

<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP</b>  <b><u>BOARD OF TRUSTEES</u></b>  <b><u>Work Session Meeting</u></b>  <b><u>Wednesday, April 23, 2014</u></b>  <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Yankee Springs Township Hall</b>  <b>284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333</b> </p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MINUTES</b></p>	<p> <b>FINAL MINUTES</b>  <b>Approved May 8, 2014</b>  <b>As Corrected : Page 1&amp;2</b> </p>
<p> <u>Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Supervisor Mark Englerth.</u>  <u>Roll Call:</u> Jerkatis, J. Lippert, Englerth, Roger Rottschafer, Bruce Campbell.  <u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>  <u>Staff Present:</u> Frank Fiala.  <u>Visitors:</u> 2 (not including staff present). </p>	<p> <b>CALL TO ORDER</b>   <b>ROLL CALL</b>   <b>PLEDGE</b> </p>
<p> <b><u>ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA:</u></b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No additions to the agenda.</li> </ul> </p>	<p> <b><u>ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA</u></b> </p>
<p> <b><u>PUBLIC COMMENT:</u> None</b> </p>	<p> <b><u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u></b> </p>
<p> <b><u>CLERK'S REPORT: J. Lippert</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Accounts Payable-</u> Check payable to Mike Cunningham reimbursement expenses of \$260.58 incurred from the Veteran's Memorial Project.</li> <li>• <u>Revenue/Expenditure Report 3-31-14-</u> J. Lippert explained the rev &amp; exp from the general ledger to the Board members.</li> <li>• Discussion also took place regarding fire hydrants and locations.</li> <li>• <u>Trustee Filings</u> have been completed by Mike Cunningham, Roger Rottschafer and Shannon VandenBerg, all Republicans.  <u>Fire Millage Renewal</u> should be on the ballot for August. The township attorney is drawing up the wordage. The millage Renewal is set for .5 mills.</li> </ul> </p>	<p> <b><u>CLERK'S REPORT: J. Lippert</u></b> </p>
<p> <b><u>SUPERVISOR UPDATE: Mark Englerth</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Thornapple Township letter dated April 8, 2014-</u> letter spoke of a proposal to sell a Ford Brush Truck and an ambulance. After a time of discussion, the consensus of the full board was that it was not interested in the purchase of the vehicles.</li> <li>• <u>TTES Contract Review-</u> It was noted that a pump is needed for the pump truck at a cost of \$5,000. This needed repair was also discussed along with other maintenance and logs for maintenance/documentation.</li> </ul> <p>Treasurer Jerkatis asked that board members be given a copy of the contract, the equipment lease agreement, and a copy of the contract to install <b>dry</b> fire hydrants. J. Lippert will provide this information.</p> <p><b>There are two types of fire hydrants in the township:</b></p> </p>	<p> <b><u>SUPERVISOR UPDATE: Mark Englerth</u></b> </p> <p> Page 1 of 3  YST Bd Trustees  4-23-14 </p>

The RED fire hydrants connected to the water system are in Section 19 and part of Section 30 (Board Walk Condominiums).  
The dry hydrants (Color WHITE with RED Band) are located on various state land properties and various locations with the township.

**SUPERVISOR UPDATE:**  
**Mark Englerth cont'd:**

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Trustee Bruce Campbell commented that he'd like to see the list of equipment that Yankee Springs has. J. Lippert commented that this list is in the insurance packet of Burnham & Flowers. Comment was made regarding other additional items to be inventoried such as: turnout gear, Scott air packs and other items.

- Additional concerns mentioned were: cross-training & response time of Volunteers
- Safety lighting at the fire station (maintenance )

Mark spoke of the summertime population of the Township is as dense as Hastings. Clerk added that the Township has contracted with TTES to provide an ambulance stationed at the fire station on the weekends beginning with Memorial Weekend through Labor Day weekend. Allocated funds from the revenue sharing received from the Gun Lake Casino pays for this contract.

Motion to continue meeting at the fire station. Motion carried.

J. Jerkatis requested that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees be held at the YS Fire Station.

Motion by Campbell with support from Rottschafer to go to the Fire Station during this evening's meeting. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Marine Patrol Invoice- M. Englerth is working on getting payment from Gun Lake for additional patrol hours (for Gun Lake) to YS Twp.

Water Service Inquiry- Discussion took place regarding a request from an individual of Allegan County that lives near Patterson Rd. This person is interested in getting water service from GLASWA. Englerth noted there is plenty of room for growth to the water system. There is no danger of over capacity. After further discussion, Englerth will inform Bob Monroe of GLASWA that the board will get back to him (Monroe) regarding the request/situation after the next Board of Trustees meeting.

**OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Frank Fiala commented that the Planning Commission is close to finalizing its work on the Sign Ordinance as well as Article XII. The PC also met with Professional Planner, Rebecca Harvey, out of Kalamazoo. Ms. Harvey comes highly recommended. She is an independent consultant. The PC would like to use her services as it sees fit. Campbell, Trustee and member of the PC, added that R. Harvey understands lake communities such as Yankee Springs. Fiala commented that the PC would like board approval for Harvey's services.

Mike Cunningham commented that regarding the fire contract, he felt it would be good to "bite off one piece at a time" or just one problem at a time. Regarding equipment, Cunningham feels the board should start with the need of the equipment, rather than start with a bargain and then work on a need for it. Cunningham feels that

most people came here knowing what the community is like and accepted it. He feels the need should come from the community, from the voters. "Is Yankee Springs unsafe?" Cunningham doesn't feel that it is unsafe. Cunningham feels this question should come from the community.

Referring to the forming of a safety committee, the more committees there are, the more money spent- according to Cunningham.

J. Lippert commented there is a contract for emergency service every three years from Thornapple (TTES) She noted that it was Dr. Lynn Harvey who originally drafted this particular contract years ago and only minor changes have occurred over the years.

Mark mentioned that there is equipment that was purchased by YS Township that is not currently stored at the Fire Station.

Matt Spencer questioned who the person in charge of the township's fire equipment was and how its fire protection is handled.

At this point in the meeting, the board members and Matt Spencer, Mike Cunningham, and Frank Fiala left to reconvene at the Fire Station.

**RECESS: 8:33 p.m. RECONVENE:** (at the Fire Station at 8:46 p.m.)

**NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS:**

At the Fire Station the Board of Trustees and three visitors toured the station. Safety lighting was discussed as well as maintenance and storage of vehicles and equipment. Newer members of the board were given a brief history of the fire station.

Motion was made by Jerkatis to have a township employee install light bulbs with scaffolding and a helper. Ballast issues would be addressed as necessary during rebulbing. This motion died for lack of support.

Discussion occurred regarding the possibility of having a part-time person to oversee the fire station, contacting Dr. Lynn Harvey, a safety committee, other township's fire protection, and participation of retired persons on a safety committee.

Also the recommendation was made to put a list together of questions from the township board and send to TTES. At the end of the meeting each board member was asked to make a list.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by J. Lippert with support from Rottschafer to adjourn at approximately 9:40 p.m. Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted:  
Deb Mousseau

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Recording Secretary 4/28/14 / Approved draft (5-1-14)Final Minutes Approved May 8, 2014  
Janice C. Lippert, Township Clerk

**BREAK**

Motion for light bulb installation at Fire Station failed for lack of support.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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