

<p style="text-align: center;">YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Regular Board Meeting</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday, November 12, 2015</u> 7:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES</p>	<p>FINAL MINUTES Page 1 of 5 YST Bd Trustees Approved Dec. 9, 2015</p>
<p>Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Mark Englerth. Cody Eister, Civics Student of Wayland High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance this evening.</p> <p>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Roll Call: Jerkatis, J. Lippert, Englerth, Rottschafer, Campbell. Staff Present: Frank Fiala, Sandy Marcukaitis, Greg Purcell. Visitors: 10 (not including staff present).</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>PLEDGE ROLL CALL</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add: <u>General Federation of Women’s Clubs-Gun Lake Area, Inc.</u> Contract Renewal • Add: <u>Resolution</u> – Prop. tax extended due date/ without penalty–from February 15th through February 29th, 2016 request by Jerkatis under New Business. 	<p>ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Correction to October 8, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes: <u>M. Cook’s</u> motion to approve payroll checks. Should be motion made by <u>B. Campbell</u>, not M. Cook. Motion by Bruce Campbell with support from Rottschafer to approve the Regular Board Minutes of October 8, 2015 as corrected. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED. Facilities Meeting of Oct. 29, 2015: Motion by Campbell with support from Rottschafer to approve minutes of October 29, 2015 Special Meeting as presented. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</p>	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES Approval of <u>October 8, 2015 Regular meeting minutes</u> as amended. Approval of <u>October 29, 2015, Special Facilities Meeting minutes.</u></p>
<p>PUBLIC COMMENT: None.</p> <p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS: TTES –Written report Barry County Board of Commissioners – Vivian Conner V. Conner gave the monthly report of the Bd. Of Commissioner’s activities. V. Conner updated the Board on the progress of Gun Lake Dam. General Federation of Women’s Clubs-Gun Lake Area, Inc.- Pat Kreple P. Kreple commented that trees (watering of) was removed from the contract. Motion by Jerkatis with support from Campbell to accept contract of GFWC – Gun Lake Area for 2016 for Yankee Springs Township Park Berm Maintenance of \$2,000.00.</p>	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT: None</p> <p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS Barry County Board of Commissioners – Vivian Conner General Federation of Women’s Clubs-Gun Lake Area, Inc.- Pat Kreple</p>

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

England Drive: No one was present at tonight's meeting regarding the Special Assessment for repavement of England Drive.

Mike Bremer, Supervisor of Thornapple Township/TTES commented that he understood the bottom line for Yankee Springs is to get the best fire protection possible for its residents. Bremer commended work of the Fire Committee and extended an offer for Thornapple (Emergency Services Committee) to meet with the Yankee Springs Fire Committee.

TRUSTEE REPORT: Roger Rottschafer

ZBA meeting 11/10/15- Rottschafer commented on the proceedings of the recent meeting and noted the need for the Zoning Administrator or PCI to be looking at what residents are doing in regard to building projects. Rottschafer mentioned the difficulty of the ZBA's decisions after a project is completed or near completion. It was also recommended by Jake Welch (ZBA member) to have the Board take this issue up as well regarding the process leading up to a variance request(s) from the ZBA.

Fire Committee Proposal: Rottschafer commented on previous history of the fire services issue, outlining what has transpired to bring the township to this point.

Rottschafer highlighted items of a proposal from the City of Wayland. A financial analysis was distributed to board members. Rottschafer noted that the safety of YS residents (and surrounding townships) is more important than the financial costs. Plans of education and training of firefighter volunteers were mentioned as well, along with items such as equipment replacement. Rottschafer commented that he is not trying to run the fire services out of the City of Wayland location. Running the services out of the YS Twp. Fire Station would be #1. Better for everyone – fire protection-wise and would #2. Improve the ISO reading. ISO rating was noted as a primary concern voiced from the recently retired YS Township attorney per Rottschafer.

Rottschafer commented that tonight's resolution was not the final version of the contract. It was an approval for the attorneys to draw up a contract that the Board would also have final approval of. The Fire Committee has agreed to go forward with their decision to have the City of Wayland provide fire services and has brought this resolution to the Board. Rottschafer noted advice of Dr. Lynn Harvey regarding Fire authorities, associations and recruitment.

