

YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, November 14, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Yankee Springs Township Hall
284 N. Briggs Rd., Middleville, Michigan 49333
MINUTES

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 Approved 12/12/19

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Mark Englerth.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PLEDGE

Roll Call: Present: Jansma, Englerth, Lippert, VandenBerg.

ROLL CALL

Absent with Notice: L. Knowles

Staff Present: Frank Fiala, Ron Heilman, Chuck Biggs – Constable, Karen Kennedy, Brad Williams – Code Enforcement Officer, Sandy Marcukaitis.

Visitors: 27 (not including staff present).

**ADDITIONS/
CHANGES TO
AGENDA**

ADDITIONS or CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

S. VandenBerg made a request that tonight’s meeting would not exceed two hours.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:

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VISITORS:**

Barry County Commissioners: **Dan Parker** gave the report.

Kelly Robbins (on the agenda for: Treasurer’s Report - #8 (d.)- spoke in regard to Henika Library services during the Acknowledgement of Visitors time. K. Robbins noted the current issue. K. Robbins discovered in the actual library “act” the following statement “A portion of a territory of a municipality can join a library.” K. Robbins followed up with the assistance of A. Jansma with a State attorney. It was confirmed that this statement was true. Nicole of the Henika Library agreed that this was true – per K. Robbins. K. Robbins outlined the procedure for joining the library. Robbins commented that it will take a vote of the people –the YS township residents within the Wayland School District in Yankee Springs Township- on a millage. E-resources, as well as books, in addition to various events for residents with memberships, will be available to these residents if this millage for service from Henika Library passes.

M. Englerth commented there would be meetings regarding this issue in the future and that it would ultimately be what the public truly wants as those specific residents will have to vote on a millage for the library services of Henika.

Jayne Spickenagel asked about the Delton School System library.

Scott Pierce would like to know how this will affect his family living on Payne Lake Rd.

M. Cunningham asked K. Robbins how she became interested in the Wayland School system library issue. Cunningham ask how much, approximately the cost would be for a person to have the library services.

Jansma noted that the current millage would raise approximately \$140,000 for Henika.

A. Jansma mentioned that there is another layer to the problem called "Lakeland Library Cooperative".

K. Robbins noted that Wayland School students cannot check out books at Henika (those living in Yankee Springs Township and part of the Wayland Union School system).

Frank Fiala commented that the millage rate is based on the taxable value, and the example given was a \$400,000 house which would have half of that amount, or quite a bit less, as a taxable value. F. Fiala noted this as not to scare people off.

Sally Smith, of Beatrice, asked how people can get in touch with K. Robbins to help out, as well as, communicate information to others. Kelly Robbins gave contact information.

Kelly Robbins commented that she would like to have a YS Board representative, or possibly a YS resident, on the library board which is an eight member board.

Motion by Jansma with support from VandenBerg to proceed with having a resolution drafted to show the Township's interest in joining with Henika Library to service Yankee Springs Township residents in the Wayland Union School District. Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes, Knowles: Absent. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent:1. MOTION CARRIED.

VandenBerg commented that he would like to have a state attorney, who has experience in library law, draft the above resolution.

Date set for: An Informational Meeting: Saturday, November 30th at 11 a.m. (Regarding Henika Library and YS Township Residents in the Wayland Union School District.)

Ron Heilman- read the following (handwritten manuscript) which was submitted to recording secretary:

Fifty years ago, our community leaders and residents surveyed their turf. They recognized that Yankee Springs Township was stationary but that Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Lansing and even Chicago were closing in on them. They wanted a township hall that would serve the needs of the community not just for the present, but for the future. They would be honored to know that their building lasted 50 years before the obsolete towel would be thrown in for submission. They had a vision. These same individuals upon seeing construction on the lakes and foam at the shores realized our septics would ruin our piece of paradise and built a sewer system that would allow for future growth. They had a vision.

