested by residents of Gun Lake. That's all I'm doing. This was not sent to me by the Gun Lake Protective Association. I was out on Gun Lake last

weekend and I saw what was going on out there. I've had people ask me to do this.... This is about Barry County ... they need to rule on this thing because it's improper zoning," commented Rottschafer. Rottschafer pointed out that there was a motion with a support on the floor.

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Further Board comment was called for by Englerth:

POINT OF ORDER

Shane VandenBerg, Trustee commented "I voted the way I did (on April resolution) because I didn't think it was fair. He had half a day to prepare for this meeting. I don't think that was reasonable either. I wish things were a little more in the open."

Additional Public comment:

An unidentified Resident asked "What is considered a "marina"?"

Mark Englerth commented that he wasn't a lawyer and unfortunately he couldn't explain it. Englerth also commented that he believed that Barry County will do their due diligence on this. They are still waiting for the state to make its decision. "Even though Yankee Springs is very passionate and wants to do the right thing, and I think everybody here does, this is outside the scope. We've already commented on it, and we don't have the tradition, the knowledge or really the right. I'm not going to start doing the sheriff's job for him either or the marine patrol. As much as we would like to have all the answers, we may or may not have them. I'm sorry this is very unorthodox on how to handle a resolution. It is very unusual that 50 to 60 people show up at a township meeting," commented Englerth.

Mick Lane, Resident, commented on a motion and second being on the floor.

Englerth as a last comment, commented about talking on the fatality that happened on Gun Lake a week ago. "For the respect of that family, that mother, and that wife, we can all jump into this argument and have a lot of fun, but I just don't think that's right."

POINT OF ORDER

Motion by Rottschafer with support from Jansma to approve the Resolution Requesting Action and a Report from Barry County Regarding Zoning Enforcement for a Marina located at 11925 Marsh Road. ROLL CALL: Jansma: yes, Lippert: yes, Englerth: no, Rottschafer: yes, VandenBerg: no. Yes: 3, No: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to approve the Resolution Requesting Action and a Report from Barry Cty. Regarding Zoning Enforcement for a Marina located at 11925 Marsh Road.

Vivian Conner commented that Larry Knowles, Zoning Administrator, had the ordinance definition of what a marina is.

Break at 7:43 p.m. Resume at 7:54 pm

BREAK

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

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- **Minutes: June 8th, 2017/ Special Mtg. Special Assessment Dist. No. 46**

- **Minutes Special Meeting June 8th, 2017 Regular Board Meeting; Special Meeting June 10th, 2017- Information Meeting Veterans Memorial Location**
- **Special Meeting Budget Work Session #2 – 6-19-17 - 8 a.m. – approved 6-21-17**
- **Special Meeting Public Hearing Proposed 2017-2018 Budget Adoption 6-21-17**
- **June 30th, 2017 Payroll Net Amount \$12,982.84. Check #s 5921 through 5942 (Checks #5904 through 5920 Void due to printer error). EFT Amount April \$3, 060.70 – EFT Amount May \$3,312.54**
- **June Accounts Payable Checks #914163 through #914191 Grand Total Amount \$57,681.01**
- **June Receipt Distribution**

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Motion by Rottschafer with support from VandenBerg to approve the Consent agenda for tonight’s meeting as presented. ROLL CALL: Jansma: yes, Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafer: yes, VandenBerg: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Consent Agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Limit 3 minutes)

Jayne Spickenagle, England Drive – commented on reading one paragraph that she felt was really bad in the Sun & News. J. Spickenagle commented “I felt so bad living in Yankee Springs that this is how the board is treated.” J. Spickenagle told the audience of how helpful M. Englerth had been to her. “To read stuff like this is ridiculous,” stated Spickenagle.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Limit 3 minutes)
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David Neeson- owner of property in Yankee Springs, read a prepared statement supporting Englerth’s work in the township. Neeson noted that now the Clerk and Treasurer now have added responsibilities with this resolution. Neeson asked if the Treasurer, who has a busy job already, would be sent to do the Supervisor’s job. Neeson urged the board to quit trying to “reinvent the wheel”. Mr. Neeson spoke that now “all is well” of Englerth’s efforts with the DNR and Road Commission. Neeson commented that he has asked Trustee Rottschafer for a more history or proof of accusations regarding Mark and that he (Neeson) had not received it. Neeson urged the board to work through issues and not to limit each other’s power just because they disagree.

Bill Medendorp, Vista Point - commented that he wanted to thank Mark Englerth for helping him with several issues he has dealt with in owning his land for 47 years. B. Medendorp noted mapping issues, and sewer issues that he has had. Medendorp ended his comment by saying to Mark, “I want to thank you for all you’ve done for me. At least you let me know what was going on in the community and I know why Barry County and Hastings treat me like they do. I want to thank you.” There was some audience applause.

Casey Flietstra, Archwood Dr., commented that he grew up with Mark. Flietstra commented that Mark loves the area that he lives in and serves with honesty and integrity. C. Flietstra credited Mark as a first responder who saved his daughter’s life in a car accident.

Jeff Garrett, Valley Drive also appreciates having Mark in the community. J. Garrett commented on Mark spearheading the work on the fire station and the channel that Garrett lives on. Garrett referred to M. Englerth as a renegade, and that is why he probably voted for Mark.

Mick Lane, Russell Drive – referring to previous comments made regarding M. Englerth, commented “I appreciate everybody that’s obviously come for the Mark Englerth Fan Club.” Lane commented on knowing the job of a supervisor and seeing dissent which means teamwork isn’t practiced. Lane said he’d like to hear some substance (referring to Mark). Lane commented that “We’ve got dissent in the office that is not good for the township.” Lane asked “Instead of this ‘happy joy club’, can we have a discussion of what’s going on here?”

Ron Heilman, Johnson Drive– commented, “I’ve always called Mark ‘my 50-50 man.’ I don’t always agree with everything he does. But I can stand here for probably a half hour and tell you things that he has done which are not a supervisor’s job...(Heilman noted work done by Englerth at the cemetery, cleaning up the township, recycling, the dam down in Orangeville,...). I’d like to hear some substance on what he’s done wrong, because I can give you 1000 things of what he’s done right.”

