

YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, October 10, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Yankee Springs Township Hall
284 N. Briggs Rd., Middleville, Michigan 49333
MINUTES

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

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PLEDGE

Roll Call: Jansma, L. Knowles, Englerth, Lippert, VandenBerg.

ROLL CALL

Also Present: YS Attorney, C. Kaufman with new associate, Jake Eccleston

Staff Present: Frank Fiala, Ron Heilman, Richard Beukema, Sandy Marcukaitis, Karen Kennedy, Constable – Chuck Biggs, Michael Boysen.

Visitors: 28 (not including staff present).

ADDITIONS or CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

**ADDITIONS/
CHANGES TO
AGENDA**

Add to New Business: Snow Plowing

Add to Board Action Items: YS Office Renovation

Motion by Knowles with support from Lippert to add to Board action: Yankee Springs Office renovation Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Englerth: No, VandenBerg: No, Lippert: Yes, Knowles: Yes. Yes: 3, No: 2. MOTION CARRIED. Discussion followed.

**MOTION TO ADD
AGENDA ITEM**

Move: on agenda- Item 11 (c) moved to “after Item 5 and before Item 6.”

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Limit to 3 minutes) (Item #9 on Agenda).

Bill Medendorp – of Vista Point: (signed, handwritten manuscript provided). Since the water issue for Shalinda drive is on the agenda for tonight, I thought I would take you back to around Sept. or Oct. of 2017.

There was discussion’s of Shalinda drive going on then also, but it was all tabled for a couple of month’s for various reasons. At the very next meeting Mr. Knowles and Mr. Purcell again pushed Shane Vandenberg with questions and accusations even though Mr. Vandenberg’s business should have been off limits for a couple of months.

Mr. Vandenberg protested his business being discussed but finally he was given permission to respond by the supervisor.

It is my opinion that him responding was exactly what was wanted by Mr. Knowles and Mr. Purcell, so they could attempt a recall on him. It seemed deliberate and was verified to me at the break of the meeting when myself and Dave Neeson over heard Mr. Purcell and Mr. Knowles saying that they got him, a reason for a recall, which they ran with.

Nothing came of that recall, it was determined by township attorney that Shane Vandenberg did nothing wrong.

I bring this up only because this issue needs to be resolved fairly with no games being played.

I would hate to think that any developer that approaches Yankee Springs township, would be treated as Mr. Vandenberg has.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

Barry County Commissioner, Vivian Conner gave the County Commissioner’s report.
Written report provided.

Geoff Moffat & Attorney Christian Meyer (Item (c) Board Action Items)

Item 11 c moved from Board Action Items:

c) Shalinda Final Preliminary Plat Request for 1 Year Extension from January 16, 2020.

Catherine Kaufman, YS Attorney, commented that she would recommend Trustee S. VandenBerg not vote on the extension, due to conflict of interest. C. Kaufman recommended that Trustee L. Knowles abstain from voting as well. L. Knowles went out of the room. C. Meyer asked that S. VandenBerg stay in room, as a private citizen, in case of questions. VandenBerg stayed in the room.

VandenBerg’s attorney, C. Meyer, presented the extension request noting that VandenBerg hasn’t started construction because of delays on the engineering side that are out of his control (as noted in letter to board). Meyer noted the provision of the township ordinance for a one year extension. Extension is requested for one year until Jan. 2021 (1/16/21) and is a request “made in the abundance of caution. Again, it’s just a request for an extension such that it would not be subject to any intervening changes in the zoning ordinance relating to subdivision plats..... Spring is when expected engineering plans are to be approved.” Meyer also noted that all other approvals have been received including DEQ, Barry County Road Commission and Drain Commission.

Jansma noted going into a long process the last time the board met with Meyers and Moffat concerning the loop. Jansma noted the township has a deadline to put the loop in. C. Kaufman commented there was a participation component for the YS Township. Jansma noted that January 2021 would surpass the date for the township’s participation. A. Jansma commented on protecting the township, she didn’t have anything against the extension. Jansma requested the township’s loop participation language be extended as well. C. Kaufman advised of motion language to extend deadline for Mr. VandenBerg as requested and for the township’s participation component in the loop, as well.

Motion by Jansma with support from Lippert to approve extension requested for Step II approval (for Shalinda Plat) with the agreed upon extension of the YS Township’s date for performance for the extension of the water line and/or loop involved (for Shalinda Plat) to the same date of January 16, 2021. ROLL CALL VOTE: Englerth: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Jansma: Yes, VandenBerg: Abstained, Knowles: Abstained. Yes: 3, Abstain: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

Prior to motion, C. Kaufman commented that it is up to the board to decide on a policy decision, whether to perform or not, under that agreement.

