

THOMPSON TWP. BOARD-REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Thompson Township Hall
August 14, 2012, at 6:00p.m.

The Thompson Township Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Theresa Lund, Supervisor and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by the Supervisor for Board Members present.

PRESENT: Cathi LaBar, Sandra Houghton, Theresa Lund, Martha Wnuk, Cynthia McDaniel

ABSENT: None

Approval of Agenda: Martha Wnuk made the motion to approve the agenda with the additions of Michigan Department of State Subscription Program and Hospital Letter of Support and was 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Brief Public Comment: Len VanNess questioned the Voter Access to Hall issue from the June 26 meeting minutes. Mr. VanNess also inquired who determined the ramp's condition and what companies presented bids to the township for the repairs & replacement of the door. Dan LaFoille reminded everyone that the Public Comment time is for comments, not discussion.

Approval of Minutes: Cathi LaBar made the motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of June 26, and was 2nd by Theresa Lund, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept report as submitted made by Martha Wnuk, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Assessor's Report: Motion made by Sandra Houghton, 2nd by Cynthia McDaniel to accept Assesor's report as submitted, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Fire Department Report: No report. Motion made by Martha Wnuk, 2nd by Theresa Lund to allow firefighters to participate in any upcoming trainings and to participate in the Nahma Labor Day Parade, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Historical Report- Laurie Jasmin reported the Christmas Ship Wine Tasting went well with \$611.00 received and 46 people attending the event on August 11. They will receive \$1 from each bottle of Christmas Ship Wine sold. T-shirts will be available for purchase at the Thompson Township Picnic. Christmas ornaments are also being completed of the Christmas Ship. Motion made by Martha Wnuk to accept report as given, 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Community Recognition Program- Anne and Julie Richey were recognized for the month of August for their dedication to the health and welfare of the residents in the community.

Update Hall Ramp & Door- Theresa Lund, Supervisor, spoke with Frank Bosanic, Bosanic Construction, who reported the door is ordered and should arrive in about 2 weeks, at which time he will replace the existing door and lay the skid strips on the repaired ramp.

Chloride Roads 1st Application/2nd Application- Theresa Lund reported that she has received no complaints. Discussion by board members ended in decision that a second application is not needed this year.

Cemetery Policy-Signs The signs are printed and one will be placed off Fragale Road and the other off M149. Ron Matchinski, sexton, will be contacted to place the signs. Motion made by Martha Wnuk, to request Ron place the signs and replace the posts if needed, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Quickbooks Upgrade Cathi LaBar reported that the version of Quickbooks 2009 currently in use by the township is out of date and no longer receives support. Quickbooks 2012 was recommended by the auditors and would allow the township to do payroll, taxes, and quarterly reports, as well as receive support. Motion made by Sandra Houghton to purchase the updated version of Quickbooks for the treasurer and clerk, 2nd by Theresa Lund, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

BS & A Training Theresa Lund states there will be a 1 day training on tax accounts in Escanaba the end of August or early September. Motion made by Martha Wnuk to allow Cathi LaBar to attend the training, 2nd by Cynthia McDaniel, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Michigan Department of State Subscription Program Theresa Lund, Supervisor, reports that this program will notify the township if there are any violations, restrictions, suspensions, or revocations posted to the driving record of anyone on the township fire department. There is no cost to the township and participation is mandated by the state.

Hospital Letter of Support George Montgomery contacted Sandra Houghton requesting a letter of support for the hospital from the township to the USDA. Motion made by Martha Wnuk, 2nd by Cathi LaBar to send a letter of support, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Correspondence/Communications- Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital 1st Annual Golf Outing flyer for September 10, 2012. Wind Power information received from Superior Watershed Partnership and Land Trust. Flood Plain letter from FEMA not applicable to our township.

Public Comment: Len VanNess questioned whether the Board of Review vacancy was advertised. Mr. VanNess requested draft minutes be posted at township hall and to receive copy of the budget via email. He also stated that the township requested a second application of chloride on Flodin Road. Mr. VanNess said the township requested the hall rental fee only be charged if the hall was not clean after use by the renter. Devin Lawrence questioned if the budget posted on the website was current and if there were any Board of Review vacancies to be filled. Dan LaFoille stated in relation to the wind power correspondence that there is a test tower in Cooks.

Pay all Bills and Wages: Motion was made by Martha Wnuk to pay all due bills and wages, Ck#5481- Ck#5521 Total Amount \$26,474.66, 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Motion to adjourn: by Martha Wnuk, Trustee

Next Meeting: September 11, 2012 at 6p.m.