They built a township community building 50 years ago that harbored office space to do township business. A community room with bathrooms and a kitchen was designed for meetings, community events, fund raisers and public use as a rental for weddings, parties, etc. The residents used the community room so much that a sign up to reserve the hall was needed. I know because I was there!! They had a vision.

Fast Forward to the present.

After a few years of planning to remodel and structurally address the existing offices and no forward progress, a frustrated board majority (of) three decided to pull the trigger on renovation.

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MOTION

REGARDING

RESOLUTION/

HENIKA LIBRARY

SERVICE

Let's look at your professional business plan. I contend it doesn't have a vision.

A committee of office staff who use the building to do business for the township used their input to design office space and structural improvements at a cost of nearly a million dollars.

They hired a group that in my opinion did a poor job of researching what the community needs. The growth of population in the last 50 years has been at a rapid pace. Did they decide that the growth has stopped?

We have filled the hall to capacity standing room only in recent times for a variety of reasons. As a community meeting room the building is obsolete with no room to expand.

The hired group recommended putting a million tax dollars into offices with no thought for future growth in needs for a community meeting room?

At this time I would add that no general public were invited on the township hall planning committee.

The site selection decision has many questions that needed public discussion.

I'm not going to go into all the positive cost savings that a number of townships would share by having their township offices, hall and fire barns in one location area.

The township committee study said there wasn't enough room in front of the fire barn for a township hall.

Did anyone call the State of Michigan, DNR or Andrew at the State Park to ask for a couple acres to the east of the fire barn for parking or a community hall?

Did anyone call to see if a few acres across the street to the west of the fire barn would be available for the township to put offices, a community building, or parking?

Did anyone call to see if property across the Highway 179 to the south that is for sale would be an option?

So many questions that deserve answers.

Residents have given input in recent years that they support change from our 50 year old building. There were discussions about residents renting the community room but that the restrooms and kitchen were obsolete. Insurance and cost were other issues that needed attention which all seemed to fade away. The hall was too small.

Recently, we had a contingent of senior pickle ballers eighty strong ask to be allowed to have fundraisers to build indoor courts and add to their outdoor area. Why? Because the hall is too small.

What about tennis, basketball, aerobics and others using the community room when we don't have meetings? They can't the hall is too small. Our community leaders and residents of 50 years ago would advise you build it bigger than planned, because if it's available to the residents you can be certain it will get used.

Let's get back to reality.

You want to spend a million dollars to enhance office space in an obsolete meeting hall that can't accommodate our current population, let alone folks that are coming this way. A building 50 years old that needs structural work that will realistically benefit an office staff of maybe 8 to 10 folks.

You're trying to convince Yankee Springs residents that it will be lovely to take a 1971 pig and put lipstick on it.

I assure you we only see a pig!! A very expensive pig at that!!

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The board majority three have decided, I'm told, that even though plans are being drawn as I speak, you're willing to consider general public ideas.

I see three folks sitting in a cart with horses pushing from behind that can't see where they're going!!

You already voted to move forward with this debacle without your community's good wishes. You still don't have the plans to finance this million dollar taxpayer project!!

The newspaper is having a field day bashing what they call board incompetence and incompatibility suggesting that Yankee Springs residents should petition recalls.

That certainly doesn't make me feel comfortable about your actions and I can't imagine it sits well with you either.

Is this the legacy you want to leave by going forward with this train-wreck to spend a million dollars of taxpayer money on an outgrown obsolete building?

It's not too late to reconsider your votes. Rescind them, and go back to the table to build a new township hall that will meet the future needs and wants and allow room for expansion to grow with the community.

You have the community's support for the most part, to make the change.

Our township is blessed with CEO's, lawyers, financiers, planners, engineers and common sense-minded folks that will put our community and future first!! This is their home!! This is a very giving community. They will help if asked.

There's a right way to do this project.

Do what's right for the future of this township.

Leave a positive legacy for our children and grandchildren to enjoy a township hall that the community built them. Thank you."

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Limit to 3 Minutes).

