

<p style="text-align: center;"> YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES Regular Meeting Thursday, October 8, 2015 Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333 MINUTES </p>	<p> FINAL MINUTES Approved Nov. 12, 2015 With correction </p>
<p>Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Englerth.</p> <p>Roll Call: All Present: Jerkatis, J. Lippert, M. Englerth, R. Rottschafner, B. Campbell.</p> <p>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p> <p>Staff Present: Alice Jansma, Constable Jim Orr, Frank Fiala, Sandy Marcukaitis, Paul Heystek, Greg Purcell, Cathy Strickland, Rich Beukema</p> <p>Visitors: 30 (not including staff present).</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>ROLL CALL</p> <p>PLEDGE</p>
<p>ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:</p> <p>Add: Under Public Comment (#7 Agenda item): David Minnaar.</p> <p>Add: To Approval of Minutes: Cuddy Drain Informational Meeting of Sept. 15, 2015.</p>	<p>ADDITIONS TO AGENDA</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</p> <p>Motion by J. Lippert with support from Rottschafner to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustee Meeting of September 10, 2015 as presented. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>Motion by Rottschafner with support from Campbell to approve Cuddy Drain Informational Meeting minutes of September 15, 2015 as presented. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>Motion by Rottschafner with support from Campbell to approve Special Meeting Minutes of Pine Meadow of September 19, 2015 as presented. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</p>	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>Motions to approve minutes of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Board Meeting Sept. 10, 2015 • Cuddy Drain Info. Mtg. Sept. 15, 2015 • Pine Meadow Mtg. Sept. 19, 2015
<p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:</p> <p>TTES: No verbal report.</p> <p>BARRY COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Craig Stolsonburg</p> <p>Presented his report on the current activities of the Barry County Commissioners.</p> <p>David Tripp, President of the Northeast England Point Road Association (letter 9.14.15): Presented Special Assessment request for their private road project. Approximately \$80,000 (estimated) would be needed for the project.</p>	<p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS</p> <p>TTES: No verbal report.</p> <p>BARRY COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: C. Stolsonburg</p> <p>Page 1 of 5 YST Bd Trustees 10-8-15</p>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS: Cont'd

Motion by Jerkatis with support from Campbell to raise the cap on the township's Special Assessment allocation from \$150,000 to \$200,000. Roll Call: Jerkatis: Yes, J. Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, Rottschafer: Yes, Campbell: Yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

David Minnaar, of Elmwood Beach – commented regarding his request to rescind the current administrative fee of 1% of the tax bill and/or replace it with a flat fee that D. Minnaar feels makes more sense. He had hoped this would be changed before the 2015 taxes but it wasn't taken up. Minnaar asked why the board/twp. suddenly needed it (the 1% Administrative fee), and what are the actual costs involved in producing the tax bills (twice a year). He can't imagine it takes the cost of his 1% property tax to produce a bill. D. Minnaar felt it was not fair to charge by use of percentage per parcel to charge for the cost of producing a bill. In essence, D. Minnaar felt that "a percentage is tantamount to a millage without voter approval. Any percent of tax fee is a millage. You can't argue your way out of it." Minnaar also noted that in the tax bill - township operation budget- the tax millage of Yankee Springs Twp. is about .89 mills. "The administration fee is the equivalent of .32 mills. That's a huge increase. Now if the operating budget isn't sufficient to cover the discretionary funds like mailing the bills, then I would like to understand why the cost is so great that requires .31/.32 mills. I guess the bottom line is I'm saying a percent of tax is a totally unaccepted way from my common sense point of view of doing business to recoup a cost or as state law says "to offset (not eliminate) costs associated with" which the Board has discretion to not charge anything at all as it has been previously." Board discussion occurred. D. Minnaar commented that it doesn't have to be a 1% on property tax. Discussion occurred on the law provision regarding a flat fee.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Limit to 3 minutes)

Alex Middleton was present to address the proposal for the fire coverage request of Wayland City Council. A. Middleton, read a statement entitled: "Statement regarding the possibility of transitioning fire coverage for Yankee Springs Township to Wayland Fire Department 10/8/2015. ***Please find this document attached to minutes.***

Rottschafer commented noting concerns of confusion of information regarding the hopes in getting the YS Fire Station Building up and running.

