

<p style="text-align: center;">YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES Regular Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, July 14, 2011 Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES</p>	<p>DRAFT MINUTES</p>
<p>Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Supervisor Al McCrumb.</p> <p><u>Roll Call</u>: All <u>Present</u>: Jerkatis, J. Lippert, McCrumb, M. Cook, Schwennesen.</p> <p>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p> <p><u>Staff Present</u>: Zoning Administrator, Bob Lippert, Plan Commission Chair, Frank Fiala, Alice Jansma, Deputy Supervisor, and Chuck Misak, Constable.</p> <p><u>Visitors</u>: 16 (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"> Add under <u>Acknowledgement of Visitors</u>: Paul Heystek, FEMA Update 	<p>ADDITIONS TO AGENDA</p>
<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</p> <p>Motion by M. Cook with support from Jerkatis to approve Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2011 as presented. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>Correction to be made to minutes of 6:30 P.M. Meeting of June 30, 2011 on page 2: Y.S. Twp. Liquor Control Fund 302 not 303. (Typo)</p> <p>Motion by M. Cook with support from Jerkatis to approve minutes of 6:30 P.M. Meeting of June 30, 2011 as amended. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>Motion by M. Cook with support from J. Lippert to approve minutes of Public Budget Hearing at 7:00 P.M. of June 30, 2011 as presented. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</p>	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>Motions to approve Meeting minutes of June 9, 2011 (Regular Board Mtg.), June 30, 2011 (6:30 pm Mtg.) as amended.</p> <p>June 30, 2011 7:00 pm meeting. Motions Carried.</p>
<p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:</p> <p>Ms. Sue Roush- Cemtery Sexton Contract Renewal 2011-2012:</p> <p>Ms. Roush commented, "I did not see any changes in the contract." S. Roush thanked the board for the raise. J. Lippert complemented the Sexton for all the hard work they perform during the year. The Townships' cemeteries are kept up well.</p> <p>Motion by McCrumb with support from M. Cook to approve the 2011-2012 Cemetery Sexton contract for \$13,700.00 made payable in twelve monthly amounts of \$1,147.50 each. ROLL CALL: Jerkatis: Yes, J. Lippert: Yes, McCrumb: Yes, M. Cook: Yes, Schwennesen: Yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.</p>	<p>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS</p> <p>Motion to approve 2011-12 Cemetery Sexton Contract. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Page 1 of 6 YST Bd Trustees 7-14-11</p>

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS: cont'd

TTES REPORT: Fire Chief, David Middleton:

- TTES staffed two ambulances from Friday, July 1, to Tuesday, July 5 and received 24 calls during that time period. As of July 14 there have been 60 calls this month.
- Chief presented a Water Rescue Purchase Request: (copy to be attached to minutes) Included: Tow Nozzles; One gated Wye; One Water rescue throw bag w/rope; four carabiners; five water rescue flotation vests; and five water rescue helmets. Discussion

Motion by M. Cook with support from J. Lippert to approve the purchase of water equipment for the Fire Rescue boat not to exceed \$1,633.41. ROLL CALL: Jerkatis: Yes, J. Lippert: Yes, McCrumb: Yes, M.Cook: Yes, Schwennesen: Yes. Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

BARRY COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Craig Stolsonburg

Darla Burghdoff is retiring, the Commission is discussing the possibility of combining the Register of Deeds and the County Clerk's office.

- The Barry County Fair is next week – July 18 – 24.
- Finkbeiner Road and Crane Road's bridge is now open.

FEMA UPDATE: Paul Heystek (Z.B.A. member)

- P. Heystek met with aides of the governor's office.*
- Hartmann Aue was a key person involved in the discussion.
- Heystek and the Governor's reps discussed the FEMA Floodplain situation at Gun Lake. They are trying to see what exactly the State of Michigan sent down to Stanteck to see what they did to come to the conclusions here (Gun Lake). Heystek commented, "At this level, it is a slow process, but we might make some headway here."
- Under the Freedom of Information Act, Heystek tried to find out the cost of the FEMA situation involving Gun Lake. "All the financial information was blacked out," commented Heystek. Jerkatis thanked Paul Heystek for his work on this.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shane VandenBerg, YS Resident: Brought up issue of switching from Township Zoning to County zoning. Also stated he believes nepotism exists in Yankee Springs Township and can do better as a local government. Discussion followed. Jerkatis, Treasurer, commented "If there's a problem, address the problem. I believe nepotism is not any more a detriment to the function of administration than religion, gender, age, or race." S. Vandenberg stated back "The good ole boy system. Oh yeah. We know what's going on here and you're one of them."