G. Purcell commented on the 180 day period of coverage with TTES while gearing up Wayland (City of) and also addressed high profile volunteer recruitment as being needed as well.

Rottschafer read the prepared Resolution. Motion by Rottschafer with support from Campbell to adopt Resolution #11-12-15 authorizing legal counsel to prepare a contract for fire service with the City of Wayland. **Roll Call:** Jerkatis: yes, J. Lippert: yes, Rottschafer: yes, Campbell: yes, Englerth: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

**TRUSTEE REPORT:
Roger Rottschafer
ZBA 11-10-15 Meeting**

**FIRE COMMITTEE
PROPOSAL**

Englerth thanked Rottschafer, Purcell and Fire Service Committee for all of their hard work regarding this major issue.

Cost Recovery Resolution in regards to emergency services (fire & ambulance) was discussed. Recommendation was made to put this on the agenda on the January 2016 meeting.

Motion by Rottschafer with support from J. Lippert to put Cost Recovery Resolution on the January 2016 Regular Board Meeting's agenda. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Rottschafer with support from Campbell for the Assistant Fire Chief at YS Fire Station to report to the Fire Committee. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Brief Discussion occurred. The amount of the spending limit for maintenance of the building for the assistant chief will be obtained from the budget by J. Lippert.

During a discussion, questions were asked, "How do we know what is going on in the township? How do we know whether there is a special event taking place? How do we advertise the need for recruitment, etc.?" Rottschafer mentioned an electric sign at the Fire Barn in Dorr Township. P. Kreple commented on the LED signs being more beneficial than websites. The sign ordinance for electronic signs was mentioned.

Motion by Roger Rottschafer with support from Bruce Campbell to approve the use of tribal funds for the purchase of an LED digital sign not to exceed \$27,000 to advise residents of the ongoing activities of the township at corner of Payne Lake Rd. and M-179 (Chief Noonday) (three bids/proposals to be obtained). **Roll Call:** Jerkatis: no, J. Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafer: yes, Campbell: yes. Yes: 4, No: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

Letter to be sent to Thornapple Township Emergency Services regarding the 180 day notice to terminate service. Date needs to be documented (Board Approval date of Termination) and sent to attorneys. Ambulance service was discussed at this morning's Facility meeting. Ambulance service for YS Twp. is in the approval process with the members/participants of Wayland Area Ambulance Service. The Ambulance Service board voted unanimously for YS Twp. to join the ambulance authority. That board now has to go to its respective boards to get approval for YS Twp. to join the ambulance authority. Approval is granted by a majority vote.

Motion by Rottschafer with support from Campbell to send 180 day notice to attorney for final approval with documentation of date. **Roll Call:** Jerkatis: yes, J. Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafer: yes, Campbell: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

John Jerkatis thanked Roger Rottschafer and the Fire Committee for all their work and energy involved in this matter.

Rottschafer commented that he appreciated Alex Middleton and what the volunteers do on a daily basis. Rottschafer commented that this was the first step in doing what has to be done with the YS Fire Barn in hopes to get things put together so that it makes sense for everyone. Rottschafer commented that Wayland firefighters and the Board would love to have Alex Middleton and the Yankee Springs volunteers working with them,

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Motion to put Cost Recovery Resolution on the January 2016 Regular Board Meeting's agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion for the Assistant Fire Chief at YS Fire Station to report to the Fire Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

LED digital Sign Approval

Motion to approve the use of tribal funds for the purchase of an LED digital sign. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to send 180 day notice to attorney for final approval with documentation of date. MOTION CARRIED.

whether it's eventually an association or whatever (transpires).

A. Middleton commented that he wished that it had been done several months ago. He personally doesn't agree. Middleton commented "A lot of people are being put at risk unnecessarily by doing this for an undetermined period of time without a specific, definable action plan to put that risk at bay." A. Middleton advised to monitor progress and recruitment with the people of the township being at a serious risk. Rottschafer mentioned that coverage would be provided by TTES for 180 days.

