

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Regular Board Meeting</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Thursday, March 14, 2019</u></b> 7:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Yankee Springs Township Hall</b> 284 N. Briggs Rd., Middleville, Michigan 49333</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MINUTES</b></p>	<p><b>FINAL MINUTES</b> Page 1 of 6 YS BOT – Regular Mtg. 3/14/19 Approved as amended May 9, 2019</p>
<p>Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Supervisor Mark Englerth.</p> <p><b><u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Roll Call:</u></b> All Present: Jansma, L. Knowles, Englerth, VandenBerg.</p> <p><b><u>Absent with notice:</u></b> J. Lippert</p> <p><b><u>Staff Present:</u></b> Chuck Biggs- Constable, Rich Beukema, Cathy Strickland, Frank Fiala, John Frigmanski, Sandy Marcukaitis, Ron Heilman.</p> <p><b><u>Visitors:</u></b> 8 (not including staff present).</p>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p> <p><b>PLEDGE</b></p> <p><b>ROLL CALL</b></p>
<p><b><u>ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA: None</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>ADDITIONS/ CHANGES TO AGENDA</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>CONSENT AGENDA:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Approval of Consent Agenda Minutes:</u></b> Minutes of Feb. 4, 2019; Feb. 6, 2019; Feb. 14, 2019; Feb. 18, 2019; March 2, 2019; March 12, 2019.</p> <p><b><u>February 2019 Check Register:</u></b> Check #915091 – Check #915132 = \$133,353.31</p> <p><b><u>February 2019 Payroll Register:</u></b> Check #6439 - #6452 Net Amount : \$10,292.80</p>	<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>
<p><b><u>APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Motion by Knowles with support from VandenBerg to approve the Consent agenda for tonight's meeting. Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Absent, Englerth: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes, Knowles: Yes . Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. MOTION CARRIED.</u></b></p>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>
<p><b><u>PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE</u></b></p>	<p><b>PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE</b></p>
<p><b><u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Barry County Commissioner - Dan Parker</u></b> gave tonight's report of the previous month's activity.</p> <p><b><u>Sandy Marcukaitis, Planning &amp; Zoning Assistant</u></b> – commented noting the grant previously mentioned by D. Parker. S. Marcukaitis commented that she'd like to hear from the board by next month so that she can apply for a grant so it is possible to water plants at the YS Township Park. Marcukaitis noted that she is not asking for lights (electricity/water). Discussion took place with D. Parker regarding previous grant application. Note: Board agreed (per M. Englerth) to get back to Sandy Marcukaitis regarding the water/electricity in the park. S. Marcukaitis asked if it was a good idea to have a newsletter. Last newsletter went out in 2017. Consensus of the board was that it would be good to have a Spring newsletter and to have it finished by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Information must be to Sandy M. by May 1<sup>st</sup>.</p>	<p><b><u>ACKNOWLEDGE MENT OF VISITORS:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Dan Parker</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Sandy Marcukaitis</u></b></p>

**Ron Heilman, representing Disabled American Veterans, and ZBA member**, spoke regarding flag pole(s) and flag(s) for the Veterans Memorial. One pole and American Flag is \$1,500.00. Type and amount of flags, as well as placement of pole(s), is in question. R. Heilman noted that he was not able to be at the recent Veterans Memorial meeting, but requested printed copies of meeting (March 2<sup>nd</sup>) and previous meetings regarding the Veterans Memorial. Heilman commented that he wanted to make it known that it is the “Veterans Memorial in Yankee Springs Township”. He didn’t want it to be “Yankee Springs’ Veterans Memorial”. He commented, “Please don’t micro-manage the project.” Heilman went on to note the following people who volunteered time, equipment and/or materials for the Memorial after acknowledging **Mike Cunningham** who sat out donation jars, and **Larry Knowles and sons** who helped Mark (Englerth) remove trees at the Fire station: **Matt Spencer** – hauled approximately 24 cars to Padnos at no charge; **Kendall Tobias** – no charge for auctioneering; **Mr. Martin of D & R Excavating** moved sand; **Arnsman’s** used trucks and labor to bring over black dirt; black dirt donated by resident on Parker; **McKinney Poured Walls** used trucks and labor and only charged for cement; **Bennett Tree Service** used crane to unload stone; and **Englerth Construction** used equipment and labor. R. Heilman noted that just those listed items saved \$5,200.00 (estimated figure to be on the light side), not including those who made private donations of materials and time. Heilman commented, “We’ve been moving along on this, and it’s going along great. We’re saving a lot of money.” Heilman added that there is still a lot of work to do, and listed work yet to be completed. Heilman encouraged everyone, resident or not, to help. Heilman also wanted those in attendance to know that the reason that the writing is on the north side of the memorial stone is that the writing “always faces the person walking up to it,” adding that visitors would come to the monument from the north (off of the parking lot). Heilman finished by asking the board, “Please let the citizens build their Veterans Memorial”.

