

THOMPSON TWP. BOARD-REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Thompson Township Hall
October 8, 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: Election Training and MTA treasurer training, and was 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Brief Public Comment: none

Approval of Minutes: Sandra Houghton made the motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of September 11, 2012 and was 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

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

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

Fire Department Report: Theresa Lund spoke with Marc Chevront who reported no runs for the past month. Motion made by Martha Wnuk, 2nd by Sandra Houghton to approve firefighter participation in any upcoming activities until the November board meeting, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Historical Report- Martha Wnuk reported the committee has permission to get trees from Hiawatha National Forest to take to Chicago. Three or four members are planning to make the trip to Chicago for the 100th anniversary of the Christmas Tree Ship. Laurie Jasmin will travel to Two Rivers, Wisconsin around Thanksgiving. The committee would like to take 100 trees to Chicago and are looking for sponsors. Motion made by Cathi LaBar to accept report as given, 2nd by Cynthia McDaniel, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Community Recognition Program- Good Neighbors was recognized for October with Margo Withey accepting the award. Kathleen Steider will be recognized for November.

Update Hall Ramp & Door- Theresa Lund, Supervisor, spoke with Bob Carlson at Manistique Lumber and Frank Bosanic, Bosanic Construction, for an update on the door. The door should be delivered around October 15, sooner than originally anticipated. At that time, Frank Bosanic will install.

New MSUE Jim Lucas, Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) District Coordinator, stated that the MSUE is on the ballot again trying to reestablish an office in Schoolcraft County. He explained how the office benefits especially youth and elderly through programs like 4-H and Health and Nutrition. He left information and offered to answer any questions.

Quickbooks Upgrade Motion made by Martha Wnuk to table the matter until further information is obtained, 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

CUPPAD Dues Discussion of the cost verses benefits offered. Motion made by Martha Wnuk to utilize CUPPAD services only as needed and not subscribe at this time, 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Ice Skating Reviewed contract for 2012-2013 ice skating season. Motion made by Martha Wnuk, 2nd by Sandra Houghton to do the same as previous year and pay \$300.00 up front, allowing 10 punches per card per person, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Hospital Signs and Lights John Gilroy, Gilbane Construction Management, stated they would follow MDOT regulations regarding signs and lights and inquired if the hospital needed to apply for any permits from the township. Theresa Lund, Supervisor, answered that permits are only from the county.

Tax Rate Request Tax Rate Request for 2012 reviewed. Motion made by Martha Wnuk to sign and submit the form, 2nd by Theresa Lund, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Hospital Tribal Grant Don Perigo attended the meeting to explain the hospital's request that the township support their grant from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe to fund new hospital equipment. He also stated the hospital will open mid April. Motion made by Cathi LaBar to draft resolution supporting the grant for the hospital, 2nd by Martha Wnuk. Roll Call: Martha Wnuk-Yes, Sandra Houghton-Yes, Theresa Lund-Yes, Cathi LaBar-Yes, Cynthia McDaniel-Yes, Passed.

GASB 54 Cathi LaBar explained the need for the GASB 54 the auditors suggested the board draft. Motion made by Martha Wnuk, 2nd by Cathi LaBar to draft the GASB 54 for the next board meeting, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Snow Removal Board reviewed current and past contracts for snow removal. Motion was made by Martha Wnuk to request bids for snow removal for 2012-13 for the township hall and fire department with a 3 inch snowfall trigger and current insurance certificate, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Election Training Cynthia McDaniel will attend the election school taking place in Manistique, October 18. All other election workers are current on election training.

MTA Treasurer Training A training will be held in Marquette for treasurers. Martha Wnuk made a motion for Cathi LaBar to attend, 2nd by Theresa Lund, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Correspondence/Communications- None

Public Comment: Pat Nelson inquired about the ice skating program for township residents.

Pay all Bills and Wages: Motion was made by Martha Wnuk to pay all due bills and wages, Ck#5541-Ck#5557 Total Amount \$32,268.58, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Motion to adjourn: by Theresa Lund, Supervisor

Next Meeting: November 13, 2012 at 6p.m.