Constance Cheeseman, newspaper reporter, mentioned the supervisory role of the Fire Committee, and whether the City of Wayland will have someone sitting on the fire committee. Rottschafer commented that there will be representatives from the City of Wayland sitting on the Fire Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Jerkatis, Treasurer

Motion by Englerth with support from Campbell to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

CLERK'S REPORT: J. Lippert

Motion by Rottschafer with support from Lippert to approve Payroll chk. #s 5485-5503 for the amount of \$9,800.52 with payroll taxes withheld for the amount of \$2,456.50 **Roll Call:** Jerkatis: yes, J. Lippert: yes, Rottschafer: yes, Campbell: yes Englerth: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Lippert with support from Campbell to approve Accounts Payable chk. #s 913172-913188 for the amount of \$10,429.98. **Roll Call:** Jerkatis: yes, J. Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafer: yes, Campbell: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Lippert with support from Rottschafer to approve Accounts Payable chk. #s 913189-913214 (26 checks) for the amount of \$26,259.49 **Roll Call:** Jerkatis: yes, J. Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafer: yes, Campbell: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Change of Regular Board Meeting for December to **Wednesday, December 9th**, instead of December 10th.

Notice was received from Barry County Road Commission for January meeting dates.

The Township's 2016 Meeting Schedule is set to be published.

Check received for "Safe Workplace" from workmen's comp. (dividend).

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Larry Knowles, Written Report

PLANNING COMMISSION: Frank Fiala, PC Chairman

Rezoning on Arhana Crest, Barlow Lake, expected to proceed after tabling at the October meeting.

The PC is also working on the Master Plan. Having a bit of difficulty with the keyboarding of the plan— electronic data is needed. Brainstorming continues regarding matters such as the State park, Allegan County Park, Veterans Memorial, non-motorized trail, casino impact and

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Jerkatis, Treasurer

CLERK'S REPORT: J. Lippert

Accounts Payable & Payroll Approved

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Larry Knowles, ZA

PLANNING COMMISSION: Frank Fiala

its new facility. Billing may be a bit more than typical because of use of professional planner needed in the project. An estimate will be shared with board when it is obtained.

J. Lippert inquired if the township has an electronic sign, would there be a way the speed limit may be decreased (on M-179)? Fiala commented on the methodology of speed studies, numerous entities that are involved and the possibility of results in the speed limit.

Motion by Lippert with support from Jerkatis for the Supervisor to write letter to address the consideration of MDOT regarding the speed limit of M-179. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion for the Supervisor to write letter to address the MDOT regarding the speed limit of M-179. MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR REPORT- MARK ENGLERTH:

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Water System Report October

Dam – Update - Martin, Orangeville, and YS Townships are involved with the Gun Lake Dam decisions. Thanks went out to Vivian Conner regarding this.

Veterans’ Memorial Fund: Apache Camper donated (being stored for the winter) and snowmobile donated as well.

Day of Review of Assessment District of Cuddy Drain Intercounty: November 17th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Motion by Jerkatis with support by Lippert to adopt **Resolution #11-02-2015 to not impose the additional 3% penalty for any taxes paid on or after February 15, 2016 through February 29, 2016 for the tax year 2015- winter tax bill.** **Roll Call:** Jerkatis: yes, J. Lippert: yes, Englerth: yes, Rottschafer: yes, Campbell: yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to adopt **Resolution #11-02-2015 to not impose the additional 3% penalty for any taxes paid on or after 2/15/16 through 2/29/15.** MOTION CARRIED.

Board Member Comments:

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J. Lippert commented that her house is in the Intercounty Cuddy Drain district. Her husband will represent their neighbors on the south side of her street at the Day of Review (Nov. 17, 2015).

Roger Rottschafer thanked the Board, Greg, Frank, John, and all those who helped with the fire service project.

ADJOURNMENT:

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Motion by Englerth with support from Rottschafer to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. Approved by all. Motion Carried.

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YST Bd Trustees
11/12/15

Respectfully submitted:
Deb Mousseau
Recording Secretary 11/17/15

Date: Dec. 9, 2015
Approved : _____
Janice C. Lippert, Township Clerk