**Alice Jansma** commented, “We are not using township funds for the memorial and we cannot.”

**S. VandenBerg** commented that he believed Heilman was talking about casino funds.

**TREASURER’S REPORT: presented by Alice Jansma, Treasurer**

- February 2019 Financial Statement & Investment
- February 2019 Receipt Report
- GLASWA Report
- Tax Collection Update

**Motion by Knowles with support from VandenBerg to accept the Treasurer’s Financial Report for February 2019. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

**BOARD ACTION ITEMS(S):**

**a. Office Renovation (Tabled from Feb. 14, 2019 meeting). Advertise for a construction manager.**

*It was determined that the board would advertise for a construction manager – “RFP with options open - Capping hours not to exceed.” Jansma, Englerth and Knowles will work on bid specifications. \*No motion was made.*

**Ron Heilman**

**TREASURER’S REPORT: Alice Jansma, Treasurer**

**BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

**b. Trustee Appointments to Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals (from Feb. 14, 2109 Meeting).**

Englerth commented on still being at a deadlock. \*Tabled until next month.

**c. Resolution to formalize Water System specifications recommended by Don DeVries (Fleis & VandenBrink). To be revisited in March of 2020.**

*\*Motion by Jansma with support from Knowles to adopt Resolution #03-01-2019 Water Main Specifications recommendation by Fleis & VandenBrink and be placed in the ordinance in 30 days. Roll call: Knowles: Yes, Lippert: absent, Englerth: Yes, Jansma: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. MOTION CARRIED.*

*Brief discussion called by VandenBerg regarding previous specs. (47 minute mark on audio recording).*

**d. Solid Waste Resolution presented by Frank Fiala.**

Requested to be in the minutes: May 4<sup>th</sup> Hazardous Waste Collection at the Barry County Fairgrounds. Tires will be taken in as well. This is not for businesses, but for households.

Frank Fiala commented on what the resolution entails. Documentation was distributed to board members prior to meeting. Approximately one-third of the townships have already adopted.

*\*Motion by Englerth with support from Jansma to adopt #03-02-2019 Solid Waste Resolution. Roll call: Knowles: Yes, Lippert: absent, Englerth: Yes, Jansma: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. MOTION CARRIED.*

**e. Proposals for irrigation at the Fire Station presented by Scott Havens.**

Scott Havens presented his proposal. Quote(s) were distributed to board members by S. Havens. \*Item was TABLED at this time.

**f. Approve \$25,000 for crack seal maintenance of subdivisions by the Road Commission.**

*\*Motion by Jansma with support from Knowles to approve \$25,000 for crack seal maintenance of subdivisions by Road Commission and request for crack seal cost at township hall, fire station and park. Roll call: Knowles: Yes, Lippert: absent, Englerth: Yes, Jansma: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. MOTION CARRIED.*

**g. Request for crack seal cost at the Township Hall, Fire Station & Park (\*see above).**

**CLERK'S REPORT: Jan Lippert - (given by A. Jansma, Treasurer, in the Clerk's absence.)**

- February PCI Report
- YSTFD February Stats
- Current Invoice Register to Date for Approval \$31,650.45
- Board Members copied of Bauckham, Sparks' most recent bill.
- YS Election Commission to meet after this Meeting.

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MOTION – Water System specs- Res. #03-01-2019

Motion to adopt #03-02-2019 Solid Waste Resolution

Motion to approve crack seal maintenance of subdivisions +

CLERK'S REPORT: given by Alice Jansma

*Motion by Knowles with support from Vanden Berg to approve current invoice register (3/14/19) for the amount of \$31,650.45. Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Knowles: Yes, Lippert: Absent, Englerth: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. MOTION CARRIED.*

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**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT: Mark Englerth**

Approval of Current Register.

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- **Veterans’ Memorial Update** – Need detailed site plan. Distributed quote information from Patten Monument. Two quote options, three (3) designs. Englerth distributed sketches to audience (of stone), as well as, sketches of brick pavers. M. Englerth commented that Ron Heilman did a nice job mentioning names earlier but left out **Oetman Excavating** doing excavating early on in the project. A. Jansma mentioned including work of **Shane VandenBerg** as well.