Andrew VanMeter, of Cobb Lake Rd., – commented that as he looked around the room, there was no one younger than he was. VanMeter also commented that he lives down the street and R. Heilman's comment/letter was well put together. VanMeter commented that people are not too happy regarding the renovation meeting on October 30th. VanMeter commented there were things that needed to be updated at the hall and that there was support for it, "but to ramrod it and go ahead with the things. It's not what the public wants. Like you said there is a lot of support here, things do need to be updated, but plowing ahead is probably not the best way to go."

Ron Heilman, with a ZBA report: Report on Tuesday's ZBA meeting. Both variance requests approved. The first involved a waterfront setback on Barlow Lake and the other was for a pergola (from high water mark to set the posts) on Elmwood Beach.

R. Heilman also spoke of training for Master Citizen Planner certification. Heilman noted that ZBA members: D. VanHouten, John Frigmanski, Mike Boysen and Jim Courtney would like to take the training.

Also, Heilman asked for the board's consideration of a joint meeting of the three boards to address current issues that either are or need to be addressed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **Special Board Minutes:** 10/9/19 and Meeting 10/30/19
- b. **Regular meetings:** 10/10/19
- c. **Planning Commission Minutes** 10/17/19 (included)
- d. **ZBA Minutes** 10/8/19 (included)

Accounts Payable Checks ending 10/31/19: #915433 through #915464 = \$59,044.38.
October Payroll Check Register #6597 through #6620 = Net Amount \$12,521.00

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Jansma with support from VandenBerg to approve the Consent agenda for tonight's meeting as presented. Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes, Knowles: Absent. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent:1. MOTION CARRIED.

Accounts Payable of 10/31/19:

Motion by J. Lippert with support from Jansma to approve Accounts Payable of \$59,044.38 dated 10/31/19. Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes, Knowles: Absent. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent:1. MOTION CARRIED.

Full audio recording of this meeting has been downloaded to the township office computer system on 11/14/19.

TREASURER'S REPORT: presented by Alice Jansma, Treasurer

- a. **October 2019 Financial Statement & Investment Report+**
- b. **October 2019 Receipt Report+**
- c. **GLASWA October Report+**
- d. **Library Resolution to Wayland School District Residents to join Henika Library District**

Motion by Lippert with support from VandenBerg to accept the Treasurer's Financial Report for October 2019. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS(S):

a) Gun Lake Women's Club or (GFWC- Gun Lake Area)- Garden Maintenance Contract 2020 Renewal \$2000:

Motion by Jansma with support from Lippert to approve renewal of \$2,000 contract of Garden Maintenance Contract at the YS Township Park with the Gun Lake Women's Club. Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes, Knowles: Absent. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent:1. MOTION CARRIED.

Marilyn Martin, on behalf of the Gun Lake Women's Club, noted that 183 hours were spent maintaining the berm and flower beds. M. Martin thanked the board for putting in electricity at the park.

b) Application for Appointment to YST Renovation Committee (Larry Knowles)

M. Englerth commented that a business plan was needed to move forward "because an application isn't going to allow us to move forward."

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

TREASURER'S REPORT: Alice Jansma, Treasurer

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH GFWC – Garden Maintenance

VandenBerg commented, "... and then we could have the conversation, 'Does the board reasonably have to follow what the committee throws out at us? There's a lot of issues here.'"

Letter written by L. Knowles, dated 11/1/19, was read by J. Lippert:

Re: Citizen Involvement for the Renovation Committee

Ms. Lippert,

As you know (per my email on October 11th), I have a medical issue preventing me from attending the November 14th Board Meeting. As a result of the Special Meeting on October 30th, I would like to propose that the Township Board attempt to get interested citizens involved in the renovation process. I think that an advertisement in the paper, on the website, on the bulletin board and on the sign at the Fire Barn should be done. If the Board approves this in my absence, I would like the advertisement to be in the next paper available, due to the fact that F & V (Fleis & VandenBrink) are already working on the design.