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS: cont'd

TTES Report: David Middleton

Motion to approve water equipment for the Fire Rescue boat. Motion Carried.

BARRY COUNTY COMMISSIONER- Craig Stolsonburg-

FEMA UPDATE: Paul Heystek

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Heystek, Y. S. Resident, Has listened to Shane VandenBerg talk about nepotism. P. Heystek defined "Nepotism is when a relative hires someone to do a job that they don't know what to do."

- The mining ordinance that is coming up is very restrictive for the community. P. Heystek said, "I know the Zoning Administrator (Bob Lippert) will speak before the Senate committee (regarding the mining ordinance)." Heystek commented, "The whole thing's about getting rid of Bob." "People on the (YS) boards do a wonderful job," added Heystek.

TREASURER'S REPORT: by John Jerkatis

Motion by M. Cook, support by J. Lippert to accept the June Financial Treasurer's Report as submitted. Approved by all. MOTION CARRIED.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: by Robert Lippert

- **June SPR's:** (6)
- **Planning Commission:** R. Lippert was not in attendance due to illness. Priorities for the PC were discussed as well as county vs. township planning and zoning. Boathouses will be discussed at the PC meeting on July 23.
- **ZBA-** No meeting for June.
- **Complaints:** (6) –
 1. Travel Trailer parked at water's edge at Cobb Lake. Owner identified and notified of Ordinance violation on 6/2/11. Trailer removed. RESOLVED.
 2. Two complaints of trash, uncontrolled pets, fireworks and other disorderly conduct by property renters on Park Drive. Complainants were advised these are not zoning issues and should be referred to the Barry County Sheriff's Department and Animal Control Office. CLOSED.
 3. Two complaints of unlicensed dump truck storage, use of recreational vehicle as a dwelling unit and portable sign violation. Letter was sent directing removal by 6/15/2011 from site at M-179 and Archwood. ACTIVE.
 4. Licensed RV stored on Willson Drive. 6/30/2011. Similar complaint in 2009 resulted in licensing the vehicle. Has not moved since. Will review Applicable ordinances. ACTIVE.
 5. Complaint on downed tree at Heritage Bay Drive. Heritage Bay Drive is a private drive so responsibility of clearing tree rests with the residents. CLOSED.
 6. Unidentified complaint regarding parties and public drunkenness at a guest House on Sandy Beach Road. Not a zoning issue. Barry County Sheriff Notified by copy of complaint. CLOSED.
- **McKenna Billing:** Billing for the month of June was \$315.00. G. Milliken did not attend last month's PC meeting.

Motion by M. Cook with support from Schwennesen to pay McKenna June billing of \$315.00, invoice #98072, contingent upon review and approval of the Planning

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PUBLIC COMMENT cont'd

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report approved

**ZONING
ADMINISTRATOR'S
REPORT: R. Lippert**

**McKenna June billing approved
P/C review**

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Commission. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

- **FEMA**- an additional three letters of map amendment were received at the Township Hall office.

252 LOMA's of 475. (Over 50% margin of error).

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Al McCrumb

- June Water Report
- Revenue Sharing Match E Be Nash She Wish
Yankee Springs recently received \$3,500.00+ from casino proceeds. McCrumb mentioned that he might like to see that money be used for curbside recycling. Discussion occurred regarding recycling. Supervisor McCrumb welcomed any other suggestions as to what to do with the revenue sharing from the casino.
Trustee M. Cook suggested having a survey conducted.
Resident ShaneVandenBerg interjected suggesting the funds can be used toward another recycling bin located at the fire station with someone policing it. Also, using the proceeds toward the library in Wayland.
Supervisor Continued with his report.
- Township Facilities Update
The need for a handicapped restroom was emphasized. McCrumb ask board members to look things over to discuss again.
- Park Update
Asphalt is down for the multi-court project.
- Correspondence:
Letters received from Township attorney John Lohrstorfer regarding the medical marijuana update and legal opinion pertaining to the issue of nepotism. Copies available on the public information table. (Both opinions to be attached to minutes)
- Barry Amateur Radio Association Use of Front Lawn and Restrooms July 16th Saturday. Supervisor will handle.