A resident on Pine Meadows commented on using the township recycling bin to recycle his trash. This resident said he got a 20 minute seminar from a guy (M. Englerth) regarding trash. “He was really passionate,” commented the YS resident. He felt that if Mark cared this much about trash, then he really cared about Yankee Springs.

Dave VanHouten, ZBA member, commented “I think you (Mark) have a great heart...and I really like you. All I have heard is because these people have confusion, doesn’t that speak to what some of the problems are? The lack of communication; the inability to set priorities. We had our wish list.... So we’re not setting, ‘You’re in charge of this. I want to see this by this date.’ Not being able to move things along. I think that is causing some of the frustration to those on the board. That’s my observation and my frustration.”

Robert Lippert, of Park Dr., commented “Mark, I agree with a lot of what has been said here. There is an element of trust and confidence in your judgement that is really at issue. I wish I didn’t have to bring it up but you were arrested, tried and convicted for cruelty to animals... You appear almost every year on delinquent tax lists and that costs the taxpayers who knows how much money over the years... All this stuff is going on and maybe that erodes some of the confidence people have in your judgment.”

M. Englerth commented that he hoped that a lot of these issues would be addressed in the meeting tonight and that if they weren’t, Mark would be available to talk after the meeting.

Shane VandenBerg – asked Englerth if it would it be possible for the people

present, so they wouldn't have to wait 45 minutes or an hour, if Roger Rottschafer could proceed and answer questions the audience may have.

Consensus was asked by Englerth for Rottschafer to speak to the issue. Board consent was given.

Roger Rottschafer – commented that Mark wanted him to list everything (issues), “I met with Christian (J-ad Reporter), Larry (Knowles) and Greg (Purcell) last week and I said I wasn't going to do that. We're trying to go forward here. My biggest problem is how you treat the other entities. I know all you people seem to think that everything is just honky dorey. There is a major problem. If you talk to anybody at the DNR right now, they won't have anything to do with Yankee Springs because of Mark Englerth. I spent a year project that he (Englerth) wanted me to work on – on the trails and after a year working on it, he was so mad at the DNR, he said “No I don't want anything to do with it. That's after a year of my work on it. The Fire Station, he was taking on Dave Middleton and supervisor of Middleville and Thornapple to the point I finally stepped in and told him I'd take lead on the fire station. So what did I find out when I get into the fire station is no one would work at the fire station, if Mark Englerth had anything to do with the fire station. So then we had to do a resolution to keep Mark away from the fire station. Now if you want me to keep going, Mark, I will. I am not here to spread the manure. (M. Englerth urged Rottschafer to continue). I want to go forward. What I want to work on is this stuff up there (Rottschafer pointed to the Wish List on the whiteboard). I don't want to work on trails issues, I don't want to work on stuff that's the DNR's problem with the shooting ranges. I don't want to give the Road Commission \$100,000 of our money only to turn around and have him (Englerth) take on the Road Commission and cost almost \$10,000 in attorney fees to go figure out what trails were opened and closed and when. What I want to work on is the stuff that pertains to Yankee Springs. All those lists there (Wish List), I don't want to spend another 4 years of my life and not accomplishing anything. We had two people get off of the board because nothing was being accomplished and all it was is fighting. If he wants to be supervisor, do the supervisor's job.

COMMENT by R. Rottschafer, continued:

This township manager thing. There's no intentions on my part to get a township manager. What I was trying to do is get somebody to walk it through, continuing to get this stuff (wish list) here done. This stuff here has been on that board since winter. You know what I get told this week by the ladies in office? He wants to work on putting underground sprinkling in at the fire station. Do you see that on the board, anybody? That's my problem here. I'm sick of spinning my wheels here. I want him to lead this thing as a supervisor and do what a supervisor is supposed to be doing. That's the job here. Not going out and...He goes to England Point just before the elections, and says “Hey, don't you want to get your road resurfaced? So now we get a special assessment we have to do for England Point. You know how many more private roads we have in this township? How about if they all come to us at once and say, ‘Hey, you know you guys did it for England Point, you need to do it for me!’ ” (A woman in the audience interrupted

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BOARD COMMENT

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and said, "He didn't do it for England Point."). Rottschafer responded, "Ma'am, I'm speaking here. You wanted to hear it." Rottschafer referenced Englerth tackling the Hastings city manager that could be found in The Banner. Rottschafer continued, "I'm not here to beat up Mark. I like Mark. Mark actually got me into this thing because he wanted help with the fire station and working on things in this township. I've yet to have stuff on that board (on wall) that needs to be addressed that's important stuff, that gets addressed. That's all I'm asking for. At this point Englerth asked Rottschafer, "Is there anything else?" Rottschafer replied, "I've got plenty here, but I'm not going to say it. I'm done. I'm done. If you (Englerth) would be the supervisor, and do the supervisor's job, none of this stuff would be going on. It's plain and simple, and the rest of the board feels the same way."

Englerth replied, "The rest of the board does? You're speaking for the board?"

Rottschafer replied, "Not for you (Englerth) and him (VandenBerg). No." Rottschafer addressed the audience, "How many of you came tonight because you were told that this township manager's job that Greg Purcell is putting together that's going to pay \$75,000 a year and that Greg Purcell might even be going for it?" (**A resident, Mick Lane**, in the audience commented "I got told that by Shane".) "That's the problem that's going on here. That's a flat out lie by Shane to try to stir up controversy in this township... That's my problem here with this whole township board thing. You say it's teamwork. There's not a team in this thing. When he (Englerth) was up for election, he sent out a letter to everybody that he did everything in this township. And the rest of the people hadn't done a thing in this township. I got people telling Mick (Lane) that I go to Florida, I don't do anything all winter long and I vote by proxy. #1- I don't vote by proxy, I'm on the phone."

Dan O'Brien, of Meadow Drive, commented, "How is that any better? Four months out of the year, you're not even representing."

Rottschafer replied, I'm working down there. I'm doing more work than this guy here (Englerth) and this guy (VandenBerg) together.

Dan O'Brien commented "You're pointing fingers. That's all you're doing. You're pointing fingers."

Rottschafer replied "If you want to get rid of me, try. Go ahead, okay. But I'm telling you right now, I only want what's best for Yankee Springs and the people that voted me into this job."

An audience member asked Rottschafer, "Then why are you not here four months out of the year then?"