I also would like to have an application available on the website and at the office. I have attached an application that I have designed if the Board decides they want to use it.

Sincerely, Larry Knowles, Trustee

BOARD ACTION
ITEMS cont'd

Alice Jansma noted that she had received only one phone call of interest in serving on the Citizens Committee regarding the Renovation. *(At the end of the meeting, a resident did request his name be on the list, as well.)*

Englerth commented, "...The original (renovation) committee was all the office employees, and nobody from the general public. Nobody from the business background, nobody from the building background. Not a farmer. Nobody. We didn't even put parameters on how many dollars we could spend. We do that with everything we do from buying a car to buying a house. Are we looking at a \$150,000 project? \$200,000, 300,000? We just grabbed. And I've heard enough from the general public that we had a lot of great input and everybody said something different at the last meeting. From take and move forward but not spend as much money. Do the "have to's" not the "want to's". I looked at the design of the building and before we leave tonight after the meeting is dismissed, if you look at that design there's a lot of dysfunction in place. One of the things that I got a complaint from somebody that did a FOIA, that said that certain records need to be in a fire proof confined area. At no place in that design is there anything fireproof. If you look at the-, we'll get the keys, they put the bathroom off to the left - that was that piece of engineering nightmare and we have a hallway that doesn't meet ADA, that goes nowhere, that doesn't store anything. But we left the two bathrooms on the right, same engineering firm...Same engineering firm built a driveway that could have created a fatality with a 4 ½' foot oak tree stopping your vision. And then I beat up the Road Commission and asked, 'How could you ever give a driveway permit?' and they apologized and then Brad called and said, 'It's cuz you never asked for one.' So, to me is that we had an informational meeting after we made a decision and now we had a bunch of our very limited group

make a decision on how much money we should spend. I think that we need to have some public meetings. I think we need to have all the public have a voice. They don't work for us. We work for them. ... We need to define how many dollars should we be spending and a lot of people said a lot of different things. One individual said, 'Mr. Englerth you ought to build a new township hall down to the fire barn. Makes sense to me. He says I don't want to. Leave is where it's at, but spend a little less money. Okay. How many more years are we going to do this. We heard some things from Mr. Heilman... So if you don't want to do one at the fire station, and you don't want to spend almost a million dollars here, a really simple fix is a 24 x 24 block building. Meet your fire rating for all your record storage- right off the back. Two offices coming off of here (north wall of township meeting hall), and I agree with everything that this is a public building. It isn't just for township meetings. We used to have 4H kids here, but whatever. Whether it's yoga, weddings, anniversaries, oh, no just the DNR, the GLPA, Payne Lake, but nothing else. I would like to table this and have a meeting and sit down and decide really what direction that we go. We've got a lot of unhappy residents out there. I hear more than three times a week."

S. Vandenberg commented that he agreed exactly with what Englerth had just said. Vandenberg commented "we do have a fire protected room down there (basement) with nothing in it. And it's been that way for a long time, and that was not talked about at that meeting (Oct. 30, 2019)."

Englerth commented "... there's flaws in the drawing. It's dysfunctional."

S. Vandenberg commented, "I agree. I want that fire room out of the basement. And I want like you said, we could put up a 24 x 24 fireproof room..."

Englerth interjected, "Masonry, right through here, **two hour** fire doors and done and if you want to build it 24 x 32, which you could do the renovation of two offices and an addition on that and still be under \$150 K. And then is \$150,000 for a ten year, a 20 year fix? This shouldn't all be decided in a committee before it gets to the board." Anyway, two hour window. I have a wonderful plan."

Motion by Englerth with support from Vandenberg to table approving application form for appointment to the YST Renovation Committee (as submitted by L. Knowles). *Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, Vandenberg: Yes, Knowles: Absent. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. MOTION CARRIED.*

Discussion called for by Vandenberg prior to above motion. "We've got an engineering firm, I've heard the comment that they're moving forward as we sit. Are we spending \$95,000 as we sit?"