At this time, approximately 7:30 p.m., L. Knowles was notified and Knowles rejoined the meeting. Lippert commented that she would like Attorney C. Kaufman to continue to attend the meeting for Item #11.a. of Board Action Items. (Permit & Connection Fees for YS Twp. Water System). Englerth asked Board Members, Jansma and VandenBerg, who approved of Lippert’s request.

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**ACKNOWLEDGE
MENT OF
VISITORS**

BARLOW LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FIVE YEAR PLAN

- a) Assessment Roll Special Assessment District and Hearing Objections
- b) Hear Public Comment

Motion by Jansma with support from Lippert to **Open Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m.** (All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.)

Mr. Tony Groves commented that this was a continuation of the weed control program of Barlow Lake, a draft of the roll has been prepared and this was the final step for the project. Annual charge will be: \$60 for on the lake lots – off lake -access lots \$30 each. This will start on the Dec. 1, 2019 tax bill.

J. Lippert mentioned Cindy Glahn, who had made an inquiry. Contact has been made with Ms. Glahn per Groves. A returned envelope from “Hoekstra” came back per Lippert.

No objections have come into the township office per Lippert.

Public Comment:

Dorothy Schaaf, of 1731 Manitou Lane, inquired if a company has been selected that will actually do the work. T. Groves commented that it was all set with PLM Land and Lake Management Corp. which is very price competitive. Groves commented that they look at pricing every year, and will negotiate- if needed. Groves commented that there have been no issues with Barlow project.

Motion by Jansma with support from Knowles to **Close Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m.** All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Jansma with support from Knowles to Approve Resolution #4 Barlow Lake Assessment Roll (2019 Tax Bills) 2020-to 2024. Roll Call Vote: Knowles: Yes, Englerth: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Jansma: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes. Yes (5), No (0). MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Board Minutes: September 12, 2019 / Renovation Committee Meeting #3 - 9/11/19
- b. September Accounts Payable Check register #915381-915432 =\$56,384.66.
September **Payroll Check Register:** Checks #6596 through #6596- = Net Amount \$10,663.84.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Knowles 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: Yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT (continued from page 1) (Item #9 on Agenda)

b. **Phyllis Wordhouse of Vista Point Drive**, spoke regarding pickleball. Mrs. Wordhouse commented that she had attended the Planning Commission meeting of Sept. 26, 2019. Copies of information regarding the proposal of additional pickleball courts were distributed to mailboxes, and emailed to board members as well. P. Wordhouse and the “Promote Pickleball Team” are requesting six (6) to eight (8) more courts for the YS

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**BARLOW LAKE
IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT FIVE
YEAR PLAN**

**MOTION to
APPROVE RES. #4
Barlow Lake
Assessment Roll**

**CONSENT
AGENDA
And APPROVAL**

Township Park. M. Englerth has committed to working with the group as well, according to Mrs. Wordhouse. Wordhouse also noted that donations have been made for four (4) temporary courts and commitments for finding a lockable storage shed. Wordhouse commented they are partnering with the Barry Community Foundation, a 501C 3, by setting up a special project for pickleball development.

Motion by VandenBerg support Knowles to approve for an interim time effective May 2020 (and to be revisited), four (4) portable nets for pickleball with temporary taping, and a storage place or "shed" for nets- all at no cost to the township. ROLL CALL VOTE: Englerth: Yes, Knowles: Yes, Lippert: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes, Jansma: Yes. ALL YES (5). MOTION CARRIED.

J. Lippert requested value of shed for insurance reasons. Additional discussion occurred regarding Risk Management and Special event permits, as well as an upcoming pickleball potluck, electric/extension cord, and a request of time to check out the situation with insurance.

TREASURER'S REPORT: presented by Alice Jansma, Treasurer

- a. September 2019 Financial Statement & Investment Report+
- b. September 2019 Receipt Report+
- c. GLASWA September Report+

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

Jansma commented that a taxpayer requested a form to protest paying taxes. Jansma made contacts and there is no such form in the state. Jansma noted procedure for handling protested tax bill(s).

BOARD ACTION ITEMS(S):

a) Permit Connection fees for YSTWP Water System (Tabled 9-12-19).

