

<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP</b>  <b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b>  <b>Regular Board Meeting</b>  <b>Thursday, November 9, 2017</b>  <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Yankee Springs Township Hall</b>  <b>284 N. Briggs Rd., Middleville, Michigan 49333</b> </p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MINUTES</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"> <b>MINUTES</b>  Page 1 of 5  YST Bd Trustees  11.9.17  APPROVED  Dec. 14, 2017 </p>
<p>Meeting called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Mark Englerth.</p> <p><b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:</b></p> <p><b>Roll Call:</b> Present: Jansma, J. Lippert, Englerth, Rottschafer, VandenBerg.</p> <p><b>Staff Present:</b> Cathy Strickland, Chuck Biggs- Constable, Rich Beukema, Sandy Marcukaitis, Ron Heilman, Frank Fiala, John Frigmanski.</p> <p><b>Fire Department staff:</b> Fire Chief Joe Miller, Deputy Fire Chief Dan Miller, Josh Shepardson.</p> <p><b>Visitors:</b> 10 (not including staff present). C. Yonkers of J-Ad present</p>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p> <p><b>PLEDGE</b></p> <p><b>ROLL CALL</b></p>
<p><b>ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add: <b>Catherine Kaufman, YS Township Attorney</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Whispering Pines – Special Assessment for Road Paving–</b> C. Kaufman spoke of the consent judgement ruling regarding pavement of road for Whispering Pines.</p> <p>Motion by J. Lippert with support from VandenBerg to go forward with Whispering Pines Special Assessment District with the assistance of C. Kaufman and petition information to be submitted to Attorney Byington. <b>ROLL CALL:</b> Jansma: yes, Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafer: yes, VandenBerg: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>	<p><b>ADDITIONS/ CHANGES TO AGENDA</b></p> <p><b>Motion regarding Spec. Assessm't for Whispering Pines road pavement.</b></p>
<p><b>Regarding looping the water system that supplies Trustee VandenBerg's plat (Shalinda Subdivision):</b> C. Kaufman commented that there needs to be some kind of resolution. C. Kaufman suggested having discussions now to have done before the December board meeting.</p> <p>Motion by Jansma with support from Rottschafer to have C. Kaufman, YS Township Attorney, set and attend meeting(s) to discuss financing "Looping" Yankee Springs Township Water System with attorney for Mr. VandenBerg/Shalinda Development, Christian Meyer, along with both engineering firms Fleis &amp; Vandenbrink (YST) and Medema-VanKooten &amp; Associates (Mr. VandenBerg's), along with township representative from the YS Water Advisory Board (A. Jansma) to be held at the GLASWA Office with L. Knowles, GLASWA Director. <b>ROLL CALL:</b> Jansma: yes, Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafer: yes, VandenBerg: Abstained. Yes: 4, No: 0, Abstained: 1. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION REGARDING Meeting(S) regarding Trustee VandenBerg's Shalinda Development.</b></p>

**Attorney Catherine Kaufman/Board Actions: cont'd**

Motion by Jansma with support from Lippert to have any and all DEQ permits concerning the Water System be signed by the Yankee Springs Township Water System Administrator, Larry Knowles. **ROLL CALL:** Jansma: yes, Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafer: yes, VandenBerg: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0, MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Regular Board Meeting– October 12, 2017- 7 p.m.
- October Check Register #914323 through #914368 Total \$57,929.35 (attached)
- September Pay Roll Checks #6025 through Check #6029 Net Amount \$729.44
- October Payroll Check's #6031 through #6051 Total Net \$12,750.59 (attached)
- October Receipt Register All Funds Total \$26,883.38 (attached)

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

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

**Robert Lippert, 12725 Park Dr.,** When He resigned as Zoning Administrator, he found newly elected people as hard to work with. Mark Englerth in particular. Lippert commented that people would snicker when Mark would enter the room, and that most of those people knew Mark better than those who voted for him. Lippert mentioned that Englerth was arrested and convicted for animal cruelty, as well as his record for tax delinquencies and that the cost to the township and county, as a result of the delinquencies, was a disservice to the community. Lippert continued, noting that Englerth was in violation of the township ordinances after he was elected. "Then there's Shane, whose Mommy said that he was a good boy...." R. Lippert remarked on VandenBerg lying about his political affiliation and as a result finally winning an election. "He too, was in violation for a long time of various ordinances by storing commercial equipment on his front lawn much to the dismay of his neighbors...Seems to me I can't think of anybody serving as an elected official or an employee of the township that would endorse the character of these two bozos,".. Lippert suggested both Englerth and VandenBerg resign to bring peace and progress to Yankee Springs Township.

**Bill Medendorp, of Vista Point** asked why there was pinpointing of two people (Englerth and VandenBerg) and a cat from many years ago. "Did they ruffle your feathers? I'm saying as a member of this community, if you guys don't want to grow up, and quit being this ole petty thing, you're going to lose a community, that's all I'm going to say," commented Medendorp.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:**

**Fire Chief - Joe Miller (Wayland Fire Department)** gave an update since the signing of the contract with Yankee Springs Fire Department since April of last year. J. Miller noted problem with staff having to carry two pagers for Yankee Springs and Wayland because of Allegan County going totally 800 megahertz as of November 1.

**Josh Shepardson** – gave information regarding the fire chief's recommendation/request updating pager equipment for Yankee Springs Township Fire Department.