BREAK: 8:12 P.M. RESUME: 8:30 P.M.

CLERK'S REPORT: Jan Lippert

Lippert reviewed and explained all items relating to accounts payable checks as presented.

Motion by Jerkatis with support from M. Cook to approve accounts payable check #s 911141-911179 for the amount of \$27,882.30 with check #s 911147 used for alignment and 911148 void. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by M. Cook with support from Schwennesen to approve payroll check #s 4337-4358 dated 6/30/11 for a total of \$11,141.38. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

- Fiscal Year 2011-12 Chart of Accounts
Distributed to Board members.

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**ZONING
ADMINISTRATOR'S
REPORT: cont'd**

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- Distributed Adopted Fiscal Year Budget 2011- 2012. All General Ledger Accounts
- Charter Communications update
Townships can no longer have free internet service. The new charge should be approximately \$60.00 per month. J. Lippert will also be looking into phone prices and into bundling the two services (phone and internet).
- Windows 7 update
The update was completed last month.
- DEQ Violation Notice
Civil liability complaint. Sharp Park Campground- filling in wetlands.
- PCI June & 2nd Quarter Building Report
- Barry County 2010 Annual Road Report Distributed.

Jerkatis asked about BS & A Software for the General Ledger. J. Lippert reported that the contract was signed and sent to BS & A. We are waiting for them to schedule dates for change over.

OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Englerth, suggested holding workshops for the community regarding issues that keep coming up. "Perhaps the Township meeting is not the time or place." Englerth gave an example of recycling. "You simply don't have time at a monthly meeting to spend two hours discussing an issue." We've got the best township in the world. I really urge the board to have workshops four times a year," commented Englerth.

Congratulations on his retirement from his YS Township position went out to **Charles Misak**, retiring Constable and Liquor Inspector.

Alice Jansma, YS Twp. Park, said that the park is getting real close to being done. "One more project done!" commented A. Jansma.

Greg Purcell, PC Member, said he'd like to kind of piggyback on Mark's comments. "We don't really get to a conclusion on things (at monthly meetings). I've worked in government all my life. I don't think the situation here shows nepotism. I like to see comments toward policy not personality.

- Recycling not sure curbside is the right answer. Might want to piggyback on Barry County's studies.
- Regarding public forums or workshops, feels it would be good to have dialog and seek public input. The workshop/forums should have a guide. For example, a person goes to a restaurant because they want to eat, but they need a menu to help them. "Lynn Harvey of MSU is a great resource," commented Purcell. Purcell also encouraged focusing on a business agenda to make decisions in a timely manner.

Mary Cook, Trustee, likes the idea of community forums. Agrees with quarterly meetings and thought it would be good to target the first one for September. M. Cook recommended advertising a public forum for one of the issues. The need for someone to serve in the role of a forum leader or mediator.

OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT HEARD

John Jerkatis, Treasurer, felt that forums should come under the Supervisor's umbrella. Jerkatis commented that the Supervisor needs to be involved directly with the public.

Jan Lippert, Clerk, suggested that this information could be included in the township newsletter. A suggestion box or using the drop box at the Township Hall can be used. And also mentioning these items in the community newsletter. Draft newsletter should be ready by July 31st.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk Jan Lippert received notice from Secretary of State regarding Eligibility for Status as a Charter Township. Because of its population, Yankee Springs is now eligible to be incorporated as a charter township status. (To be attached to minutes) Discussion occurred regarding charter townships. Annexation issues were mentioned as well as an increase of trustees allowed on the Board. G. Purcell mentioned that this would be good to include in the newsletter as well.

M. Cook brought up the issue of street lights citing that there is not a light at the corner of Bass Rd. and Patterson Rd. The corner near Sam's Joint at Gun Lake and Oakley needs a light as well, but it was mentioned that Jack Finkbeiner had checked on this and getting power to it would be difficult.

Jerkatis asked if there was any response/interest shown for the position of Constable/Liquor Inspector. Supervisor McCrumb said that response has been coming into the office and advertising appeared in the The Sun & News and The Penasee Globe.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by J. Lippert with support from Jerkatis to adjourn at 9:10 PM. Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted:
D. Mousseau
Recording Secretary 7-18-11

Approved Date: _____
By: Janice C. Lippert, Clerk

OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT: (cont'd)

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