Discussion took place with the YS Attorney. C. Kaufman contacted VandenBerg's attorney, C. Meyer who referred to the minutes of 9/12/19 and noted that the Resolution (for Connection fees) was defeated by vote. Kaufman referred to her own notes that the motion to approve the resolution failed. C. Kaufman noted that it was also her recollection that based on a letter from G. Moffat asking that it be tabled to this date because they (Moffat & Meyer legal counsel for VandenBerg) were unavailable that that was the reason why the motion failed. Discussion occurred. S. VandenBerg asked for the motion that was voted on. Englerth allowed a recess to acquire information.

RECESS: 8:06 p.m.

RESUME: 8:15 p.m.

After resuming, C. Kaufman commented that if the motion may have been defeated, there were other motions that could be made, such as a motion to have a work session/meeting regarding this issue (connection fees), bring forth the failed motion again

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MOTION to APPROVE Temporary Pickleball Courts, taping and storage.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Alice Jansma, Treasurer

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

RECESS

or do nothing. Kaufman commented that it was the board's pleasure at this point in time. Kaufman also referred to the statute- Standard of Conduct for Public Officers Act 196 of 1973, Section/MCL 15.342. Kaufman noted that if it came to a vote (re: Connection fees), she would ask both Knowles and VandenBerg to abstain from the vote. Knowles asked Kaufman to describe the conflict. Kaufman noted VandenBerg's conflict, being a developer who would at some point in time build houses that will be connected to the water system and Knowles' conflict is working for a business that has an interest in the fixing of YS Twp. water rates. Kaufman noted that she has looked at the statue more closely since the last time this was discussed and will be interpreting the issue more conservatively.

Mark Englerth commented there isn't enough information to work with this evening.

J. Lippert commented that the Water Advisory Board was created to have information and all township board members met with the Rural Water Association as well, in groups of two or separately -as not to have a quorum.

Englerth commented that info is needed and that Knowles and VandenBerg will sit in the audience, "and we will work on it."

S. VandenBerg commented that he might want a professional to come in and advise, "to give a full, lengthy document that tells us where we need to go, that will be working directly with the township board."

A. Jansma commented that she wanted to address the water ordinance as it has flaws.

Englerth commented on 200 users paying for an oversized water system. Englerth mentioned developments of VanderSlik, and Drake. He spoke of people who he said have already put in infrastructure and the township committed to them. Also, Englerth commented on needing more information in front of the board to make a decision tonight. He commented to take the information they can get, start to build a foundation, listen to experts, and Englerth then noted there isn't going to be 400 hookups in the next six month, and there wouldn't even be 30. "And time is not of the essence."

Jansma noted that there is no definition of direct and indirect fees in the ordinance, and the whole ordinance needs to be redone.

VandenBerg commented, "We are missing Appendix A. Where could it possibly be?"

Motion by Jansma with support from Englerth to table the connection fee board action item to get ordinance straightened out. Roll Call Vote: Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, Jansma: Yes. (VandenBerg and Knowles both abstained). (Jansma asked to put a meeting date in the motion to address the ordinance. Englerth called for the vote without a date).

Englerth then asked G. Moffat to comment. **Moffat** commented that when a developer comes into a community, "if that developer incurs 100% of the cost of the **extension...they** pay 100% of that cost. And traditionally, when that occurs, the local utility... offers a difference in connection fee to that developer because the developer has incurred 100% of the expansion of the infrastructure."

C. Meyers, also legal counsel to VandenBerg, commented that townships around the state, "they do that direct and indirect using some sort of formula relevant to that township and how they determine the difference of the fees."

C. Kaufman, YS Attorney, commented that she agreed with everything they (Moffat/Meyer) said and referred to an email sent to the YS board about a month ago and said you really have to look at the ordinance. Kaufman agreed with Jansma that there wasn't a great definition in the ordinance for indirect and direct fees. Kaufman referred to a point of Trustee Knowles and commented that she would like to match the ordinance to what was actually being done so everyone would be treated fairly.

VandenBerg commented, "If we had reflected in Appendix A, we would have the information. It's here. We had it. Something happened to it. I have no idea what happened to it."

Mr. Martin, of B & R Excavating, was asked to come to the podium by Englerth. Martin noted that he was also on the Planning Commission for the City of Wayland and has done a lot of work in Hastings, Wyoming, and Grand Rapids. Martin commented "And every one of them is set up the way you guys are discussing. With a trunk fee. A little different with the City of Hastings. They base on linear footage, so they go off, of based on your road frontage, and how much use of water you go off of, which is meter. City of Wayland, is a little different, they actually base it off of-, they negotiate. When the developer comes in, goes over it, they come up with a base. Special use for every one of them. I guess you could say it is a special use permit for every one. So when they come in, we address it as 'What are you going to use? Can our infrastructure handle what they want to propose?' Then we come up with a fee from there and which is set up with the water department and with the Board."

