

THOMPSON TWP. BOARD-REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Thompson Township Hall
September 11, 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: Fire Department-Truck Loan, UPSET, and Ash Tray Bin, and was 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Brief Public Comment: John Norrington introduced himself and stated that he was running for sheriff in the upcoming election. He is trying to attend all of the township meetings so he will meet people and be aware of what is going on around the county.

Approval of Minutes: Martha Wnuk made the motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of August 14, and was 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

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

Assessor's Report: Motion made by Sandra Houghton, 2nd by Cathi LaBar to accept Assessor's Report as submitted, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Fire Department Report: No report. Motion made by Cathi LaBar, 2nd by Martha Wnuk to approve firefighter participation in any upcoming meetings or trainings until the October board meeting, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Historical Report- Martha Wnuk reported the committee is busy working on the play for December. They are also searching for Christmas trees to take to Chicago. The DNR is going to allow them to cut trees on State land. Plans are being made for the Christmas trip to Chicago. The Christmas Ship ornaments are completed and will be on sale soon. Motion made by Cathi LaBar to accept report as given, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Community Recognition Program- Good Neighbors will be recognized at the October meeting.

Update Hall Ramp & Door- Theresa Lund, Supervisor, spoke with Bob Carlson at Manistique Lumber where the door was ordered. The hardware is already in and the door should be delivered around October 17. At that time, Frank Bosanic, Bosanic Construction, will install.

Quickbooks Upgrade Cathi LaBar reported that we will wait to order the version of Quickbooks 2012 as discussed at the August meeting until the auditors are ready to assist with setup. The software will cost \$367.96 for both the treasurer and clerk computers.

BS & A Training Cathi LaBar attended the training in August. Most participants had a newer software version of the treasurer's program, but the township's current version is sufficient and still has support. Theresa Lund stated we will consider an upgrade at a later date.

Schoolcraft County Culvert Policy Theresa Lund received a letter from the Schoolcraft County Road commission stating the commission's new culvert policy. The township will be responsible for 50% of any cost above \$4000.00 when replacing a culvert.

Ash Road Sandra Houghton spoke with Dave Anderson, who stated the cost of the project with the County Road Commission would be around \$360,000.00 and the taxes per resident between \$15,000.00-\$60,000.00. He will wait until spring, check with private companies, and present findings to the board at that time.

Fire Department Truck Loan Theresa Lund reported that Jackie French stated our interest payment in January 2013 will be \$2,316.75 and the same for July 2013 when the principle payment will be \$13,000.00. Motion made by Martha Wnuk to make an additional payment of \$15,000.00 on the principal of the loan from the fire department savings now, 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

U.P.S.E.T. The township received a letter requesting a financial contribution to support the team. Motion made by Cathi LaBar to send \$200.00 as set in the annual budget, 2nd by Cynthia McDaniel, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Ash Tray Bin Theresa Lund suggested checking into replacing the flower pot ash tray. Martha Wnuk knows of one that may be able to be donated to the township.

Correspondence/Communications- DEQ permit for driveway. Subscription Service Program letter stating they had received our request to join. Soo Tribe letter/survey concerning tobacco free outdoor recreation areas.

Public Comment: None

Pay all Bills and Wages: Motion was made by Martha Wnuk to pay all due bills and wages, Ck#5522- Ck#5540 Total Amount \$5076.26, 2nd by Cynthia McDaniel, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Motion to adjourn: by Theresa Lund, Supervisor

Next Meeting: October 9, 2012 at 6p.m.