Rottschafer replied "I'm consulting. My consulting requires me to go do that. Just like if Shane got asked to go build a house down in Florida. You think he wouldn't go?"

Shane Vandenberg commented, "Probably not."

Dan O'Brien commented "Is that fair to your constituents?"

Rottschafer replied, "I'm still doing my work, Son."

Shane Vandenberg commented, "What? Are you kidding me?"

Rottschafer commented, "He is a lot younger than I am."

Vandenberg commented, "Oh God."

A few audience members commented that there was no problem with the previous comment (referring to Rottschafer calling Dan O'Brien, "Son").

Englerth commented, "Excuse me, but one person at a time."

Rottschafer commented "Enough with this thing. As far as I'm concerned if you want to go forward with the Board Action items, and the Treasurer's Report, and continue here, but I've said all I want to say about Mark Englerth. I just want him to be the supervisor, do the supervisor's job which I can give anybody they want to as many copies of what the supervisor's job here. I haven't yanked anything. The board hasn't yanked anything away from him as to what he can do. As goes for the report, Greg (Purcell) is going to give a report on what this committee is going to recommend to the township board and that's how it was supposed to go. And I told Christian and everybody that I wasn't going to get into this, what Mark... problem is Mark wanted me to do this. That's the only reason why it came up."

Englerth asked if Rottschafer was done speaking in addressing these issues.

Rottschafer commented, "I'm done."

Mark Englerth commented "Ok. We're going to go by one by one."

Roger Rottschafer asked Mark Englerth to wait and asked what he (Mark) said on the night of the resolution (in April) in limiting what Englerth could do. "What did you tell me, sitting next to me here?" asked Rottschafer. Englerth didn't remember. "You told me the reason that you're doing it is because these people have all done me (Englerth) wrong and I am getting back at them."

Englerth commented that he didn't remember saying that.

Rottschafer commented "I know you don't (remember), but that's what you told me."

Mark Englerth commented, "I'm the only elected official that has his cell phone number on the township website. You can call me 24/7. Well let's not after 11 'til 7 in the morning."

Englerth commented on the DNR (by S & S Market) had a skeet range. "Twenty five years ago the Moose required property east of Hastings and abandoned the gun range... It doesn't meet any of the standards of the gun range.... There's no

oversight, there's no management. But that's okay. But what's not okay is when I was a Commissioner... when residents come to me and have bullet holes in the back your home." Englerth talked about tannerite going off at one in the morning waking up kids. Englerth continued, "And we've worked with the DNR and you know yeah there's been some pushing and some shoving, but you go out there tomorrow morning and I challenge any one of you and talk to the manager of the Barry State Game Area and ask him if we don't have a positive relationship; that we don't have the same goals. And if he didn't have people over top of him, and I shouldn't even say this because I don't want to get him in any trouble with his employers. But this has been an eight year old, ten year old project. Probably 30 years ago we shouldn't have allowed for subdivisions to build up to that area, but we did. And now we have a problem, and it's not going to get resolved around overnight. And one of the things I told the group of people I was working with, the neighbors... 'Let's take the high road. Let's go out there and clean it up. Let's pick it up. Over the last two years we've picked up over 35 yards garbage at the gun range. Sometimes it gets better. Sometimes it gets worse. The DNR said that they were going to work on it and they were going to report back to us every month. And that was in the paper a couple of months ago, and I made it real clear that to Christian (J-Ad Reporter) that it was Mark Englerth and not the township supervisor, because we certainly didn't want to offend anybody.'

We've talked to the Sheriff, Dar Leaf, which is here tonight countless and countless times. How can we work together? How can we play together? You say I have an adversarial relationship with some people. Me and Mick (Lane) have sat and had coffee and we've butted heads. That happens a lot of times in life.

Do I have a positive relationship with the health department? Absolutely. Do I have a positive never been better relationship with the health department and Regina Young? That we've worked back and forth on multiple issues."

Englerth continued "Yeah we really had a head butting contest when I first took office. The YS State Park had a broken sewer line for almost a summer. It shut down the beach. We got state senators and state reps involved and we came up with a solution. Now as much as I hate the DNR and I'm kind of jumping the gun here, but Vivian Conner is your County Commissioner. She's been my friend since we were kids. She retired from the DNR, and if you don't think her and me fight more than anybody in this room, you're wrong. I have a tremendous respect for the DNR. If you take Andrew at the state park, we have a great relationship. He can't solve all his problems neither cause he's got bosses.

So me and Brad Lamberg (Manager of Barry County Road Commission) and Frank's (Fiala) in the room I'm sure. I don't know who's been more inappropriate and unprofessional, Brad Lamberg or Mark Englerth. But you know what, me and Brad yell and scream at each other and then we get done and we shake hands and we move forward.

I ran against the County Drain Commissioner, the prior one, eight years ago or so, and lost. And when the Gun Lake Dam failed, I was one of the first people he called. ... We were the ones who brought the rescue boat in and said 'Hey, Yankee Springs has got one of those. You got a big suck hole in the middle of that dam. You keep putting people out in it. You're going to lose a life.' And

they got our rescue boat over there and helped solve their problem.

We talked about the Fire station I just don't get that because I butted heads with the fire chief. Well first Roger made a resolution to turn over everything to Thornapple. Then he gave a resolution to fire them and get a different fire department and it has been a huge success. But this community built that fire station over 20 years ago through volunteers. A \$400,000 building and people say well it was \$100,000. You forgot about the \$80,000 Dave Dykstra put in it. You forgot about all the labor. So unfortunately, not only Mark Englerth butted heads with the fire chief out of Middleville, but so did Roger Rottschafer. And at the end, he no longer was employed at Yankee Springs (Dave Middleton). That we were forgotten some how, why wouldn't I be upset? I gave a year of my life and donated to this community, so we wouldn't have tragedies, so we would be seven minutes closer to a rescue, to your children and grandchildren falling through the ice. Casey Flietstra's daughter when she was pinned in an auto right in front of the car wash there. We make friends. We make enemies and we move forward. That's the way it is and all of a sudden I'm all bad. I'm all evil.

Rottschafer commented that he didn't say that. "So don't put that word in my mouth," commented Rottschafer.