Englerth commented if you look at extension of water main down Patterson Rd. near the former Bauman's Marina "the township voted to oversize that at the taxpayer's expense. Englerth commented that "we have to do a lot of reading here. To do it right and to do it fair... to the developers, the lot owners, the taxpayers, and the township. And it isn't making it heavier on one person or the other, it's about being consistent. It's about being fair. And some of those lots. There was already agreements made. And what liability is that? And I don't see that in that resolution. Englerth commented that he thinks the resolution creates a bigger problem than it does solve anything. ... But we say we don't do things. If we do it, let's do it right."

Attorney Kaufman clarified she didn't draft the resolution. "... You just need to figure out what is best for this board and how you want this system to be run. And then match your ordinance to it. If you contract with GLASWA or somebody to run that system the way you all determine is appropriate... You're going to have some kind of quantification as to how people when they are hooking up are charged, how it's allocated, and what's fair. Within the law I'll be able to help you. I'll keep that legal, but policy decisions are for the board."

Englerth wanted to know which board member asked C. Kaufman to attend the meeting. It was confirmed that it was J. Lippert who asked Kaufman to attend.

VandenBerg and Englerth inquired as to who wrote the resolution. R. Beukema, who was in the audience was questioned about it.

A. Jansma noted that she would say Greg Purcell, (*member of the Water Utility Advisory Board*), wrote the resolution.

j) Articles of Incorporation of Gun Lake Area Sewer Authority (Distributed in pkt. (9-12-19)

(G. Moffat and C. Meyer left the meeting at 8:38 p.m.)

M. Englerth raised issue to not having information in a timely fashion. A. Jansma pointed out that this information (GLASWA Articles of Incorporation) was included in 9/12/19 the packet (last month’s board meeting.) C. Kaufman noted that she did not know about this agenda item until this afternoon. She would read the Articles of Incorporation right now if Englerth would like. C. Kaufman noted that her firm did not draft the Articles of Incorporation.

Discussion occurred between Englerth and Jansma regarding four (4) township board approval(s) (Martin, YS, Wayland, and Orangeville).

Knowles clarified that Jansma was speaking about the budget. Knowles noted that the four boards have never voted on the budget before. The Articles were developed to actually match the way that it is done.

Kaufman commented “these (The Articles) are fairly innocuous...I don’t specifically see in here who owns the system or the infrastructure in the ground.”

Motion by Englerth with support from VandenBerg to table approval of GLASWA Articles Of Incorporation. ROLL CALL: Englerth: Yes, Jansma: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes, Knowles: No, Lippert: No. MOTION CARRIED.

c) **Shalinda Final Preliminary Plat Request for 1 Year Extension from January 16, 2020 (See above).**

d) **Re-Zone Request Parcel #08-16-020-005-10 Owners Kooistra & Holden from C-2 to RSF.**

Motion by Knowles with support from VandenBerg to accept Planning Commission recommendation from C-2 to RSF per ROLL CALL vote: Knowles: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes, Englerth: Yes, Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Yes. MOTION CARRIED. Yes: 5, No: 0. (Ordinance #10-1-2019 adopted 10.10.19 effective 8 days after published in newspaper.)

MOTION to TABLE approval of Articles of Incorporation for GLASWA.

Yankee Spring Renovation Project (added to agenda):

Motion by Knowles with support by Jansma to proceed with the Renovation Committee’s Recommendation and accept Fleis & VandenBrink’s proposal dated September 23, 2019 to provide: Design Development, Civil Design, Construction Documents, Bidding Process and Construction Administration for a fee of \$95,500.00. Discussion Occurred Prior to Roll Call Vote (See Discussion below). ROLL CALL VOTE: Englerth: No, Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Yes, VandenBerg: No, Knowles: Yes. Yes: 3, No: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to proceed with F & V Renov. Proposal.

VandenBerg commented that he felt numbers were supposed to be coming back (from Fleis & VandenBrink). VandenBerg commented, "We're going to give a corporation a go-ahead, and we haven't even discussed how we are going to pay for it."

A. Jansma noted that a meeting took place last night, and the renovation committee had met three (3) separate times to come up with the recommendation.

