

THOMPSON TWP. BOARD-REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Thompson Township Hall
May 15, 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: Cathi LaBar made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of "Townhall Roof" to New Business, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Brief Public Comment: none

Approval of Constant Agenda Items: Motion made by Martha Wnuk to accept minutes from the April 9, 2013 monthly meeting and the treasurer's report, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Assessor's Report: Joseph Maki, assessor, summarized his written report that was submitted along with 3 attachments regarding possible changes to shorten the March Board of Review hearings for units with smaller populations. He also noted that he will share documentation at the next meeting of a change beginning January 2014 that allows first line relatives to transfer property without uncapping taxable value. Motion made by Sandra Houghton to accept report as submitted, 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Fire Department Report: Theresa Lund, supervisor, had spoken with Marc Chevront who reported that the fire department had one fire call this month. He was unaware of any upcoming training. Motion made by Sandra Houghton to approve report as given, 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Historical Report- Laurie Jasmin reported that the Historical Committee had little activity since the Christmas Tree Ship play, but had met in April. The committee's activities will include working on getting electrical wiring to the sacristy, the township picnic with the Moose, Adopt A Highway, and 25 trees for Christmas this year. Laurie stated some members had met with the Moose to discuss combining the township picnic and Moose family picnic hoping to generate more interest in both. The picnic would be held at the Moose and the Moose would cover the \$150.00 insurance for the event. The township would be able to have the silent auction and help with the food. There will be a meeting Thursday, May 16 at 7:00pm to discuss plans further. Motion made by Martha Wnuk to combine the township picnic and the Moose family picnic on August 11, 2013, 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay. Motion made by Sandra Houghton to accept historical report as given, 2nd by Cynthia McDaniel, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Community Recognition Program- Roger Irie will be recognized for the month of June. Laurie Jasmin will contact the coast guard cutter Mackinaw to determine when a good month would be to honor them.

Erickson Road Theresa Lund received an estimate from Craig Kelso, Schoolcraft County Road Commission, of \$104,657.50 for 1 foot sand lift, 8" gravel surface 28' wide, slope restoration, traffic and erosion control to repair the 0.4 mile section of Erickson Road. Theresa will contact Hartman Excavating to see if they would be able to repair the road at a lower cost. If a company other than the county does the repair, the township will have to check with rural development or the bank to get a loan.

Propane Contract Theresa Lund contacted Decock and they have no used tanks available. Bowman charges \$1650.00 for new and \$1350 for used tanks, Ferrel Gas did not have tanks available at the time, but charge \$800 for a used tank. Neil Armatti of Gwinn sells used tanks for \$600-800 each when available. Theresa spoke with Jake Rivard about the co-op and Lacourt group has been operating for 75 years and averages much better propane prices due to bulk purchase. Motion made by Cathi LaBar to purchase 2 used propane tanks for \$800.00 or less each, 2nd by Martha Wnuk, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Township Board: Policies & Procedure Motion made by Martha Wnuk to accept revisions of the policies and procedures with additional changes to the hall rental section regarding rental fee of \$50.00 per day rather than per rental and group use for meetings having rental fee waived, 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Spider Man Will wait until decision is made on townhall roof repair.

Townhall Parking Lot Theresa Lund received estimate from Craig Kelso for removing the culvert, placing new ditch, and paving at \$12,000. Cost for black top will be better if we wait until they are already coming from Escanaba. Some confusion as to whether that is what is quoted for \$12,000 or if it would be less than that if we waited. Theresa will contact Craig for prices to compare the repair being done immediately with waiting for black top when it is already set up nearby.

Townhall Spring Cleaning Cathi LaBar and Theresa Lund completed spring cleaning of the hall on Tuesday.

Fire Truck Repair Marc Chevront stated that repairs of the brush truck will be approximately \$2,400.00 with an additional \$400 if the transmission pump needs to be replaced. Motion made by Martha Wnuk to repair the brush truck for \$3,000.00 or less and if it goes over \$3,000.00 to hold a special meeting to discuss, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 4 Yea, 1 Nay.

Chloride Theresa Lund, supervisor, received the chloride contract from Schoolcraft County Road Commission for \$8.98 per bag. Last year the township used 250 bags. Motion made by Sandra Houghton to accept the chloride contract, 2nd by Cynthia McDaniel, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Hall Rental Policy Revisions made in Township Board Policies & Procedures under Old Business.

Townhall Roof While cleaning the hall, Theresa Lund and Cathi LaBar found shingles in the yard and noticed the roof was in bad shape. Theresa contacted Frank Bosanic to look at the roof and give his recommendation.

Correspondence/Communications- Paul Bunyan Benefit at the Moose- Sunday, May 19

Public Comment: None

Pay all Bills and Wages: Motion was made by Martha Wnuk to pay all due bills and wages, including upcoming MRI spring cleanup bill and payment of Theresa Lund and Cathi LaBar for hall cleaning, Ck#5716-Ck#5733 Total Amount \$7,541.38, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Motion to adjourn: by Martha Wnuk

Next Meeting: June 11, 2013 at 6p.m.