

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>June 14, 2012</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SPECIAL ASSESSMENT MEETING</b> <b><u>For Theris Drive</u></b> <b>6:30 P.M.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><b>DRAFT MINUTES</b></p>
<p>Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Al McCrumb.</p> <p>Pledge of Allegiance</p> <p>Roll Call: Jerkatis, J. Lippert, McCrumb, M. Cook, Schwennesen. (All present).</p> <p>Staff Present: F. Fiala, A. Jansma, J. Orr (Constable), D. Mousseau (Recording Secretary).</p> <p>Visitors: 8 (not including staff present).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PLEDGE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROLL CALL</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-size: 2em;"><b>DRAFT</b></p>
<p><b>PURPOSE OF MEETING:</b></p> <p>Supervisor McCrumb read the meeting notice that was sent to all property owners of Theris Drive, located off Patterson Road, in Section 30 T3N-R10W, Special Assessment District No. 40. The result of the petition of property owners (61.33%) proposes the following work:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2" Mill &amp; fill (Hot mix asphalt) 0.30 miles (26' wide) upgrade (to Theris Drive).</li> <li>2. Drainage repair</li> </ol> <p>Total subdivision commitment of \$33,862.</p> <p>(Please see full notice of public hearing attached).</p> <p><b>OPENING OF PUBLIC HEARING:</b></p> <p>Motion by M. Cook with support of J. Lippert to open the public hearing portion of the meeting. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p><b>PUBLIC COMMENT:</b></p> <p>On behalf of Chuck Pergler of Theris Drive, <b>Dave Peahl of 12855 Theris Drive</b> read a letter addressed to the Yankee Springs Township dated June 4, 2012. <u>***This letter and petition are attached to minutes***</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PURPOSE OF MEETING</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Public Hearing notice read by Supervisor McCrumb</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion to open the public hearing.</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Page 1 of 3 YST BdTrustees/Spec. Assessmt/Theris Dr. 6/14/12</p>

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Alan Walker of 12971 Theris Drive**, felt that a letter, (sent to residents of Theris Drive from other residents to have a meeting about the proposed road work) was misleading. A. Walker remarked that the letter said the road condition would affect house values and cause significant water at the end of the street after rain. Walker also commented that at the meeting it was mentioned that a road commission representative said that they would rip out the road. Walker also commented that the letter said that the road, if repaired, would fix all the water problems. A. Walker asked the board who (which board member) would be checking to see if there was still water problems. McCrumb, Supervisor, said that he has checked in the past. An elderly gentleman who resides on Theris Drive has contacted McCrumb previously regarding the water problem. Walker also commented that the letter said that the road would be safer if the proposed road work was done. He felt that a lot of false information was in the letter, possibly forcing neighbors to be pressured to sign. Mr. Walker did not sign the petition. He also remarked that he didn't think that everyone should have to pay for the drain at the end of the street.

**Dave Peahl, 12855 Theris Dr.**, addressed issues that Walker mentioned. Peahl commented that he didn't feel anyone was pressured. He commented that the mill & fill will re-grade the road and improve it. As for the safety of the road, he said that there are a lot of children on Theris and that the road will be smoother for use by kids with their bikes, skateboards, etc. Peahl mentioned that he has a lot of stones left in his yard after snowplowing. Peahl commented that a commissioner actually said to Peahl and others that he (the commissioner) would rather tear the road up. Peahl said this was not meant as a scare tactic. Peahl also commented that property value being affected was a fair statement. He felt that if a prospective buyer was looking at a house for sale on Theris Drive, the prospective buyer might say, "I have kids," and not be interested in the home. Peahl mentioned that the slag or chip seal doesn't get smoothed out because there are not high amounts of traffic on Theris.

**Dale Witczak, 12735 Theris Drive**, has resided on Theris for just over two years. He commented that:

- 1) he didn't see any significant pooling.
- 2) he felt the letter took it to the extreme.
- 3) equipment used by the Road Commission may be a cause of the breakdown of the street.
- 4) there has been significant improvements to slag seals, basically getting five to seven years.

**Tom Rauwerda, 12895 Theris Drive**, said he didn't sign the petition. He has resided on Theris Drive since 1996. He has spent 42 years in construction. He doesn't think overall conditions of the road are as bad as what is being said. T. Rauwerda commented that he conversed with a friend who is a lawyer and the lawyer asked if there was an

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**Tom Rauwerda, 12895 Theris Drive**

option to leave the road as is, and if the \$5,318 could be used to patch the road. He felt that four or five issues should be addressed. T. Rauwerda felt that if the petition was done all over, a wide variety of opinions would be seen, depending on how the issue was addressed.

**Mary Cook, Trustee**, mentioned the Paser system and \$15,000 a mile for slag seal was what the Township contributes across the board. The \$5,318 is what the township would cover for Theris Drive for a slag seal.

**Dave Peahl** mentioned that the residents of Theris had until the 17<sup>th</sup> of May to say yes or no on the slag seal, so they had to do something. In regards to the drainage issue, he commented that they could leave it as is and putting a slag seal on top would have made it worse.

**Roger Kamphuis, of 12805 Theris Drive**, asked, "Why should we pay for the drainage problem?" Discussion occurred regarding the subdivision developer who put in the road, and who approved the developer's road plans. The grading of the road and how it affects drainage was mentioned as well. M. Cook commented that run-off comes from a variety of things and that all of the residents' yards are most likely contributing to that. "All of that does factor in. I would dissuade you into thinking it's one man's problem," commented M. Cook.

#### **CLOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion by M. Cook with support from Jerkatis to close the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by M. Cook with support from Jerkatis to set Special Assessment on roll of Theris Drive at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on July 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by M. Cook with support from Jerkatis to adjourn Special Assessment #40 Meeting at 7:09p.m. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted:

D. Mousseau  
Recording Secretary 6-15-12

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
continued**

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**Roger Kamphuis, 12805  
Theris Drive**

**CLOSE OF PUBLIC  
HEARING**

**Next Special Assessment  
Meeting – July 12 at  
6:30 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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