**John Frigmanski, (ZBA) and S. Marcukaitis** inquired about pavers inscriptions/engraving and inscription on the south side of monument stone, respectively. **Bruce Campbell (YS Business Owner)** inquired as to why a site plan doesn’t need to be approved for the Veterans Memorial project. *(Englerth allowed these inquiries outside of Public Comment time.)*

Further discussion took place between Englerth and Knowles regarding the changes that have taken place with the Veterans Memorial and not having a site plan for the project. *(1 hr. 36 min. on audio).*

**OTHER AGENDA ITEMS UNDER SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:**

**MOTION to INSTALL LIGHTS**

- **Monthly Code Enforcement report from Brad Williams**
- **Road Commission agreement** – *(taken care of earlier in meeting).*
- **Distribute Ice Water Rescue Training article in board packets.**
- **Discussion on Street lights at corner of Bass & Patterson, also at drive of Yankee Springs Meadows.**

*Motion by Jansma with support from VandenBerg to install street lights at corner or Bass & Patterson, and at drive of Yankee Springs Meadows. Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Knowles: Yes, Lippert: Absent, Englerth: Yes, VandenBerg: Yes. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. MOTION CARRIED.*

- **Set Meetings in late spring for: 1. Water System Ordinance update. 2. Funneling update. 3. Wind generator report**

*Englerth noted that contacts with Greg Moore, Eric Thompson, and Jim McManus need to be made for #2, and #3 meetings (above).*

**\*Meeting for Water System Ordinance update will be Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.**  
*(Englerth will call Rural Water and get some ordinances).*

\*Verbatim Comment of S. VandenBerg added per motion made on 4/11/19 (Regular Board Meeting).

**S. VandenBerg** commented regarding indirect hookups. *(1 hr. 55 minutes on audio).* **Verbatim comment added per board motion made at Regular Board Meeting of 4/11/19:**

**S. VandenBerg** commented, “We’re missing indirect hook ups.”

**L. Knowles** commented, “Oh. Is that what you’re talking about? Sorry, my brain wasn’t there we were going to have a meeting for indirect and ....”

S. Vandenberg interrupted and commented, "Thank you for your voice, Larry. Thank you so much."

S. Vandenberg continued, "We've always had indirect hookups and you (L. Knowles) have been working on this or checking over this for a long time- a long time now. In fact immediately when you took the job over at GLASWA, I've waited. You were checking into this because this is when some changes were made. And there were a lot of people that paid for or let's just say that were due indirect hook-ups and didn't get their full indirect hookup and Yankee Springs Township is probably going to have to notify these corporations and individuals and we're probably going end up writin' checks."

A. Jansma commented, "This is what we want to do is ..."

S. Vandenberg interrupted and commented, "I'm trying to tell the truth to the people."

A. Jansma commented, "You're doing fine, but when you ..."

S. Vandenberg interrupted and commented, "Thank you for the compliment, Alice."

A. Jansma commented, "You're doing fine."

S. Vandenberg commented, "There are things that the people do not know."

A. Jansma commented, "That's fine. That's why we're going to have this meeting."

S. Vandenberg commented, "Then why aren't you people sayin' what I'm sayin'? Why do I always have to say it?"

A. Jansma commented, "We're saying that 'We're going to set a meeting for May 13<sup>th</sup>.' We'll go over the whole thing."

M. Englerth commented, "No. We're going to do cross connections."

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

Larry Knowles: Cross connections. Water survey Report.

Shane Vandenberg commented regarding his father, Jay Vandenberg, passing away recently.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** (Limit 3 Minutes) –

**Comments were received from the following individuals:**

Jerry VanderRoest, Charleston Township Supervisor, candidate for MTA Board of Directors.

Ron Heilman, ZBA requested microphones to be used in township meetings.

*(\*Public Comment can be heard on the meeting audio at the 1 hr. 57 minute mark). MTA (Michigan Township Association) advises the minutes of a public meeting should provide a factual, concise record of the actions taken by the public body, not a verbatim report of comments made.*

*Full audio recording of this meeting has been downloaded to the township office computer system on 3/14/19.*

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS/ BOARD COMMENT: No further items were discussed at this time.**

**BOARD COMMENT**

Mark Englerth commented that he is tabling his comment until the next Board meeting when Mrs. Lippert (Clerk) is present and when he has the minutes of GLASWA's last board meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

**BOARD COMMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Jansma with support from Knowles to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Approved by all. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted:  
Deb Mousseau  
Recording Secretary 3/14/19

Date: by Board of Trustees as amended May9, 2019

Approved : \_\_\_\_\_  
Janice C. Lippert, Township Clerk

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**ADJOURNMENT**