Since time had expired for public comment, Englerth offered an invitation to A. Middleton to come to the Fire Committee with the questions that he would like answered. A. Middleton asked that he could finish his questions. Middleton's request was allowed.

Scott Havens – of Gun Lake Sprinkling takes care of the park and township's sprinkling. Havens noted an issue that caused a need for a T- bar. S. Havens wanted to know about repairing the situation that occurred at the Park. Englerth commented that "we will get a new valve and get it done."

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS: Cont'd

Motion that the cap on the township's Special Assessment allocation be raised from \$150,000 to \$200,000. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Limit to 3 minutes)

*Attachment "A"
4 pages Alex Middleton*

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Limit to 3 minutes): (continued)

Kenneth Debri, of Payne Creek Dr., addressed R. Rottschafer regarding getting an Assistant chief from Wayland to come over a few days a week to the YS Fire station to help recruit volunteers. Roger Rottschafer offered that Kenny come to a fire meeting. Debri noted concern on taking a long time to get the fire service/authority “done”.

R. Rottschafer commented on the confusion of information and misinformation that has taken place. Roger Rottschafer reiterated that the invitation to attend the fire committee from M. Englerth to A. Middleton to K. Debri as well. It was noted that no decisions would be made by the YS Board regarding the Fire Service at tonight’s meeting.

J. Jerkatis, Treasurer, commented on the confusion of triangular communication going on. Jerkatis commented that the YS Township is dealing with the Thornapple Township Board of Trustees in contractual negotiations. “I would urge that all comments regarding this from both sides go through that Board so they know what is going on.”

TREASURER’S REPORT: by John Jerkatis

Motion by Rottschafer with support by Campbell to accept the financial report as presented. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

CLERK’S REPORT: by Jan Lippert

Motion by J. Lippert with support from Campbell to approve **Accounts Payable** checks #913141-913171 for the total amount of \$59,569.92. Roll Call: Jerkatis: Yes, J. Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, Rottschafer: Yes, Campbell: Yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by ~~M. Cook~~ **B. Campbell** with support from Jerkatis to approve **payroll checks** #5464-5484 for the amount of \$10,377.56 plus the EFT of \$2,529.85. Roll Call: Jerkatis: Yes, J. Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, Rottschafer: Yes, Campbell: Yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

November 3, 2015 -Precinct 2 Consolidated at Orangeville Township – Delton-Kellogg Millage

BREAK: 8:08 p.m. RESUME: 8:17 p.m.

Snowplow Opening of Bids: 1 Bid was received from DK Plowing. It was noted that advertisement for bids were run for two consecutive weeks in the Sun & News. Deadline was today’s date for bids. Bid specifications were read by M. Englerth. It was noted that the bid amount is the same as 2014.

Motion by Campbell with support from Jerkatis to accept bid from DK Snowplowing for the 2015-2016 Season. Roll Call: Jerkatis: Yes, J. Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, Rottschafer: Yes, Campbell: Yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
(Limit to 3 minutes):
(continued)

TREASURER’S REPORT
Financial September 2015
Statement
Treasurer’s Report approved

CLERK’S REPORT: by Jan Lippert

Accounts Payable & Payroll approved.

BREAK

Motion to accept bid from DK Snowplowing. Motion Carried.

Planning Commission Report – Frank Fiala, Chairman

Power point presentation was shown with new projector/computer by Hailey Campbell, 6th grade daughter of Trustee Bruce Campbell.

F. Fiala commented on and outlined the process of working on Article XII. F. Fiala drew attention to the Outbuildings section of the ordinance by covering wordage of this particular part of the ordinance that has had significant change. F. Fiala welcomed any comments or questions. Questions were fielded on fence height, side and rear yard fence requirements (pg. 21).

F. Fiala requested the board approve this document (Article XII) which is now in ordinance format with the changes the Planning Commission has made in it.

