

THOMPSON TWP. BOARD-REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Thompson Township Hall
October 17, 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 "Newsletter" under New Business and was 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Brief Public Comment: None

Approval of Constant Agenda Items: Sandra Houghton made the motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of September 10, 2013 and the amended special meeting minutes from September 30, 2013 with the correction under Erickson Rd. "2nd by Sandra Houghton", 2nd by Theresa Lund, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Assessor's Report: Motion made by Martha Wnuk to accept the written report as submitted, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Fire Department Report: Theresa Lund reported that there will be a firefighter training October 25. The new truck maintenance and repairs have been completed as well as the brush truck repairs. There is a new applicant for the fire department, Andrew Shepley who has already completed the courses. References are being checked and Theresa Lund, Supervisor will follow up. Issue was tabled until next meeting as more information is needed. The fire department responded to a garage fire near Thunder Lake. Motion made by Cathi LaBar to accept report and approve training, 2nd by Cynthia McDaniel, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Historical Report- Laurie Jasmin reported decline in member activity and has written letters to all members to determine future of the group. Pam Zorn sent resignation letter. Threefold Vine Winery will be moving to Menominee County but will continue to make the Christmas Ship Wine if the group wishes. They recently contributed \$386.00 from wine sales. Nearly 100 ornaments have been sold. The Christmas tree project and possible recognition of the coast guard cutter Mackinaw will come up soon, but depends on the future of the group. Upper Peninsula Historical Conference will be held in Schoolcraft County June 20-22, 2014 and Laurie will be assisting with planning for the conference. Adopt a Highway was only partially completed this year. The group will meet October 28, 2013 at 6:00 to discuss their future. Motion made by Martha Wnuk to accept report as given, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay. Motion made by Martha Wnuk to reluctantly accept the resignation of Pam Zorn from the Historical Committee and recognize her for November, 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Community Recognition Program- Pam Zorn will be recognized for November.

Electrical-Hall & Sacristy Theresa Lund, Supervisor, has only received verbal quotes, no written price quotes have been received for the electrical project. An ad will be placed in the Advisor October 28, 2013 and a walk through with bid specs for potential bidders will be held November 6 at 2:30-bids due November 11, 2013. Motion made by Martha Wnuk for herself and Cathi to write the bid specs and to bid out the work, 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Fire Hall-cement Theresa Lund stated that there were problems getting written bids for the concrete work in the firehall storage area (12' x 32'). She informed Marc Chevront, fire chief, the board will postpone the work until the next fiscal year.

Prepaid Skate Program Motion made by Martha Wnuk to sign the contract with the City of Manistique Recreation Department for skating allowing residents 10 visits, requesting monthly statements, and prepaying the city \$300.00, 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay

Townhall Use-Amateur Radio Group Roger Beauchamp, from the Amateur Radio Group, attended the meeting and gave a brief background for the group. He stated, as in a recent email to the township, that the group is looking for a place to meet once a month and to hold classes. Meetings usually consist of 6-10 people and last 1 ½ -2 hours. The issue was tabled until the next meeting when the board can look at the current hall rental policy.

CUPPAD Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) 2014 call for projects, the township does not have any. Governor's "Regional Prosperity Initiative" request for letter and resolution of support. Motion made by Martha Wnuk to send in CEDs letter marked "none" and to send a letter and resolution of support to CUPPAD for the Governor's "Regional Prosperity Initiative", 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Tax Rate Request Motion made by Martha Wnuk to approve and sign the L-4029 tax rate request for 2013, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Road Planning Committee Motion made by Martha Wnuk to place ad in the Advisor for 2 weeks prior to next board meeting (October 28 & November 4) to request letters of interest for the road planning committee of Thompson Township, 2nd Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Road Millage Tabled until road planning committee has formed.

Snow Removal Contract Motion made by Martha Wnuk to approve the Snow Removal Contract with Graphos Year Round for winter 2013-14 with cost per plow the same as previous year at \$60.00, 2nd by Theresa Lund, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Newsletter Martha Wnuk, trustee, will work on writing the newsletter. Board members discussed ideas for newsletter including historical, road committee, tax bill information, and township picnic.

Correspondence/Communications- Notice from MDEQ about Flood Insurance Program; Notices of Hearings from Cloverland Electric Cooperative-case no. U-17328, cases no. U-17364, U-17365, U-17366, U-17294, U-17295, and U-17296; Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Notice of construction code changes; U.P.S.E.T. thank you for township contribution

Public Comment: None

Pay all Bills and Wages: Motion was made by Martha Wnuk to pay all due bills and wages until next meeting, ck#5810-5835, Total Amount \$28,143.60, 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Motion to adjourn: by Sandra Houghton, Trustee

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