

<p style="text-align: center;">YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES Regular Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, August 9, 2012 Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES</p>	<p>Circulated FINAL MINUTES Approved Sept. 13,2012 As corrected (page 4)</p>
<p>Meeting called to order at 7:12 PM by Supervisor Al McCrumb. This meeting followed a Special Assessment meeting held at 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Roll Call: All Present: Jerkatis, J. Lippert, McCrumb, M. Cook, Schwennesen</p> <p>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p> <p>Staff Present: Deputy Supervisor Alice Jansma, Constable Jim Orr, Zoning Administrator Robert Lippert.</p> <p>Visitors: 14 (not including staff present).</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>ROLL CALL</p> <p>PLEDGE</p>
<p>ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jerkatis asked to add discussion regarding E. coli at Gun Lake during New Business. 	<p>ADDITIONS TO AGENDA</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</p> <p>Motion by M. Cook with support from J. Lippert to accept the minutes of the Special Assessment District #41 meeting of Manitou Lane on July 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. as submitted. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>Motion by M. Cook with support from Schwennesen to accept the minutes of the Special Assessment District #40 meeting of Theris Drive on July 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. as submitted. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>Motion by J. Lippert with support from M. Cook to accept the Regular Board of Trustee meeting minutes of July 12, 2012 as submitted. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>J. Lippert noted that the official name for the club, often referred to as the "Gun Lake Women's Club", is GFWC (General Federation of Women's Club) (Gun Lake Area).</p>	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>Motion to accept minutes of the Special Assessment Dist. #41 meeting of Manitou Lane on July 12, 2012. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Motion to accept minutes of the Special Assessment Dist. #40 meeting of Theris Drive (2nd Hrg.) on July 12, 2012. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Motion to accept minutes of the Regular Board of Trustee meeting of July 12, 2012. Motion Carried.</p>
<p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:</p> <p>Sue Roush, Cemetery Sexton represented the Roush family at tonight's meeting. The Roush's are the sextons for the five Yankee Springs' cemeteries. S. Roush mentioned that they would like to do more maintenance and fixing of headstones.</p> <p>Motion by J. Lippert with support from Jerkatis to accept the contract with the Roush Family, Cemetery Sextons, for budget year 2012-2013 for the amount of \$14,970.00 for a total of 12 months at \$1,247.00 per month. All ayes.</p>	<p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS</p> <p>Sue Roush, Cemetery Sexton</p> <p>Motion to accept Cemetery Sexton Contract for 2012-13. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Page 1 of YST Bd Trustees 8-9-12</p>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS: Cont'd

Sue Roush, Cemetery Sexton Representative, cont'd:

Motion by M. Cook with support from J. Lippert to approve cost of repairs to be made by Sexton to Coman Cemetery of \$1,864.00. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Sue Roush mentioned that the dead tree at Coman Cemetery will be addressed this fall.

Pat Kreple, of the GFWC (Gun Lake Area) met Al McCrumb and Jan Lippert at the park to discuss a possible location for the Memorial Garden. Mrs. Kreple asked for permission to have the garden located in the southeast corner of the park (in the curve on the inside of the asphalt track). The project will begin as soon as permission is given.

Motion by M. Cook with support from J. Lippert to approve the GFWC's (Gun Lake Area) choice of location of the southeast corner of the YS Twp. Park for the memorial garden. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

J. Lippert thanked Pat Kreple and the GFWC (Gun Lake Area) for their volunteer work and donations in making this Memorial Garden possible.

TTES- Dave Middleton- No Report.

BARRY COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Craig Stolsonburg-

C. Stolsonburg congratulated those who won in the 8/7/12 Primary Election. Stolsonburg announced that the Board of Commissioners had four (4) new members one of which is Jim DeYoung who will represent the southern part of Yankee Springs.

The Central Dispatch Budget was approved recently. The Fire upgrade was less than expected and the savings was passed on to taxpayers.

The Board of Commissioner's will begin work on the county budget process later this month.

Jim Wincek & Jon Anderson, Pennock Hospital, M-179 – were present at the meeting to announce their intentions of having a 25K Run in the fall of 2013. Permits must be obtained from the state (MDOT) in order for the run to occur along M-179 (state highway). J. Wincek and J. Anderson believe the timing of this run would be good as there will not be many activities in the area at this time. Organizers cannot apply for the permit, so Yankee Springs Township will become involved in obtaining the permit in approximately 6 to 8 months. The permit is an annual permit. J. Lippert asked if Orangeville, Martin and Wayland Townships had been contacted. J. Wincek was unable to contact Orangeville. The Sheriff's department will help with the run by having 3 cars and 6 officers available. Hundreds of volunteers will be needed.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS: Cont'd

Motion to approve cost of repairs to be made by Sexton to Coman Cemetery of \$1,864.00. Motion Carried.