Englerth commented, "A lot of that can be brought out in a special meeting real quick, Shane."

S. Vandenberg commented, "I just don't want to spend another couple thousand next month, if we are going to go down this road."

A. Jansma commented, "I thought it was on hold."

Englerth commented about building the fire station and being done with volunteers and \$37,000 out of the general fund. Parking lot, excavating, trees down, “in and out and done. By no means am I saying we can build a building for that, for \$37,000.... You need an engineer drawing. We’re not building a 40 story skyscraper with elevators that need sprinklers. It’s a township hall. You can have an architect design or an engineer design and there’s plenty enough of talent on this board to oversee the construction of it. We’ve managed bigger projects... And we don’t need to spend \$90,000 in oversight from an engineering firm. So there’s a lot that the public isn’t aware of. And it is okay for people and elected officials to disagree and even argue, and stalemate. But I’m here from the conservative approach and so there’s an efficient, effective way to move forward whether we did a new building, upgraded this one to a point, and I guarantee you by putting two offices from that- in here -would take care of that. You’d have your two offices. You’d have your secure area that you wanted. And you’d have your additional storage space. You would lose less square footage in this auditorium or this meeting room for the public, and you’d spend \$150,000. So...”

VandenBerg commented, “Let’s schedule a meeting.”

Englerth commented, “So I think Alice answered your question that Fleis & VandenBrink is not spending money at a break neck speed at this point.

VandenBerg commented, “I apologize. I was unaware of that.”

Englerth commented about being a County Commissioner ten years ago, “and we put a \$1,500,000 in the jail knowing that the jail was at the end of its life expectancy and the parking lot...and here we are 12 years later still talking about the jail, right? Haven’t done anything about the parking lot...” Englerth quoted Michael Brown, County Administrator, “This isn’t ‘drop dead you have to do it tomorrow’. If it takes us a couple years on the jail as long as everybody is healthy and the lights are on and the furnaces are runnin’ ...Okay if it takes us a couple more years on the township hall, it’s not the end of the world. ...I think people get when you see a 3-2 vote, or 4-1 vote... it would be more disgusting if everybody voted the same, wouldn’t it?...Maybe it’s a good thing that we take and believe in something passionately and stand and fight for it.”

Englerth commented and asked if everybody on the board was on the same page, “that maybe it’s time we had a series of public hearings and allow people to come in and share what they think is the best direction? Other than continuing going down the path that we’re going? Is it time that this board slow down and said, “We want to reconsider our \$890,000 hall renovation?”

VandenBerg commented, “It’s my understanding that Fleis & VandenBrink is putting everything on hold right now, until we come up with, let’s just say, a ‘move forward plan’.”

Englerth commented, “So do we want to set a date to have some public hearings?”

VandenBerg commented, “Yes, sir.”

Englerth commented, “And do we want to have them in December?”

Dates were discussed.

Motion by Englerth with support from VandenBerg to set a date of Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 11 a.m. for a public hearing regarding what the public wants in regard to the township hall & office renovation. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

c) DNR – Relocation of DNR Shooting Range – Peets Rd. & M-179 (Letter of Support for Grant Application by Supervisor). The range is to be in Rutland Township, noted Englerth.

M. Englerth showed aerial pictures of the current gun range and subdivision near it by M-37 and the old S & S Market. A recess was not taken. A resident spoke commenting that she lived near the area on the map. This resident complained about the noise everyday. The resident had other comments but they could not be heard with people talking in the audience.

M. Cunningham commented “Are you aware of any opposition to this, Mark?” Englerth commented that there was no opposition.

Motion by Englerth with support from VandenBerg to have Englerth prepare a positive letter of support with a final edit by Jansma for the proposed gun range drafted by Englerth. Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes, Knowles: Absent. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent:1. MOTION CARRIED.

