

**THOMPSON TWP. BOARD-REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
*Thompson Township Hall*  
*November 13, 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 addition of: Approval of Special Meeting minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Brief Public Comment:** Laurie Jasmin congratulated the board members on being elected and wished them well in the next 4 years of service to the township.

**Approval of Minutes:** Cathi LaBar made the motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 8, 2012 and the Special Meeting minutes from October 16, 2012, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion to accept treasurer's report as submitted made by Martha Wnuk, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Theresa Lund, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Assessor's Report:** Joseph Maki, assessor, submitted a written report to the board and briefly summarized this information as well as adding there will be a December Board of Review. He also mentioned he did not have official figures, but that his colleague, Colleen Brook had information that the township had lost value this year. Motion made by Sandra Houghton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cynthia McDaniel to accept Assessor's Report as submitted, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Fire Department Report:** Jon Burk reported that the fire department had responded to one structure fire in Inwood Township and one personal injury incident during the past month. The fire department is planning to participate in the Christmas Parade in Manistique, November 23, 2012. Motion made by Martha Wnuk, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathi LaBar to approve firefighter participation in the Christmas parade and in any upcoming training and activities until the December board meeting, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Historical Report-** Laurie Jasmin reported the historical committee has all 100 trees cut to transport to Chicago, with approximately 45 already sponsored. The U.S. Forest Service allowed cutting on national forest land this year. Plum Creek has also been very helpful in this endeavor. There are several deposits from fundraising including ornament sales and the first check from Threefold Vine Winery for \$425.00 from the Christmas Tree Ship Wine that has been sold. Laurie is travelling to Two Rivers to be a guest speaker for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Christmas Ship. The play will be December 15. There has been a wreath and tree placed at the historical marker for the Christmas Ship. Through the EDC, Laurie obtained maps of Thompson which allowed locations of historic sites that had previously been unknown to be identified. Motion made by Cathi LaBar to accept report as given, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Community Recognition Program-** Kathleen Steider was recognized for November for her service to Thompson Township on the fire department and board of review. Cloverland Electric Cooperative will be recognized for December. Motion made by Martha Wnuk to recognize Cloverland in December, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Hospital Tribal Grant** Motion made by Cathi LaBar to sign the revised copy of the resolution and submit to Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martha Wnuk, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**GASB 54** Motion made by Martha Wnuk to adopt the GASB 54 for the township as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Snow Removal** Received bid for snow removal for winter 2012-2013 from Graphos Snowplowing. Motion made by Sandra Houghton to accept bid and sign contract with Graphos for snow removal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**December Board of Review** Motion made by Sandra Houghton to hold the Board of Review for correction of clerical errors, December 11, 2012 at 4:00PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cynthia McDaniel, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Board Goals** Theresa Lund, Supervisor, suggested the board consider ideas for the next budget. Electrical updates in the kitchen of the township hall (along with possible electric being run to the sacristy), new brick mold around the doors at the fire hall, paint in the fire hall, and repair of the pipeline in the parking lot at the hall were discussed as possibilities.

**Christmas Tree Ship** In accordance with the new GASB 54 resolution, motion was made by Sandra Houghton to transfer money from the historical savings to pay for the hotel rooms in Chicago for the Christmas Tree Ship Trip, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cynthia McDaniel, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Newsletter** Martha Wnuk is working to complete the newsletter to send out with tax bills and accepted board and public input on the contents.

**Schoolcraft County Fire Chiefs Association Dues** Motion made by Martha Wnuk to pay dues for the Association for 2012-2013, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Cemetery Closure** Motion made by Cathi LaBar to close the cemetery December 1, 2012, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Theresa Lund, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Clerk Training** MTA is holding a new officials training in Marquette, December 3, 2012. Motion made by Martha Wnuk for Cynthia McDaniel to attend the clerk training and purchase the basic starter kit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Volunteer Cross Country Ski Trail Agreement** Martha Wnuk has the applications and volunteer agreements for volunteers to groom the trail at Big Springs. Motion made by Sandra Houghton to continue the volunteer grooming of the Big Spring cross country trail, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Correspondence/Communications-** U.P.S.E.T. thank you for support, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's newsletter is posted online, and CUPPAD explanation of activities and services.

**Public Comment:** none

**Pay all Bills and Wages:** Motion was made by Martha Wnuk to pay all due bills and wages, Ck#5558-Ck#5586 Total Amount \$10,236.23, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Motion to adjourn:** by Theresa Lund, Supervisor

**Next Meeting:** December 11, 2012 at 6p.m.