Englerth commented to Rottschafer "You're done." Englerth continued, "So I made that commitment. You people elected a township supervisor. You elected me. I'm doing the best job I can. You people are my bosses. I work with the board. There's some things on there about who's going to take the agenda. Right now I meet every Thursday with Alice and Jan and all three of us work together on the agenda. And we struggle about getting stuff the last minute. I got stuff from the judge the last minute. But we work really hard. Am I perfect? No I'm not. Not by any means. I do the very best job that I can. But I don't need to be micro-managed. I don't need to say, 'Oh let's be a team. I'm going to the newspaper and saying that Mark is really a good guy but he just doesn't know his job or whatever.' That isn't a team."

Englerth continued, "That thing with the special assessment on England Drive. I don't tell people to take and pave their roads. Roger, you had an assessment district on your road. We helped you through that too. You had some Drain Commissioner issues. We helped you through that too. That paving assessment district on England Point went on for two or three years. I think it was one of the other board members. I think it was Jan but forgive me if not. We were looking at the Cuddy Drain and we were looking at England's Point special assessment. That money comes out of the general fund and we loaned it out. If we have too much coming in at one time and people want to borrow more money, we'll have to go to the bank. While historically Yankee Springs has had a pretty good fund balance, we're allowed to work with neighborhoods and stuff to do these projects. So I think a lot of the problem is maybe what I'm doing is misunderstood? Ok. I don't think there's a supervisor in Barry County that has relationships with other government entities that I do. The inmate work program. We have brought thousands and thousands of dollars of labor back into this community. But what most people don't understand is not only that we have, and I learned this on the fire station, we have an opportunity to put a positive influence on those peoples' lives; that, when they get out of jail, we want them to be a success. We don't have rapists and murderers running around your community. They're people that got drunk and fell down, people behind on child support, if they are out in Yankee

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Springs, they're also working in the City of Hastings, the Barry County Road Commission, Charleton Park, and the Barry County Fairgrounds. So if you don't understand this, certainly take the time because I can tell you some great success stories of peoples' lives that have been changed. None of these things I deserve a reward for but I don't think I need to get beat up every time I turn around neither. And I don't think I need to be micro-managed. The only people that can micro-manage me is you folks.

We'll go back to the city manager and the newspaper article. Mr. Mansfield showed up on my construction site after threatening us with litigation because he had a piece of soffit down and we had some words. And before he got done, he got mad and had a little tantrum and flipped me off. Which you can kinda do, right? Except that I had a female employee. And pretend it's your wife or your daughter. Single mom struggling. His behavior was unacceptable. There's consequences for that. That was done in the private sector on my time and if I have a head butting contest with the City Manager, so be it. I will take anyone of you in city hall, the city manager or the Department of Public Works person that now has Larry's job, I get along with awesome. The lady in the cemetery, awesome. The Downtown Development Authority guy, we're on the same team, we're working on a billboard for the city just merely saying "Welcome for making the City of Hastings your hometown." The manager before, the economic development guy, John Hart, he came out to the community, and he looked at way signing and he worked with the Planning Commission and worked with the Zoning Commission on what could we do for way signs. We're not the City of Hastings. We don't have a full-time economic development person. They've been very successful in that. How can we achieve that?"

Englerth continued "We never had a better relationship with the guy from MDOT and he got transferred. In fact he got into some trouble in his career. We got extra safety precautions... We never had a relationship so great with MDOT. He actually got in trouble at work. And I met with a bunch of MDOT people at a meeting separate from that and I told them they had made a mistake and they knew the difference between right and wrong. And when I got done with the meeting I thought boy they're really going to be upset with me. And I walked out of that meeting and I walked into Richie's Restaurant and every one of those management people out of Lansing went and had lunch with me. So certainly if you have a job like mine you are going to butt heads. That Wish Board up there. Guess what, there's five people on this board. We all have a weight in that. They're all important. Now guess what else. We're not going to get them all done. We're not going to build a library this year. Ok. Fire millage, road millage, all those things, if nothing else, they're on your mind, what are our concerns? That doesn't mean that something isn't going to come up.

Something else. The fire station, a lot of great things. We can talk about that forever. But one of those things that happened that hurt our last caregivers/maintenance contractor.... He mowed around our LED sign that we paid how much for? And it wasn't getting mowed and it was growing up weeds and it wasn't getting watered and the plants weren't getting watered. And he came up to me last week and volunteered and said Mark if you could get some water to that thing, I'll mow it for free. I planted those plants there. I don't want them to die.

Chief Noonday is our corridor. It's our welcoming committee. We have a special zoning district to be (audio?) there- which is to plant trees, shrubs or anything else. So asking the board a question should we put irrigation around the fire station. Look at the lawn here (township hall) for God's sakes. We're out in the middle of nowhere. The fire station doesn't deserve? And here again, the board can say 'No'. When I ask for should we spend some money doing this, it's not an evil thing. The board can say 'Yes' or 'No'. We acquired a couple of jeeps that the board didn't even know about. We already had them, that we accepted them. And you say we didn't buy them but we're obligated to maintain them forever. I worked with the assistant chief and he needed a gas tank in the middle of the winter. And go try to find a gas tank for a 1960's. ...military green jeep.

So anyways I'm going to be around at the end of the meeting. I'm always going to be around. Do I make mistakes? Yeah. Am I sincere? Do I work hard? Absolutely. ... Criticizing me, beating me up, and putting things in the paper. Attacking me saying that I personally benefit. Really. That's a crime and the sheriff is right here. It's a dereliction of duty or malfeasance of office. And I strongly suggest if I'm committing a crime, to report it to the Sheriff Dar Leaf right here, right now. But to be slanderous, to be hurtful, to be mean; you know I have a wife, I have a family, I have kids. To get attacked and bullied and badgered like that. It ain't right. I don't put in the extra hours because I need to do something a board member wants because they don't want to do it?

I will touch on another quick thing about somebody was so concerned. I am not going to give you my full financial status, but I will tell you that, other than a \$10,000 debt on my truck, of all my real estate and all my property, I have none. If I pay my taxes late, I pay my taxes late. That's a choice... I could put it all on credit card, pay the same amount of interest. Struggling through the recession, we were happy to get all our debt paid off. We've still gotta few loose ends to clean up. It ain't no sin and it ain't no crime. And, we'll get that paid off.