Englerth commented that he will bring up information next motnh regarding matching grants. “Public safety is job #1. We’ve put up street lights. We feel that public safety is job #1. I’m going to be asking for a \$2,500 matching grant....The more dollars they have matched, the more public support they get, the more apt they are to get their funding and their grants. (They being the DNR).”

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Renovation Public Meeting Set: Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020 at 11 a.m.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT: Mark Englerth

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1. Robbins Cemetery Survey Completed-

Englerth noted on drawings of lots – Phase 1, entrance off of 179 would be closed off. A new entrance would be on Water Lily. When lots are all sold in Phase 1, then the township would go to Phase 2. Suggestion also by M. Englerth was to move eastern road on it back about 20 feet and plant pine trees. Englerth spoke of putting in a base road in and let it sit a year, and then decide about blacktopping or not. Englerth also commented (in reply to Jansma) that the township will put out an RFP to contract it out – “we’ll draw a set of specifications” –it will go out locally for a bid. Englerth added that he didn’t plan on hiring an engineer, “I think we can oversee it.” J. Lippert will submit the plan to Gordon Rousch and also propose a snow fence. Englerth commented that it will be too late for a fence. Englerth thought the snowmobilers would respect some signs. The RFP will go out in March and township won’t do anything until spring for roadwork –per Englerth.

Motion by VandenBerg with support by Jansma to accept drawing for Robbins Cemetery as presented and go to the final phase. This motion also includes putting together an RFP for roadwork and submitting drawing to the Miss Rousch (cemetery sexton) for her review. Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes, Knowles: Absent. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent:1. MOTION CARRIED.

- **Pickleball Court Update:**

Englerth noted that they (Pickleball Promotional/Citizen’s Group) are looking at putting in additional courts. Four additional courts. They are looking at financing options. “We agreed to have a few special meetings.”-per Englerth. Englerth commented that the pickleball promotional group would be paying for the project. They wanted to have a tentative support from the board (for their project). Discussion occurred. Jansma raised the question of who will be taking care of the courts. Englerth commented that “we are not committing to anything now, other than being very supportive.” As far as the future, including maintenance, Englerth commented that “everything will be done in a proposal.” VandenBerg commented “All they are asking for is, are we supportive?” Lippert commented that a plan had been submitted, labeled “Option #1.”

Motion by VandenBerg support by Englerth to note that the board is supportive of their (Pickleball Promotional Group) venture. Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes, Knowles: Absent. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent:1. MOTION CARRIED.

Englerth will give name of contact (regarding pickleball) to J. Lippert.

2. **Update on Cuddy Drain – Jim Dull (not present) - dredging will be done in the spring. During discussion, it was noted that the contingency fund will pay the \$15,000-** per Englerth. It will not be added to the Special Assessment District of the Inter-County Drain (clarification was requested by J. Lippert).

3. **Allegan Road Commission – December letter**

- **Update on Streetlights was also given.** Englerth commented on putting in a light at Yankee Springs Meadows (trailer park).

- **M. Englerth referred to the last board meeting** -when S. VandenBerg’s lawyers were present. Case law was given to the Township lawyer from VandenBerg’s lawyer. Englerth commented that the township lawyer then changed her mind. “In our committee of a whole with Alice, and Jan, and I’m going, we need to know what Mr. Knowles can vote on and what Mr. Knowles can’t vote on. Because even Mr. Knowles was surprised when she told him he couldn’t vote on it, when earlier she told him she could. So were on again, off again. It’s not fair to Mr. Knowles. It’s not fair to the board members, and it’s not fair to the public.” Englerth would like to have total board support to “get a copy of that case law and Catherine is going to put in writing what this board should do and shouldn’t do. And I don’t like it’s green one day and blue the other. And that’s what we’ve heard from our attorney. It’s not fair to anybody.”

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MOTION on
ROBBINS
CEMETERY PLANS

VOTE of SUPPORT
for PICKLEBALL
Promotional Group’s
venture.