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**MOTION regarding authorized signature of YST Water System.**

**APPROVAL OF Consent Agenda**

Approval of Consent Agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ACKNOWLEDGE-MENT OF VISITORS**

**Fire Chief Joe Miller and Josh Shepardson**

<p>Motion by Jansma with support from VandenBerg to approve up to \$10,500 for the purchase of 15 – 800 mhz pagers and a C-com paging talk-group that will be provided to Barry County Central Dispatch – purpose is to activate Medical First Responders for Yankee Springs Township. ROLL CALL: Lippert: yes, Jansma: yes, Rottschafer: yes, VandenBerg: yes, Englerth: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p><b>Barry County Board of Commissioners</b> –Vivian Conner gave the Commissioner’s Report. Written report was received from V. Conner.</p>	<p>MINUTES Page 3 of 5 YST Bd Trustees 11.9.17</p> <p><b>Vivian Conner, Barry County Bd. Of Commissioners</b></p>
<p><b>BOARD ACTION ITEMS:</b></p> <p>1. <b>Resolution Property Transfer Affidavit (Waives penalty for Failure to File)...(attached).</b> A. Jansma explained the reasoning for the resolution which waives penalty for failure to file.</p> <p>Motion by Jansma with support from Rottschafer to adopt Resolution #11-01-2017 (Property Transfer Affidavit). ROLL CALL: Jansma: yes, Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafer: yes, VandenBerg: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0, MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>2. <b>Resolution Amendment of Special Assessment Roll (attached) for <u>Island Drive Special Assessment District</u>:</b></p> <p>A. Jansma explained the adjustment which will <u>decrease</u> the individual amounts originally owed by residents. The entire reduction for the Island Drive Spec. Assessment is \$90,600.</p> <p>Motion by Jansma with support from Rottschafer to adopt Resolution #11-02-2017 <u>Island Drive Special Assessment District with date corrected to 11-9-17</u>. ROLL CALL: Jansma: yes, Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafer: yes, VandenBerg: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0, MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>3. <b><u>Approval Fire Department Pager(s) – (Estimates Attached)-</u></b> Addressed earlier in meeting.</p>	<p><b>BOARD ACTION ITEMS:</b></p> <p>Attachment Res. No. 11-01-17</p> <p>Attachment Res. No. 11-02-17</p>
<p><b>TREASURER’S REPORT:</b> Alice Jansma, Treasurer</p> <p>➤ Motion by Rottschafer with support from Lippert to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</p>	<p><b>TREASURER’S REPORT:</b> <u>Alice Jansma</u></p>
<p><b>TRUSTEE ROTTSCHAFFER – FIRE REPORT</b></p> <p><b>October Calls:</b> MFR: 15 Fire: 4</p> <p>Dan Miller commented on pump testing that was done.</p> <p>Roger Rottschafer announced his resignation which was effective immediately. Rottschafer has received a job offer in Florida and with things going on in YS Twp, has accepted job and will move his residency to Florida. After the meetings of October 12<sup>th</sup>, and yesterday’s meeting, it has become clear to him that he just has to “get out of this stuff. I can’t deal with unprofessionalism,” remarked Rottschafer. He also commented that he has done his best for</p>	<p><b>REPORT/FIRE COMMITTEE:</b> <u>Roger Rottschafer</u></p> <p>Resignation Attached</p>

the township. Rottschafer referred to a letter (unsigned) that has been circulating the township and he felt pretty much the same as what was said in the letter. (Letter to be read later in tonight's meeting by Clerk Lippert). Rottschafer noted that he felt terrible about leaving Joe, Dan and Josh and the others at the fire station. He hoped they would be left alone because they are doing a great job. Rottschafer noted that his children and grandchildren were still going to be living in the township and that hopefully at some point things will get better here.

Motion by Lippert with support from Englerth to accept Roger Rottschafer's resignation with regret. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Englerth questioned a recent loud explosion-type sound heard in Section 19 area. Fire Chief Joe Miller commented that no one knows what it is. They couldn't find anything. Englerth thanked fire department staff in attendance.

**CLERK'S REPORT: Jan Lippert, Clerk**

Clerk Lippert read L. Knowles resignation letter- effective 11/9/17.

Motion by Lippert supported by Rottschafer to accept L. Knowles resignation with regret.

ROLL CALL: Jansma: No, Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafer: yes, VandenBerg: No. Yes: 3, No: 2, MOTION CARRIED.

Letter from Burnham & Flowers – received \$349.57 – Workmen's Compensation Dividend Distribution.

**Payment of Newsletter Postage Approval:**

Motion by Jansma with support by Lippert for approval to pay newsletter postage cost (check #914369) to J-Ad Graphics for \$659.79. ROLL CALL: Lippert: yes, Jansma: yes, Rottschafer: yes, VandenBerg: yes, Englerth: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

**Current Invoice Register:**

Motion by Rottschafer with support from Jansma to approve Invoice Register, for the amount of \$26,833.19. ROLL CALL: Lippert: yes, Jansma: yes, Rottschafer: yes, VandenBerg: yes, Englerth: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED

**Nov. 7 ELECTION: Summary**

**Prec. #1- A: – COA (Commission on Aging)** No -150 votes Yes- 140

**#1 – B: Wayland Bond Renewal Proposal** No – 20 Yes- 11 -  
**Commission on Aging** No- 150 votes Yes 140

**Prec. #2 – A: Commission on Aging** No- 175 Yes- 188 (passed)

**Prec. #2B**  
**Wayland Bond Renewal Proposal** No-143 Yes -99

**Honored on Election day was Martha Laham** – an election inspector of Yankee Springs

Twp. M. Laham celebrated her 95th birthday recently and was honored for her many years of service (over 25 years).

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MOTION to accept Rottschafer's resignation.

**CLERK'S REPORT: Jan Lippert, Clerk**

MOTION to accept L. Knowles' resignation.

MOTION TO APPROVE POSTAGE FOR TWP. NEWSLETTER

MOTION TO APPROVE INVOICE REGISTER

**ELECTION REPORT**

Attachment