Clerk Lippert for the Record: The public hearing was held at the Planning Commission meeting on June 18, 2015. And added note from Attorney Kaufman that Section 12.5 – “Drainage” was included into Article XII.

Jerkatis commented that he applauded all the work that was put in on Article XII by the Planning Commission. Jerkatis also commented on his disagreeing on size limitation of the guest quarters. Jerkatis mentioned that he looked forward to possibly amending the size requirement in the future.

Motion by Jerkatis with support from B. Campbell to approve the Zoning Ordinances amendments of Article XII from the Planning Commission as presented.

Roll Call: Jerkatis: Yes, J. Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, Rottschafer: Yes, Campbell: Yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance No. 10-01-15 Adopted. Article XII Amendments

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

September Water Report – Meeting was cancelled.

Contract for Dan Scheuerman Services – contract amount has not gone up in the last four years per J. Lippert.

Motion by Jerkatis with support by Campbell to renew contract with D. Scheuerman, YS Twp. Assessor. Roll Call: Jerkatis: Yes, J. Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, Rottschafer: Yes, Campbell: Yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

*Alice Jansma requested renewing these contracts in May prior to budget (June).

M. Englerth requested a meeting date on Facilities/Twp. Office/ YS Twp. Park. The meeting will be held Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 6 p.m.

Vehicle Collection: Two vehicles have been donated recently plus there’s been a donation of a pop up camper from Middleville. Approximately \$750.00 value of these recent donations.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: by Larry Knowles (Written Report)

Planning Commission Report – Frank Fiala, Chairman

Motion to approve PC’s submission of Article XII – Ordinance #10-1-15. MOTION CARRIED. Amendments

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

September Meeting Cancelled

Motion to renewal contract with D. Scheuerman, Twp. Assessor.

- Public Hearing will be held at the next Planning Commission meeting: Re-zoning Request at 819 Arhana Crest Dr. – Richard Neeson- Owner.

FIRE COMMITTEE REPORT, R. Rottschafer: Rottschafer has a press release to clarify information to give to Constance Cheeseman (Newspaper reporter) to dispel some of the current misnomers. No objections were made to the press release.

Board members Discussion.

Motion by Rottschafer with support of Campbell to **rescind** motion of 4/21/15 to approve Option #1 (\$192,480) making the fire station Thornapple township’s responsibility, with Thornapple taking over the facility and Yankee Springs township not getting involved with Thornapple’s services.

Roll Call vote to rescind: Jerkatis: Yes, J. Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, Rottschafer: Yes, Campbell: Yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Rottschafer has recently met with Mr. Bremer (of Thornapple) regarding getting correct information available.

OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT:

Scott Havens asked for a clarification for time and date of the next Facility meeting.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Sandy Marcukaitis - has written and been rewarded a grant for 16 trees for the YS Twp. Park. (Trees include a dozen maples)

- Township newsletter has been printed and gone to press.
- Invitation has been sent to Sandy to attend the Barry County Expo on Oct. 22 to find out who is getting \$1,000 grants for “Love Where You Live”.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Larry Knowles, ZA has been offered and has accepted the Administrator’s position at Gun Lake Sewer & Water Authority. Robert Monroe has retired.

It was noted that **Valerie Byrnes, of Barry County Economic Development Alliance** will be taking a position at GVSU as Business Incubator Manager at a Muskegon enterprise.

Meeting with the Health Department was held today. Frank Fiala, Greg Purcell, Larry Knowles, and Mark Englerth were present. G. Purcell commented on continued communication improvement between Planning and Zoning and the Health Department.

Shady Shores Construction – it was noted that Shady Shores is completely replacing their infrastructure for their sewer system.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Jerkatis with support from Rottschafer to adjourn at 8:57 PM. Approved by all Respectively Submitted

D. Mousseau
Recording Secretary 10.8.15

Approved Date: Draft 10-15-15 Janice C. Lippert, Township Clerk
Final Nov. 12, 2015 with correction

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: (Written Report submitted).

Rottschafer News Release

Motion to RESCIND previous motion of 4/21/15 regarding Fire Station/Fire Services. Motion Carried.

OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

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ADJOURNMENT

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