

YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Meeting – New Fire Truck Final Payment Approval

Wednesday, July 30, 2024

5:00 pm

Yankee Springs Township Hall
284 N. Briggs Rd., Middleville, MI 49333

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Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM by Supervisor Rob Heethuis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll Call: Mike Cunningham, Larry Knowles, Rob Heethuis, Dave VanHouten, Deb Mousseau (All Present)

Staff Present: Brad Williams

Visitors: 1

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ROLL CALL

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA:

The major change is adding the STR court cost motion.

Motion by Heethuis with support from Cunningham to add the following to the agenda: the STR court cost motion. Roll Call Vote: Cunningham: yes; Knowles: yes; Mousseau: yes; Heethuis: yes; VanHouten: yes.

Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Heethuis with support from Knowles to accept the agenda as amended. Roll Call Vote: Cunningham: yes; Mousseau: yes; VanHouten: yes; Heethuis: yes; Knowles: yes.

Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

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NEW FIRE TRUCK FINAL PAYMENT APPROVAL:

Motion by Cunningham with support from VanHouten to approve the final payment for the new fire truck totaling \$396,679 which includes \$11,725 for the items contained in Change Order #1. Discussion: The plan is for Chief Miller to go to South Haven on Thursday with the check. Assuming all is well they will bring the truck back to the Township on Friday. The Board is aware that there will be some additional expense involved with installing a new radio and

MOTION TO APPROVE FINAL PAYMENT ON NEW FIRE TRUCK

moving some equipment from the old truck to the new truck, but it is not expected that it will exceed the amount originally approved for these items. *Roll Call Vote: Knowles: yes; Cunningham: yes; Heethuis: yes; VanHouten: yes; Mousseau: yes.*

Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED

STR COURT COST APPROVAL:

Motion by Heethuis with support from Cunningham to approve Yankee Springs Township paying the court costs for the STR citations that have been heard by the court as of 07/31/2024. The funds to pay the court costs will come from the fines levied by the court and paid to Yankee Springs Township. Future citations will be written so that the court costs will be in addition to the fines levied so that Yankee Springs Township is not paying the court costs. Discussion: Code Enforcement Officer Brad Williams explained that so far, all the residents who have been issued citations have agreed to pay the \$500 fine and appeared before the judge to have the case dismissed. Since this is a new process, it was not realized that there would be a fee assessed by the court. If this fee is not paid, it could cause a problem for the residents at a later time. Court Services called Mr. Williams after all the cases were dismissed on Monday, July 29, about having the court costs paid but have not yet told the Township how much the costs are. Per the Township attorney, the Township can pay the fees from the fines that have been collected and, in the future, can specify that the resident is responsible for the court fees. Discussion took place as to whether the resident should be paying the fine directly to the court or to Yankee Springs Township. The Board discussed adding a limit to the amount of court costs to be paid by the township and the motion was restated as follows:

Motion by Heethuis with support from Cunningham to approve Yankee Springs Township paying the court costs for the STR citations that have been heard by the court as of 07/31/2024. The funds to pay the court costs will come from the fines levied by the Township and paid to Yankee Springs Township with the amount not to exceed \$200 per case. Future citations will be written so that the court costs will be in addition to the fines levied so that Yankee Springs Township is not paying the court costs. *Roll Call Vote: VanHouten: yes; Mousseau: yes; Knowles: yes; Heethuis: yes; Cunningham: yes.*

Yes: 5, No: 0. MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mousseau with support from VanHouten to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 PM. Approved by all. Motion Carried.

Approved by: _____ Date _____
Michael S. Cunningham, Township Clerk

Respectfully submitted by:
Betsy Frigmanski, Recording Secretary
July 31, 2024

MOTION TO
APPROVE PAYMENT
OF COURT COSTS
ASSOCIATED WITH
STR FINES

ADJOURNMENT