Pat Kreple representing GFWC (Gun Lake Area Women's Club).

Motion to approve the GFWC's (Gun Lake Area) choice of location of the southeast corner of the YS Twp. Park for the memorial garden. Motion Carried.

TTES REPORT: David Middleton - no report

BARRY COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: C. Stolsonburg

Jim Wincek & Jon Anderson, Pennock Hospital, M-179 –

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS: Cont'd

Sandy Marcukaitis, of Yankee Springs, is coordinating a CPR Course, this course is available for the community. It will take place at the YS Township Hall on September 19, 2012 at 6 pm. The fee will be \$25.00 per person. This will be advertised as well. The instructor will be Robin Nyenhuis who is a certified instructor and paramedic.

Motion by M. Cook with support from Jerkatis to allow up to \$250.00 for Township Personnel (PC, ZBA and Board of Trustee members as well as election and staff workers) to take the CPR training. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Limit to 3 minutes)

Bill Baughman, S. Patterson Rd., spoke of a recent Planning Commission meeting and referred to a formula for the setback requirement of 25 feet. B. Baughman has come up with a modification to a weighted average formula for the allowable setback. This formula was given to the board to examine.

Shelli Smith, Community Health Specialist of Barry-Eaton Health Department-distributed an informational handout to those in attendance. The sheet was entitled, "Community Health Improvement Initiatives". The Barry-Eaton Health Department would like to work more closely with local communities. Discussion then went to the topic of E. coli at Gun Lake State Park. Jim Orr, Constable, has spoken with officials working on the situation. They are getting closer to figuring it out, even having specially trained dogs on the scene, but the problem is still not solved. There is much frustration among the workers involved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: by John Jerkatis

Motion by M. Cook, with support by Schwennesen to accept the financial report as presented. Approved by all. MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Al McCrumb

Bids- Parking Lot(s): The lowest bid coming in for both (Township Hall and Fire Station) parking lots was \$139,391.09. This bid came from West Michigan Dirt Works of Fruitport.

Jerkatis asked if the township had received a quote from Fleis & VandenBrink for supervising the project. A. McCrumb commented that it would probably be a 10% fee. M.Cook mentioned that the Presidential election was coming up soon and the cost of asphalt is not going to go down. Continued discussion occurred regarding the estimated work days for the completion of the project. Also discussed were rental of other locations for voting purposes. J. Lippert added that she had information regarding the changing of a precinct voting area and the timing involved. The proposed project would allow for 60 additional parking spaces, a second driveway and 3 parking lights.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS: Cont'd

CPR Course, Sandy Marcukaitis

Motion to allow up to \$250.00 for Township Personnel (PC, ZBA and Board of Trustee members as well as election and staff workers) to take the CPR training.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
(Limit to 3 minutes)

Bill Baughman, S. Patterson Rd.,

Shelli Smith, Community Health Specialist of Barry-Eaton Health Department

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report approved

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:
Al McCrumb

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Al McCrumb cont'd

Shane VandenBerg inquired as to why the township board wouldn't consider getting the Sheriff's Department to assist with voter safety and spend a few thousand dollars every four years rather than spending \$150,000 for parking. M. Cook added that it has been talked about it back and forth. She doesn't like the price but it's not going to get any cheaper. Room capacity (Twp. Hall) of 150 and voter numbers of precincts were discussed as well as the possibility of doing one project as at a time.

Motion by M. Cook with support from J. Lippert to proceed with township hall parking lot plans for \$95,045.69 pending acceptance by engineering company, Fleis & VandenBrink not to exceed 10% for overseeing (administration/supervising) cost. ROLL CALL: Jerkatis: yes, J. Lippert: yes, McCrumb: yes, M. Cook: yes, Schwennesen: yes. All Yes (5). MOTION CARRIED.

CIP – Capital Improvement Plan: Frank Fiala, Chairman of the Planning Commission will be present later in the meeting to discuss this. Discussion deferred.

Bid Opening: Handicap Restroom; Hall Entry Doors & Canopy (8-16-12) @ 3:00 p.m.-

July Water Report: Bi-monthly meetings are currently being held.

MTA Regional Meetings/MTA Weekly Report- McCrumb asked board members to contact J. Lippert, Clerk, if they'd like to attend the September 10th Conference to occur at the Prince Conference Center in Grand Rapids (Calvin College). Early bird registration by August 23rd is \$89.00. M. Cook and J. Lippert expressed interest in attending.

Motion by M. Cook with support from McCrumb to allow up to \$500.00 to attend the MTA Fall 2012 Seminar. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Barry County Dispatch: Report distributed.

Sign for Park/Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant: A plaque was received to be posted near the pickle ball court.

BREAK: 8:30 P.M.

RESUME: 8:53 P.M.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: by Robert Lippert

July SPR's: (8): 1- New house, 2 – home additions, 1 – fence, 2 – decks, 1 –garage.