Motion by Englerth with support by Jansma to receive case law-opinion from our lawyer regarding participation of Trustees Knowles & VandenBerg in certain board matters. Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes, Knowles: Absent. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent:1. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION to receive opinion of case law from YS attorney

CLERK'S REPORT: Jan Lippert, Clerk

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- **October 2019 PCI Report+**
- **YSTFD October Statistics+**
- **Current Invoice Register +**
- **Code Enforcement Report included**

CLERK'S REPORT: Jan Lippert, Clerk

Motion by Jansma with support from VandenBerg to approve current invoice register (11/14/19) for the amount of \$37,283.26. Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Knowles: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, VandenBerg: Absent. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

Election Day Summary (Nov. 5, 2019):

School Bond Proposal (TK Schools) - PASSED

Precinct 1: 497 voters (23% turn out)

Precinct 2: 458 voters (27% turn out)

Financial Meeting: in regards to the renovation project (twp. hall/office).

Englerth commented that how it would be funded was not “part of the ingredients (previously)”. A. Jansma has contacted a municipal finance advisor who will have two educational meetings with the township. **Special Meeting – Wednesday, Nov.20th at 2 p.m.** is to be held in the township hall. There’s no charge to the township for the meetings. Anyone is welcome to this meeting.

Special Board Financial Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Limit 3 Minutes)

Kevin Pitcher, Pine Meadows Dr., commented, “I think one thing would help is when meeting with the public about the building- what has to happen. We talked a lot of different options and stuff. If those could be in the room somehow. Drawn up. Written up. Just so people have an idea of what’s already been discussed and kind of ...”

Englerth commented, “I think we can give a synopsis of that, but everybody that said something even though it was as different as soup to nuts; they were dead on... Mr. Cunningham, if I can pick on him, he’s going ‘You don’t need to sell the hall. You don’t need to move the hall, but maybe you need to think about how much money you’re going to spend.’ They’re not all bad. You know sometimes you’ve got ten good decisions; pick the best one. Sometimes you’ve got ten horrible decisions, pick one. So it’s part of the process....”

Kelly Robbins, commented that she’s an ex – I.T. person “and in I.T. the worse thing you can do is not have a set of requirements... I feel like the whole step is missing... We would just sit down and it might take months to just say, ‘what do you want?’ and it’s all documented. And I

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don't see that here... I see a lot of solutions but what is really wanted... In the I.T. world that's how you get 'money creep' because you'll get part way through but 'we didn't get this or we didn't get that' and then they want to add that on...If you had your whole set of requirements upfront..."

Englerth commented and spoke of government and everybody having an opinion. "...\$890,000 and you've still got those bathrooms, and you've still got that kitchen."

Mike Cunningham asked to comment without feedback from the board. "These are comments, and I'm trying to follow the rules of what supposed to be done, so I don't want any comments out of you guys."

VandenBerg commented, "Thanks for the discipline, Mike."

Mike Cunningham commented, "Yeah. See there...."

VandenBerg commented, "I appreciate it."

Englerth commented, "In all fairness, respect what Mike said."

VandenBerg commented, "I did. I said 'I appreciate it.'"

Englerth commented, "Go ahead, Mike."

Cunningham commented, "No."

J. Spicklnagel asked is there was and grant money out there to help with the building project.

Englerth commented that he would say 'No.'

Scott Pierce asked, "Has anybody checked?.. I think it may be worth looking into."

VandenBerg commented, "This very possibly could even go up in front of a vote." (VandenBerg clarified that he was talking to the Board.)

NEW/OLD BUSINESS/ BOARD COMMENT:

Set Special Meeting for Water Ordinance- *(no date was set at this meeting).*

Full audio recording of this meeting has been downloaded to the township office computer system on 11/14/19 immediately following meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Englerth with support from VandenBerg to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. Approved by all. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted:
Deb Mousseau
Recording Secretary 11/14/19

Date: Approved by Board of Trustees Dec. 12, 2019

Approved : _____
Janice C. Lippert, Township Clerk

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