As far as the drowning the cat story, you need to talk to the sheriff about that whole thing because I don't think it was about a cat at all. I think it was about some political people throwing mud. And the reality is the cat didn't drown in Gun Lake. So that wasn't really the truth, neither.

Mick Lane asked, "Where did he drown?"

Englerth answered "Fall Creek".

Mick Lane commented, "So you did drown the cat."

Englerth commented, "The cat was dying."

Mick Lane commented, "You drowned the cat."

Englerth commented, "I did."

Mick Lane commented, "That's all. I didn't want to see you dance around it."

Englerth commented, "I wasn't dancing around it at all. Like I said, you can talk to the sheriff...."

Rottschafer interrupted trying to move the meeting along.

Englerth commented “No. No. This has been going on a long time.”

Rottschafer commented, “You’ve been talking for a half hour now.”

Englerth commented, “You know what. I’ve been being attacked for months.”

Rottschafer asked, “How long is this going to go?”

Englerth commented, “As long as I choose?”

Rottschafer responded, “No.”

Englerth commented “Anyway, I’ll wrap it up. I think I said just about everything. The whole cat case was dismissed. So I wasn’t found guilty of anything. The cat was sick and dying and got caught in a live trap. The quickest way to dispatch of it... I was in Hastings. I didn’t have a gun. If I would have dropped it off at the Animal Shelter, it would have sit there and laid in a cage over the weekend. And would have got put down come Monday morning. So we all think it’s funny. We all think it’s a joke. And here again, let’s take a shot at somebody not only do we drag him down in the mud, but drag his family and his kids down it. And you wonder why people don’t run for office. Thank you. Now we can move forward.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:

Dar Leaf, Barry County Sheriff - mentioned an upcoming July 22 concert - presented by the Nashville Chamber of Concert with the band “Wayland” which is actually from Wayland.

Sheriff Leaf reported on the status of the Barry County jail and current overcrowding. Discussion occurred regarding public safety costs and the jail project.

Dan O’Brien, Resident, commented, “Are you aware that there was over a decline of 20% in Public Safety that was adopted by Yankee Springs Township Board this year?”

Sheriff Dar Leaf commented, “No. I’m not.”

Dan O’Brien commented, “We’re talking about Public Safety... last meeting. And in the budget report that was adopted this last month there’s over a 20% decline in Public Safety. It was at \$250,000 and now it’s at \$190,000.”

Mark Englerth commented on the significant savings that has taken place between what Thornapple Township Emergency Services charged and what Wayland now charges. This savings was reflected in the budget. “Cost has gone down and the quality of services has gone up,” commented Englerth. Englerth also clarified that Public Safety would be fire and ambulance.

Roger Rottschafer clarified that the township isn’t reducing any services. If it’s 20% less, we’re saving that much money over Thornapple.

Englerth explained “We have a different vendor now.”

Ron Heilman asked Sheriff Dar Leaf about what efforts Leaf’s office has put forth to promote the new jail. “There really isn’t a lot of public information on

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**ACKNOWLEDGE-
MENT OF VISITORS**

**Dar Leaf, Barry
County Sheriff**

it...Is there something in the works?"
Sheriff Dar Leaf commented on efforts forming and that it will be a major project.

Circuit Court Judge, The Honorable Amy L. McDowell regarding Hope House for Probationer(s) Transitional Housing Project- Judge McDowell was not present. Mark Englerth has flyers for distribution regarding this project and a fund raising event for it which will take place on August 19th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Barry County Commissioner- Vivian Conner gave the Commissioner's Report.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

Assessor Contract Renewal 7-1-2017/6-30-2020:

Motion by Jansma with support from Rottschafer to approve the **renewal of the Assessor Contract (7/1/17 to 6/30/20 Renewal)**. **ROLL CALL:**
Jansma: yes, Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafer: yes, VandenBerg: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Cemetery Contract Renewal 2017-2018 Budget Year:

Motion by Rottschafer with support from VandenBerg to approve the **Cemetery Contract Renewal 2017-2018 Budget Year** for one year. **ROLL CALL:**
Jansma: yes, Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafer: yes, VandenBerg: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Siegfried Crandall PC Engagement for Services Audit Fiscal Year 6-30-2017:

Motion by Jansma with support from Rottschafer to approve **Engagement for Services Audit Fiscal Year 6-30-2017**. **ROLL CALL:** Jansma: yes, Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafer: yes, VandenBerg: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance No. # 07-01-2017 Amendment Art. XX, Section 20.2 -ZBA Membership: 5 members and up to 2 alternates. Striking "shall" and replacing with "may" regarding having a board member on the ZBA.

Motion by Lippert with support from Jansma to accept **Ordinance #07-01-2017. Amendment to Article XX, Section 20.2 – ZBA Membership**. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution Establishing a Yankee Springs Water Utility Board:

Discussion took place.

Motion by Rottschafer with support from A. Jansma to pass **Yankee Springs Water Utility Board Resolution # 7-02-17 as written**. Roll Call: Englerth: No, Lippert: Yes, Jansma: Yes, VandenBerg: No, Rottschafer: Yes. Yes: 3, No: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

Set Joint Meeting of the Boards: Planning Commission By-law/ M-DOT Speed M-179:

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Barry County Commissioner- Vivian Conner

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Motions on:
Assessor Contract Renewal 7-1-2017/6-30-2020

Cemetery Contract Renewal 2017-2018 Budget Year

Siegfried Crandall PC Engagement for Services Audit

Membership

Motion: Ordinance #07-01-2017 Amendment to Article XX, Section 20.2 ZBA

Motion by Englerth with support from Rottschafer to have M. Englerth find a date with Planning Commission Chair, Greg Purcell and MDOT to have a meeting. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

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TREASURER’S REPORT: Alice Jansma, Treasurer

Motion: Yankee Springs Water Utility Board Resolution # 7-02-17

- List of Professional Contacts- distributed in board packets
- Assessment District Island Drive Dredging Amount Update- the total came in a lot less than originally planned. Public hearing will be needed for those on the Island Drive assessment.
- Treasurer’s Report for June.
- Library Update Working with State (still be working on it).