Buoys (No Wake buoys) - have been ordered. A lower price was negotiated at \$212.60 each, prepaid & freight allowed. Shipment should take ~~please~~ **place** in a week (approximately). Sites have been identified and property owners will start the permit process.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Al McCrumb cont'd

Motion to proceed with township hall parking lot at \$95,045.69 pending acceptance by engineering co. not exceed 10% administration/overseeing fee. Motion Carried.

Motion to allow up to \$500.00 to attend the MTA Fall 2012 Seminar.

BREAK

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: by Robert Lippert

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ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: by Robert Lippert continued

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Planning Commission:

Two amendments to be forwarded to the Board for 1st reading. The first being an amendment to the Portable Business ordinance which presently prohibits sale of fireworks which now will become a special exception use. The second amendment to go before the board is for a procedure on land splits/driveway permits. Potential buyers will get a permit for a driveway. This is basically to avoid any unpleasant surprises when someone purchases land.

M. Cook noted that both of these should be on September's agenda.

A bistro is planned for the Sea Shanty location. This will also be on the agenda of the next Planning Commission meeting.

ZBA: No meeting.

Complaints: (5)

1. Trailer on residential lot with use of rented port-a-john. Attorney advised contacting Health Department. The Health Department doesn't have anything on this. Discussion occurred about not being able to use trailers on vacant lots.
2. Business being operated out of home with equipment located on lawn. Contacts were made. Residents cooperated. Case closed.
3. Funneling- vacant lot. Owner of property will be contacted.
4. Pontoon boat moored at State Park – accessed by YS resident. Deemed funneling by Sheriff.
5. Complaint dismissed. Resident had a list of several parcels to see if they had permits for fences and buildings on the parcels. Resident said he was trying to get back at his neighbors.

McKenna Billing-

Motion by J. Lippert with support from M. Cook to approve the July billing of \$495.00 and to be passed onto the Planning Commission. ROLL CALL: Jerkatis: no, J. Lippert: yes, McCrumb: yes, M. Cook: yes, Schwennesen: yes. Yes: 4, No: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to approve McKenna July billing. Motion Carried.

FEMA - The current total of Letter of Map Amendments is:

272 LOMA's of 465. (58% Margin of Error)

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CLERK'S REPORT: by J. Lippert

Clerk Lippert fielded any questions and explained any items relating to accounts payable checks presented.

Primary Election Results:

Precinct 1: Registered voters: 1,802 Absentee Voters: 206 Walk-ins: 368 Total: 574

Precinct 2: Registered voters: 1,399 Absentee Voters: 224 Walk-ins: 308 Total: 532

For Yankee Springs:

Supervisor: Mark Englerth 329 (votes) - Republican

Clerk: Janice C. Lippert 475 “ “

Treasurer: John Jerkatis 478 “ “

Trustee: Bruce Campbell 516 “ “

Trustee: Mary Cook 463 “ “

Constable/Liquor Inspector:
Jim Orr 741 “ “

Trustee: Shane VandenBerg 87 votes - Democrat

The election will be certified next week. Clerk Lippert congratulated the election winners and also thanked Jim Orr for being at the precincts during the election. J. Lippert said that she received many compliments about J. Orr being present.

Motion by M. Cook with support from Jerkatis to approve payroll checks #4647-4671 for the amount of \$13,889.05. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED. (The amount of \$13,889.05 includes the EFT to the IRS.)

Motion by M. Cook with support from Schwennesen to approve last of July accounts payable checks #911645- 911654 for the total amount of \$7,786.97. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by J. Lippert with support from M. Cook to approve accounts payable checks #911655- 911690 for the total amount of \$123,246.95. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED. (\$89,479 went to Barry County Road Commission).

Use of the township hall was requested by DNR Parks and Recreation Equestrian Trails Project for one evening from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 20 -24 or the 30th.

A thank you was received from Wayland Union Schools for the township's appropriation of \$699.00 to the Library. Casino revenue recently received was \$12,316.00.

CLERK'S REPORT: by J. Lippert

Primary Election Results

Accounts Payroll & Payables approved.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Frank Fiala was not present to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan. M. Cook found a change to be made in two paragraphs of the plan.

OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill Baughman found a misprint in an ordinance regarding setback allowances. R. Lippert said that it had been noted. Baughman also mentioned that he had put his equation/formula for setback allowance to a stress test, and it worked. B. Baughman commented that Patterson Road is 35 feet.

Jerkatis, Treasurer, asked if the State Park and Campground was connected to the sewer system. It was confirmed that it was.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by M. Cook with support from J. Lippert to adjourn at 9:30 PM. Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted:
D. Mousseau
Recording Secretary 8-13-12

Approved Date: _____
Janice C. Lippert, Township Clerk

Final Approval of Minutes: Sept.12, 2012

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

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