

**THOMPSON TWP. BOARD-REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
*Thompson Township Hall*  
*December 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Brief Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Constant Agenda Items:** Motion made by Sandra Houghton to accept minutes from November 13, 2012 meeting and treasurer's report , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Theresa Lund, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Assessor's Report:** Motion made by Cathi LaBar, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cynthia McDaniel to accept Assessor's written report as submitted, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Fire Department Report:** Marc Chevront reported that the fire department wants to apply for a newer brush truck from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). Motion made by Cathi LaBar to approve the fire department filling out paperwork and submitting an application for the brush truck from the MDNR, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Theresa Lund, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay. Volunteers are needed for the fire department. Marc was asked by the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital to perform hydrostatic testing at the hospital. Motion made by Martha Wnuk for Marc Chevront to complete the hydrostatic testing, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay. Motion made by Martha Wnuk, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathi LaBar to approve any fire department training that may take place prior to the January board meeting, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Historical Report-** Mary Williams stated food is needed for the Christmas Schooner play cast and crew potluck on Saturday. Shows will be at 2:00PM and 7:00PM Saturday, December 15, 2012. The Chicago Christmas Tree trip went well and the committee presented educational programs to 4<sup>th</sup> graders while there. The committee is planning a reunion for the summer so they can all visit the historical marker.

**Community Recognition Program-** Jonn Mackey accepted the award on behalf of Cloverland Electric Cooperative as Cloverland was recognized for December for their service to the community. The Manistique Ministerial Association will be recognized at the January 2013 meeting.

**Board Goals** Motion made by Martha Wnuk to table until January 2013 meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Craig Kelso** Craig stated that opening the dialogue between the township and the road commission would be very useful. The board needs to plan what its goals for the roads are so it can decide the best place to begin. He also informed the board that 1 mile of blacktop 22ft. wide would cost approximately \$100,000 not including any additional work on the road. He suggested the board come up with a plan such as a 5 year plan or a list of priority roads to designate where the work will begin. There is not much funding assistance from the state or county at this time and the township would need the money up front for any projects. The road commission will help in whatever way possible and will answer any questions. Craig will determine an approximate cost to repair the parking lot at the township hall and report back to the board for the January meeting to allow budgeting. He suggested some roads that may become priority in the township as: Sawmill Rd., Peterson Rd., Erickson Rd., and Ivan Carlson Rd.

**Board of Review** Kate Steider's position on the Board of Review needs to be filled. Theresa Lund, Supervisor, recommends the position be filled by Pat Nelson, making Kate an alternate on the Board of Review, and that Pat attend the February Board of Review training and if Theresa and Rex need extra training for them to attend as well. Motion made by Cathi LaBar to approve Pat Nelson for the Board of Review position, Kate Steider as an alternate for the BOR, and to send Pat to BOR training in February, along with Rex and Theresa if needed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cynthia McDaniel, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Funds** The township received the funds from the Tribe. It was less than originally expected, but the Tribe will keep the hospital in the running for additional funds in January. Martha Wnuk suggested that the township present the check to the hospital in the presence of a representative of the Tribe.

**Skating Update** A report was received from the recreation department that \$169.00 of the initial \$300.00 payment had been used by residents for ice skating as of November 20, 2012.

**Correspondence/Communications-** 2013 Boundary & Annexation Survey, EDC Title 1 Housing & Community Act, Certificate of Insurance for Graphos Snowplowing, Fire Truck Interest payment for January 2013 \$2447.84

**Public Comment:** Dan LaFoilie suggested involving the Pioneer Tribune in the presenting of the check to Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital along with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Mary Williams liked the idea of a millage for roads once the fire truck millage is finished.

**Pay all Bills and Wages:** Motion was made by Cathi LaBar to pay all due bills and wages for the month of December, Ck#5587-Ck#5624 Total Amount \$19,152.74, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martha Wnuk, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Motion to adjourn:** by Theresa Lund, Supervisor at 7:15PM

**Next Meeting:** January 8, 2013 at 6p.m.