J. Lippert read into record the memo of 10/10/19 that Englerth had asked Fleis & VandenBrink architect, David Gibbs, to prepare after last night's meeting regarding the Renovation:

Mark mentioned that he wanted to see a site plan showing our anticipated site layout for a new building at the Fire Station site.

This plan shows a 6,050 SF building with 33 parking spaces. We strongly recommend not relying on parking west and north of the fire station for township hall business due to the conflict with emergency vehicles and parking for first responders.

The particle site plan is based on survey information from the 2012 parking project.

Englerth commented that he and M. Boysen, (at the fire station) measured "the thing out", and a structure about the size of the existing fire station would fit in the fire station campus with the existing parking lot. Englerth commented that he felt the project was moving pretty fast. Englerth commented "The \$890,000 of taxpayer's money would go into this existing campus (township hall) with an addition on this building, but it wouldn't renovate the two bathrooms on the right or the kitchen." Englerth wondered if "it was the wrong building, at the wrong location at the wrong time" and if there were other options available. Englerth mentioned spending a million dollars and buying a \$100 used car and putting money in it and still having a \$100 car and commented "...So \$890,000, I think we can take our time." Englerth commented, "What do the taxpayers want?... Do the taxpayers want a voice at the table? Have we exercised all our options? Is it the right thing to do? We don't have fire hydrants up to Barlow Lake, on the North end. You talk about our priorities. The subdivisions out there on the M-37 by the old S&S Market. But you need a \$890,000 addition, ?a remodeling on the fire barn?, and it still doesn't finish the job. I'm not saying I'm right or wrong. For that amount of money, it deserves a better discussion than we are giving it. Originally we asked Fleis and VandenBrink to give us a couple of options. And the committee said, "No. This is the only option. So once it comes in at \$890,000? Maybe you better re-think it and go to see if there is another option." Englerth commented on the floor joists under the current building. Englerth commented that there are different options "and you haven't looked at those options and that's the only thing that I cannot support or vote for it."

Knowles commented, "I think that the committee did do their due diligence. There were plenty of options presented. As a matter of fact, they did consider the fire barn (on M-179), but the engineer plainly said that it won't hold it. If you're considering the fact that we just recently added 30 parking spaces to this facility, because 30 (existing spaces) wasn't enough, that's all we can fit over there, is 30 (spaces). They're clearly saying there's not enough room to put this size of building over there to fit parking. We then looked at a few different options of how to renovate this building. And it is the committee's decision that the one in front of you is the correct one. So that was the recommendation. And I agree with it."

Englerth asked if there was one person from the general public on the committee.

Knowles answered, "I don't know what general public..."

Englerth commented, "Roll Call Vote."

Knowles asked Englerth, "Who did you put on the com-"

Englerth repeated, "Roll Call Vote." (See previous page for MOTION)

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CLERK'S REPORT: Jan Lippert, Clerk

- Special Election Nov. 5, 2019 TK School Bonding Proposal
- September 2019 PCI (Professional Code Inspectors) Report+
- YSTFD September Statistics+
- Current Invoice Register +

Motion by Jansma with support from Knowles to approve current invoice register (10/10/19) for the amount of \$59,383.55. Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Knowles: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

J. Lippert requested meeting of Y.S. Election committee after tonight's meeting to appoint the election inspectors.

CLERK'S REPORT: Jan Lippert, Clerk

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Mark Englerth

Crack sealing (contracted for) – work began today.

Street lights at intersections: YS Mobile Home Park, Englerth requested something in writing from YS Meadows to give to the board. It has not been received yet, but moving forward.

surveying from Reynolds– should be receiving something in a few days on that.

Veterans Memorial – 2nd set of pavers have been sent in. 64 names. It continues to move forward.

Monthly Code enforcement report from Brad Williams. Englerth commented on being proud of how Brad and Eric of PCI work together. "The process works good..." added Englerth.

Gun Range – had been turned over to the DNR and DNR opened up to public. Englerth commented on problems with tannerite going off at 2 or 3 in the a.m., as well as, bullet holes in houses. New Location is near 179 – Peets Rd. The DNR is moving the Gun Range to this area. Range will be gated and ¼ mile to any house.

Test of existing wells to occur tomorrow morning in Section 19.

Englerth spoke with someone regarding a **generator**. Gentleman will put some numbers together and put it out for bid. He thought we could do it for \$7,000 or \$8,000.

Jansma commented she can apply for a grant- if the bid comes in.