Set Joint Meeting of the Boards: Planning Commission By-law/ M-DOT Speed M-179

➤ *Motion by Lippert with support from VandenBerg to approve the previous month’s (June 2017) Treasurer’s Report as presented. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.*

TREASURER’S REPORT: Alice Jansma, Treasurer

Auditors will be here Aug. 2nd and 3rd.

CLERK’S REPORT: Jan Lippert, Clerk

Current to Date 7-12-17 Invoice Register will be worked on 7/14/17.

Barry County Drain Commissioner: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

- GUN LAKE DAM REPAIR PROJECT – July 31, 2017 – 1:30 PM – at the Courthouse in Hastings

CLERK’S REPORT: Jan Lippert, Clerk

TRUSTEE REPORT – Roger Rottschafer

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE: Meeting was held on June 10th, and this evening at 5:30 p.m. Monument will be purchased from Patten Monument for approximately \$12,000 to \$13,000. Price varies with amount of lettering (TBD). That’s why there’s a \$1,000 gap in cost. Total cost estimate is close to \$15,600 which is what is in the fund. Open House to be held July 26 at the Fire Station at 7 p.m. Additional items (such as flags) will be additional costs.

FIRE REPORT – last night Rottschafer attended the Wayland Ambulance meeting. Calls have been averaging 6 per day. Medical 1st Responder vehicle at the YS Station has helped immensely.

TRUSTEE REPORT – Roger Rottschafer

Resolution Establishing Certain Policies and Procedures for the Township Board to Improve the Operation of the Township and Board Relations – Greg Purcell presented. Committee members, Mary Cook and Bruce Campbell were here earlier in the meeting but had to leave due to the

lateness of the hour and other commitments. Prior to his presentation, G. Purcell dispelled rumors that he was interested in a Township Managerial Position. G. Purcell commented that he is not interested.

Board comment: (After presentation)

Mark Englerth commented that he and Greg disagree well. “It was professional to go to the newspaper before you went to the board with your report, right?”

Greg Purcell commented that “I’ll tell you what is professional is I gave it to the reporter at the same time that I gave it to the township board. “In terms of getting it, and looking at it, that’s not my call,” commented Purcell.

He commented that he wanted the board to have it first and wanted to quell rumors out there that he was angling for a \$75,000 position. Purcell commented that he went to the reporter to set the record straight. “I don’t care if you disagree with me....you better disagree with me on the facts and not on the untruths.”

Englerth commented “It hurts a lot more when you take the shots yourself, doesn’t it Greg?”

Purcell commented “I’ll shoot back.”

Englerth commented “My point being is that it’s okay to make those comments, those accusations, but if they’re factual or not, you don’t know.

Greg Purcell commented “Anything in this report is factual. You can disagree with the interpretation of it and it’s your prerogative to do so....And some of this is judgment of opinion I’ll grant you that. But it’s considered judgment of opinion and it comes with two people.... who have a knowledge and a neutrality. They don’t have a political agenda here with Yankee Springs Township. They aren’t angling for office. They’ve stepped aside. They’ve retired from the township.....that’s who’ve I’ve consulted with. They’ve agreed with me in terms of this report, so it’s not just Greg Purcell’s report. That is considered the opinion of the three members of the study.”

Bill Medendorp, Vista Point, commented “His accusations came out of the playbook of Agenda 21. His agenda was to destroy the township. And what I’m saying right now Agenda 21 is sustain the border and the United Nations came up with this 359 -1947 Law of the township.”

Board Comments:

Alice Jansma commented that she read the resolution when it was presented to her.

Jan Lippert commented that she appreciated the committee’s work on the

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**Resolution Establishing
Certain Policies and
Procedures for the
Township Board to
Improve the Operation
of the Township and
Board Relations** – Greg
Purcell presented.

report. J. Lippert commented that the resolution didn't say anything about a manager. It says "a resolution establishing certain policies and procedures for the township board to improve the operation of the township and board relations. Also, we do meet the Thursday before our board meeting, Mark, Alice, me and Larry and I include you for Planning Commission report," added Lippert. Jan Lippert commented on the impossibility of getting the agenda out in a timely manner with the power outage at the township hall on Friday, July 7th. "Our township hall doesn't have a generator," added Lippert.

Roger Rottschafer commented on the meeting being a very uncomfortable evening for everybody. His main goal here was just as the paper said was to draw a line in the sand and get going and start over and to get this township board working together. Rottschafer continued, "And it's still my goal. I had no intentions of, except that Mr. Shane and a couple others demanded, that I bring out the mud. I told you guys a month ago that I didn't want to bring out the mud... That's not what I wanted to have happen. Mark, you have very good ideas. And the problem I have is that you would bring out an idea and then we'll go to another idea and another idea. And the other end of it is communications to the press or any other entities should be coming from one person, okayed by the board, not Shane calling up one, not Mark calling up one. I haven't called Christian (J-ad newspaper reporter) yet. The reason for this resolution is to try improve the operation of the township board. Plain and simple..." Rottschafer commented that he motioned to adopt the resolution, "to try to see if somehow we can get going in the right direction and not look like complete idiots to our residents. This is just one disgraceful meeting tonight."

Shane Vandenberg commented on his newness on the board, that he's still learning and trying his best. "I thought when we called a commission, the three member board to do basically a small study, maybe a medium size study, to see what they could come up with as far as hiring a township manager. That's what we voted on, and we didn't vote or even talk about them going beyond the realm to bring us back this resolution. I would have been a little more comfortable if we had said 'Ok, you checked this out and the manager situation there's no way it's going to work.' You know I read through your study you have here and one of the issues that was in there is you know people in the community they want smaller government. They don't want bigger government. So every time you talk about spending money, and I'll go back to the \$65,000. I did tell that gentlemen in the back there, and I didn't tell you were spreading it. But I did tell him that's what it cost. I'm not out of line when I made that statement. And I certainly don't deserve be called a liar, when all I am doing is saying it could cost the township at least \$65,000 like you just pointed out. (An audience member said, "It could be \$150,000.") There's a lot of animosity here, and I'll have to bail myself out of that because I don't go around calling anybody names or in fact I'll point this out, I've never called

anybody a liar in my entire life. You talk about working together. Calling somebody a liar is not working together. It's not reasonable. (Rottschafer commented, "I'm not responding to that.") You don't have to respond, I'm not asking for a response. But it's not reasonable. I commend you guys for doing the hard work that you did. I'll leave you with this. We have a built in mechanism in this country for issues that come up in larger government and smaller government. It's called elections. It's not having politicians trying to regroup and restructure.... The bottom line is, we vote..... I strongly suggest we don't adopt this resolution." Vandenberg wanted the board to start over and get up and shake each other's hands. Vandenberg commented he was willing to do that. "I'm asking the four of you to shake our hands. I think we can do this."

