

THOMPSON TWP. BOARD-REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Thompson Township Hall
February 12, 2013 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 Erickson/Carlson Road under New Business and Rules and Regulations under Old Business, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Brief Public Comment: Sheila Clark voiced concerns about severe ruts on Erickson Road. She stated the issue began about 3 years ago and is becoming worse. She is concerned that there will only be a temporary fix and is hoping that the township and county can work together for a long term repair that will provide safer access for residents, mail, and emergency vehicles.

Approval of Constant Agenda Items: Motion made by Sandra Houghton to accept minutes from January 8, 2013 monthly meeting and the treasurer's report , 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Assessor's Report: Joseph Maki, assessor, submitted written report for the month. Motion made by Martha Wnuk, 2nd 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 did not have any calls this past month other than a downed line. There has been no further interest in volunteers joining the fire department following the ad in the Advisor. The fire department will be losing Ron Betterly as he will be transferring downstate. Theresa will seek information from MTA concerning insurance monies for the fire department and Martha will inquire about volunteers receiving any kind payment. No new information on the brush truck from the DNR. Motion made by Cathi LaBar to accept report as given, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Historical Report- Martha Wnuk stated that there is nothing to report at this time.

Community Recognition Program- Bill Pohlman, Manistique Recreation Board, accepted the award for the month of February honoring the board for creating and maintaining great recreational opportunities in our community.

Amended Budget Theresa Lund presented amended budget to review. Motion made by Martha Wnuk to accept the amended budget, 2nd by Cathi LaBar. Roll call: Sandra-yes, Martha-yes, Cathi-yes, Theresa-yes, Cynthia-yes, Passed.

Skating Program Update Cathi LaBar reports that the issue with Little Bear West Arena and the skating program for township residents has been resolved. An error on the recreation department's part was cleared up and the township's contract with the department of paying for 10 visits for residents has resumed. The township has paid \$408.00 to date.

Parking Lot at twp. hall & fire hall Theresa Lund, Supervisor, spoke with Craig Kelso about the issue and he stated the township will have to get approval from MDOT after spring thaw before anything can be decided about how to proceed. At that time Ron Rushton (MDOT) will discuss with Craig to give options for repairs.

Rules and Regulations Theresa Lund spoke with MTA concerning money issues and whether a roll call vote was required. MTA stated that it is the board's decision on whether or not to require roll call votes, but that it should be in the policies for the township board. She also shared changes that she found needed to be made in the policies that were last updated in 2009. The board will address these changes at the March board meeting.

March Board of Review Theresa Lund stated that dates are set for Board of Review (BOR). Organizational meeting will be held Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 6pm. Hearing Appeals will be held Monday, March 11 3pm-9pm and Wednesday, March 13 9am-3pm. Theresa will mail a letter to BOR alternates informing them that they may attend as public. Motion made by Martha Wnuk to purchase dinner for the Board of Review March 11, 2013, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Erickson/Carlson Road Theresa Lund has spoken with Craig Kelso about the road and a mat and gravel is a possible fix, but she will discuss further with him what the cost might be so the board can pursue options to alleviate the road problems.

Salaries Theresa suggests that there be an across the board raise for board members, fire chief, and for the Board of Review organizational meeting. Discussion by board members on the issue. Motion made by Martha Wnuk to make a decision regarding raises at the regular monthly board meeting in March, 2nd by Theresa Lund, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Correspondence/Communications- DEQ permit, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Bureau of Construction Codes-notices of public hearings.

Public Comment: John Norrington, sheriff, stated he will try to attend a township meeting every quarter as his schedule allows in order to remain informed of matters in the community.

Pay all Bills and Wages: Motion was made by Martha Wnuk to pay all due bills and wages for the month of January, Ck#5648-Ck#5669 Total Amount \$31,444.38, 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Motion to adjourn: by Cathi LaBar

Next Meeting: March 12, 2013 at 6p.m.