Knowles asked who was supplying the spec. Per Englerth, Kevin Erb would supply the spec, but K. Erb won't be bidding on it.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Mark Englerth

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Limit 3 Minutes)

Michael Boysen, former Trustee: Regarding the renovation/addition, asked if the public would be involved at all in the decision making. Boysen asked if it were a three (3) person vote and gets ram rodded through. Englerth commented No. Boysen commented “Why not? It’s our money.” Boysen commented that it was a million dollar project.

Sandy Marcukaitis, Planning/Zoning Assistant – asked about getting a grill for the park. S. Marcukaitis commented that she was going to get an answer about it this month from the board. Marcukaitis asked that she also asked back in June about a sign for the township building. A bid was given to Board. Marcukaitis commented that she just wondered if the board had decided on that. Marcukaitis asked, “Where is the study of the trails?” Marcukaitis noted that Mr. Moffat was hired. Marcukaitis commented that she would like to have this on the agenda this month.

Kevin Pitcher, of Pine Meadows Dr.– also regarding the renovation, commented that this building was just approved for a million dollars. K. Pitcher also commented, “Nobody had a chance “to look at a thing about it.” Pitcher commented that he didn’t know if the public has been told what was wrong with the building and “why it can’t be renovated. Not sure what is wrong with the capacity....” Pitcher asked, “Does this raise our taxes? We got to pay for it somehow.” Pitcher felt there should be something more to come out for the people to look at. Pitcher also wondered what would become of this building. Also Pitcher referred to who could consult the lawyers (from the Board). Pitcher felt it should be a collaboration (to consult the lawyers).

Mrs. Barnes, of Pine Meadows Dr. commented that sitting in back, “Half the time you can’t understand what you people are saying. And it needs to be announced? more clearly so we can understand and grasp what’s going on with our board.

G. Medendorp, of Vista Point, commented, “You ask for public comment, but I think you guys dismiss whatever we say.Doesn’t matter what we say. It’s going to be your way.”

Linda Thomas, of Edgecreek Dr. commented, “I find it appalling that you push this plan through. That a million dollars of tax-payer money... It should be brought to the public. That is ridiculous. I find it a disservice to your... Yeah. It’s just ridiculous. It’s horrible. Is this going to be printed in the paper? I mean, the public needs to know this. That this is your plan.”

A. Jansma commented, “It was in the paper. Two weeks. I’m sorry, but it was in the paper. Two weeks.”

G. Medendorp asked, “The cost of it (project)?”

Jansma (along with other board members) replied, “Yes.”

At this point, several people from the audience started talking at the same time.

M. Cunningham, Heritage Bay Dr., commented, “Public comment is one person at a time; Recognized by the board. If it’s a back and forth, it’s their (board’s) fault, partially, for answering the person. They should just sit there and stare at them. Maybe say, ‘We can’t answer.’ ” Cunningham also commented, “All this talk about this building renovation not being before the public, it’s been talked about and voted on and approved since 2012... There was a public meeting last night with those plans up there. And so the public was informed at least by

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**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

the minimum I think that the law requires. There could be more. That drawing could be put in the paper. Maybe they planned to do it. They only got it recently. But it is a lot of money. The building does need some work. They do need some more space. I don't know if they need everything that's on there, but that's my opinion. And how many voters are there in the township 4,000 or 5,000? Try to get an agreement of all of us. Get our own voice listened to and agreed with. Come on. It's voters. We have got to attend meetings. I've been to a lot of meetings with an empty room. And I've missed an awful lot of meetings which were probably even at least one person emptier. ... We all got to get on board as voters and attend these meetings. Pay attention to what's in the paper, because every meeting is published in the paper. And I don't expect anybody to talk back to me. This is my public comment, so that's all I have to say."

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PUBLIC COMMENT

(continued)

NEW/OLD BUSINESS/ BOARD COMMENT:

Snow plowing: Jansma commented that the estimate was not any different than last year. Jansma noted the good job DK did last year with such a lousy winter.

Motion by Jansma with support by Knowles and by Englerth for the 2019- 2020 year to renew existing snow plowing contract with DK Snowplowing. Roll Call: Lippert: Yes, Knowles: Yes, Englerth: Yes, Jansma: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes. Yes: 5. No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS/

BOARD COMMENT

CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) Committee will be meeting to update CIP to comply with Zoning Enabling Act.

Full audio recording of this meeting has been downloaded to the township office computer system on 10/10/19 immediately following this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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Motion by Englerth with support from Knowles to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Approved by all. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted:
Deb Mousseau
Recording Secretary 10/10/19

Date: Approved by Bd of Trustees Nov. 14, 2019

Approved : _____
Janice C. Lippert, Township Clerk