Englerth commented, "I don't think we can beat Vandenberg's suggestion.

And a set of rules isn't going to help anybody. We can't follow the rules we got now..."

Vandenberg interjected "And I want to shake your hand too. I want to shake your hand right now. I want to shake your hand."

Purcell commented, "I wish you well in your role as township trustee."

Vandenberg commented "We can all do better, everyone of us."

Lippert commented that rumors can kill a township. She asked for it to stop. "Misinterpretation of what takes place at a meeting turns into rumors. It's transposed from one person telling another person to another person. Something gets dropped off, something gets added. I ask it to stop."

Vandenberg commented "It's a good reason that we all get up and shake each other's hand right now."

Lippert commented "After we adopt this resolution."

At this time, Rottschafer motioned to adopt the resolution. Lippert supported.

Englerth called for board discussion.

Mark Englerth commented that putting the agenda on Jan's shoulders wasn't fair to her. Englerth commented that he read the MTA book which says the supervisor sets the agenda. He felt he should weigh heavier because he gets out voted every time. "After the three of us agree to set an agenda, more gets added to it. Then more gets added to it." Englerth commented, "The spokesperson for the township. I really struggle because at no where, unless we had a resolution, unless we had a budget, unless we had a direction, did I speak for the township board. I am Mark Englerth and I have spoke in my behalf. I can do that. If we have a resolution, Chris (reporter), raise your hand if I'm lying, I've said I spoke as an

individual not as a township on a piece with the DNR promising they would meet us every month until they resolve the issue with the gun range.” Englerth commented on how things can be taken out of context. He commented at the end of this that he will still have a positive relationship with the County Commissioner, and will still work with the health department. Englerth commented that he has to work on an issue (channel by Ron Heilman) involving the Drain Commissioner and Allegan County.... “Every time I turn around, and I can’t say ‘Mother may I?’, I work at the best interest of this community. I make some mistakes. We disagree from time to time.... The medical marijuana thing was an educational piece. We had the State Rep get involved. We had the Sheriff get involved. We had the Barry County Prosecutor get involved.”

Dan O’Brien commented “Sixty percent of our constituents voted for medical marijuana in 2008. Sixty-five percent Barry County.”

Englerth continued “We can’t sit there and micromanagement each other every time we turn around.” Englerth also commented on giving Alice’s phone number to everyone that ever talked to him. Englerth added, “If I say ‘Go tell Alice. Am I doing my job as a supervisor?’” “I’m not going to change by passing this resolution. And all of the spanking is going to the supervisor. I’m the only one who’s making mistakes. And I think each and every one of you in this room as you look around, we’ve all made mistakes...” Englerth commented. “I will give you \$1,000, Mr. Purcell, and you will give me \$1,000 ... I do not think what you’ve put into place is going to be successful. It’s not going to change anything. What’s got to change is this board’s attitude; that we have to work better together. We’ve tried this before the fire station. Haven’t we? We’ve been down the same path we have before. You, Frank, me and Roger and Greg. And we said we’re not going down that path again. And here we are again. So until everybody on this board decides that they are going to play well together, which they’re not; we’re all guilty. We can pass all the resolutions and make all the rules we want.”

Greg Purcell commented that he would disagree with Mark on a couple of things. “You do have to have rules. Rules are important. That’s how we don’t kill each other on your roads, streets, what have you. What Shane is saying isn’t too far off the mark. What you (M. Englerth) are saying isn’t too far off the mark. It’s attitudes,” commented Purcell. Purcell mentioned the Rules of Engagement and commented on the resolution being a framework that would be helpful. Purcell also commented that the resolution wasn’t perfect and it could be re-examined in the future at which time it could be decided upon as to what to do with it. Purcell commented that the board could choose to adopt it (the resolution) or choose to ignore it and “have the meetings conducted like we would for the first half of the meeting here this evening. I don’t think that’s anything to be particularly

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proud of.”

Englerth addressed A. Jansma asking if she was ready to take on the responsibilities spelled out in the resolution.

Jansma commented that she was going to try it. Jansma also commented on the need for policies. “We have a couple things we really need to address that aren’t getting addressed. We need to adopt a policy. Get it done. Get it taken care of. It’s not anybody’s fault. It’s just that we got to do it.”

Englerth commented “You say I can’t talk to the public because you’re (Alice Jansma) the spokesperson. “Does that mean Roger can’t talk to them, or Jan can’t talk to them?”

Jansma commented “I don’t think that’s how that is interpreted. I think what they are saying is ‘Don’t say this is the way the township’s going to do something to somebody that you are talking to in the public.’”

Englerth commented, “I never have.”

Jansma commented, “Okay. I’m not going to argue.”

Englerth commented “But the thing that’s scary to me; I can run around with a disclaimer. I never represented the whole board with anything unless truly we passed a resolution supporting something. And I never committed any dollars over \$500 dollars without the board approval because that is the supervisor’s piece. So how’s that going to work?” Englerth mentioned the clear burn that was done on Chief Noonday. “It doesn’t even have anything to do with township business. Do we not talk about that?”

Jansma asked, “Does it come out as Mark Englerth, Supervisor of YS Township?”

Englerth replied, “What if it does say, ‘Mark Englerth, Township Supervisor?’”

Jansma commented, “Then it’s perceived that it’s a township…”

Englerth interjected, “So who decides that?”

Jansma asked the reporter, “I don’t know, Chris. How do you decide that when you talk with them? I don’t know.”

Christian Younkers (J-Ad Reporter) mentioned the use of a disclaimer saying “this is so and so involved in this organization.”

Rottschafner commented, “All we’re saying is, Alice, Jan, myself, Greg and his group is,- you need to talk to us if you’re going to go do that. If

you're want to be doing it as Yankee Springs Supervisor, you just can't go out and do things on your own."

Englerth commented that he felt a lot more of this could all be a misunderstanding. "When Brad Lamberg (Barry County Road Commission Manager) is screaming at me.....

Rottschafer commented "You're missing it."

Englerth commented, "No. No."

Rottschafer commented "All I want and all these two ladies at the end of the table want is you keep saying, 'I'm not saying Mother may I?' All I'm saying is you need to say 'Mother may I? on this board' You can't go do things by yourself."

Englerth commented, "And I think I try."

Rottschafer commented that Englerth had said "I don't want to say 'Mother may I?'" about 15 minutes ago. Rottschafer continued, "You say that so many times in the course of a year. That's the issue. You do have to talk to us. That's how a "we" township board operates. Not a "me" Mark Englerth. Am I wrong? Isn't it 'we'? You want us all to shake hands, be nice and 'kum ba yah' and all that. All I'm saying is to do that, you need to operate with people on the board. And that is all I'm asking. You can ask Chris. That was my main goal out of this thing the whole time. When I brought up the township manager thing, it wasn't that. It was trying to give you a bow shot to make you understand that you've got to try and run the board the way a board is supposed to be. Not Mark Englerth Construction where I'm used to doing stuff myself."

Englerth commented, "Will you try as hard as you're asking me?"

Rottschafer commented, "On what?"

Englerth commented, "Communicating with the board members."

Rottschafer commented, "How many times a week do I talk with you ladies? Ask Danny (Assistant Fire Chief) and all of them how many times a week I go to the fire station and am over there doing their stuff. I don't with you because I don't get anywhere. I'd sure like to, like we use to. If you don't ever say to me, "I'm not saying 'Mother may I' again," I'd be really happy."

Englerth commented on wasting time at this meeting and suggested maybe spending some one-on-one time on some of these issues.

Rottschafer commented “I’ll do that with you.”

Englerth commented, “I think some of our testosterone is the same and that’s the problem.”

Rottschafer referred to the Gun Lake Sewer Authority Board. “I tried to coach you on the thing. Didn’t I. You didn’t like how I coached you. The Gun Lake Authority Board was asking us to take you off it. I’m not trying to bring up mud.”

Englerth commented on having Rottschafer put (write) everything down and he (Englerth) would address it.

Rottschafer commented on communicating (Englerth and Rottschafer) very well back then.

VandenBerg commented on voting and that there was a motion on the board. “Everybody knows how it’s going to play out. So let’s just vote and get it over with.”

Englerth commented that he didn’t think the resolution was going to do much except create discontent, not just with him (Englerth) but with the community. Englerth suggested taking time to figure out “how to get there from here.”

VandenBerg commented on being in agreement for tabling the resolution.

VandenBerg commented on trying to start over. “I don’t think we need to pass a resolution and strip an elected official or accuse him of things that are misinterpreted, to use Alice’s words.”

Rottschafer commented, “Don’t say that. We’re not stripping him of anything.”

VandenBerg continued, “We’re all misinterpreted from time to time. That doesn’t make us, any one of us, bad people. Maybe we just need to get to know each other a little better and cut each other a little slack.”

Motion by Rottschafer with support from Lippert to **approve Resolution #7-03-17 To Establish Certain Policies and Procedures for the Township Board To Improve the Operation of the Township and Board Relations.** Roll Call Vote: VandenBerg: No, Jansma: Yes, Englerth: No, Lippert: Yes, Rottschafer: Yes. MOTION CARRIED.

David Neeson, commented after the vote, “Congratulations with outside help, Roger, you have created your Boys and Girls Club. You ought to be proud.”

Break: 10:44 p.m. Resume: 10:50 p.m.

Upon resuming the meeting: **Englerth** commented regarding the letter to go out to the entities (from the resolution just passed prior to break). He felt that the letter will not make things better. "The only thing that will make things better is if we make a sincere effort to work together. There's been some confusion in the past. We need to get past that."

Letter to go out to the entities (in relation with the resolution just adopted) will be postponed for now per R. Rottschafer.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Mark Englerth

- **Request Estimate for Underground Sprinkling Price @ Fire Station:**
Discussion took place. M. Englerth will get an estimate.
- **Recycling Bins** – Countywide coordinator will be stopping at the township (first) to inspect our current recycling practices. It was determined that the township can't take commercial/construction waste. Signs will go up regarding this issue saying "Residential use only".
- **Set Special Meeting Date with Engineer's Report on Walkable & Biking Proposals-** M. Englerth would like to call a meeting when he sees the opportunity. M. Englerth commented that he wants to see what the public wants. R. Rottschafer commented that he would take it back up. The engineering firm will be involved in the meeting with the public.
- **Request Joint Meeting of Boards regarding Gun Lake Marina** (No action took place on this agenda item).
- **July 19th, a Wednesday, is the Board of Review at 1:00 p.m. at the Township Hall**

An ad will go in the paper for someone to replace Larry Knowles as he is stepping down from the Board of Review after this review (July 19th).

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Larry Knowles – (Written report submitted.)

- **June Site Plans & Complaints**
- **ZBA –June 13th, 2017**
- **GLASWA – June Report**

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Greg Purcell, Chairman

Another MTA training is coming up on August 23rd (an evening session). A maximum of attendees would be 10 persons.

Motion by J. Lippert with support from Rottschafer to attend August 23rd MTA Hot Topics Seminar on Planning and Zoning in Kalamazoo, not to

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MOTION to approve:
Resolution #7-03-17 To Establish Certain Policies and Procedures for the Township Board To Improve the Operation of the Township and Board Relations

BREAK

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exceed 10 persons attending at \$89.00 each. ALL ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

- Public Hearing Signs will be used in near future.
- Master plan work continues.
- GLPA Annual Meeting will be held at Gun Lake Chapel on August 12.
- Proposed Amendment to the Plan Commission By-laws and Rules of Procedure (Special Meeting Date All Boards) (See Board Actions).

M. Englerth commented that he would like to go to an upcoming seminar for supervisors. The cost of the training is under the \$500 limit.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Rottschafer with support from Lippert to adjourn at 11:11 p.m.
Approved by all. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Deb Mousseau
7.19.17

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Minutes Approved at Board Meeting of Aug. 10, 2017 (with amendment page 16,
Seconded by Jansma)

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ADJOURNMENT