

THOMPSON TWP. BOARD-REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

***Thompson Township Hall
November 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: Theresa Lund, Cathi LaBar, Sandra Houghton, Martha Wnuk, Cynthia McDaniel

ABSENT: None

Approval of Agenda: Martha Wnuk made the motion to approve the agenda, 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Brief Public Comment: Dan LaFoille stated that he had upset people with his comments about the senior center and he would be happy to explain the issue if anyone would like to contact him.

Approval of Constant Agenda Items: Sandra Houghton made the motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 17, 2013 and the amended special meeting minutes from September 30, 2013, 2nd by Theresa Lund, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Assessor's Report: Colleen Brook summarized the written report that was submitted for November adding that the hearing for Frederick Cole had been changed from telephonic to in person as per his request. Motion made by Martha Wnuk to accept the report as submitted, 2nd by Cynthia McDaniel, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Fire Department Report: Jon Burk reported that they did not have any calls. He submitted an application to the board for Andrew Shepley to join as a volunteer firefighter. He did not know of any upcoming training, but they plan to participate in the Christmas Parade in Manistique on November 29, 2013. Motion made by Martha Wnuk to accept the application from Andrew Shepley and approve his addition to the Thompson Township Volunteer Fire Department, 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay. Motion made by Martha Wnuk to approve any trainings that may become available until the next board meeting and participation in the Christmas Parade, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Historical Report- Laurie Jasmin reported that the committee had met earlier in the month, accepted Pam Zorn's resignation, and had a smaller core group of 4 members. Adopt-A-Highway may have to be given up without any new members to assist with this project. The Threefold Vine Winery is moving to Menominee, but will continue to produce and sell the Christmas Ship Wine. Approximately 15 Christmas trees will be cut this year for the Christmas Ship and she was not sure how the sponsorship would work at this time. The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Mackinaw* will be presented with a recognition certificate from the group on November 25. The U.P. History Conference will take place in Schoolcraft County in June 2014 and the group is hoping to be a sponsor. Motion made by Cathi LaBar for the historical committee to sponsor the U.P. History Conference for \$250.00, 2nd by Theresa Lund, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Community Recognition Program- Pam and Don Zorn were recognized for November.

Townhall Use/Hall Rental Policy/Amateur Radio Group Motion made by Martha Wnuk, trustee, to change board policy under Township Hall and Property to read the rental fee "may be waived" instead of "will be waived" for nonprofit organizations, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay. Motion made by Martha Wnuk to charge \$100.00/year beginning January 1, 2014 for hall use by the Amateur Radio Group with the stipulation in the contract that in the event of paid rental of the hall or township use, the group must change their meeting date, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Road Planning Committee The board received one letter of interest from a resident wishing to be on the committee. Theresa Lund explained to the guests what is expected from the road planning committee. The committee is mentioned in the newsletter as well. The board will wait to see if there is additional interest.

Board Goals Theresa Lund stated that the board should start considering goals for the next year. She listed some possible goals as tables for the hall, concrete in the fire hall, and the doors on the fire hall. Sandra Houghton also mentioned replacing the skid strips on the ramp to the townhall.

Electrical-Hall & Sacristy Martha Wnuk and Cathi LaBar had the walk through for electrical contractors at the townhall and no one came. Theresa Lund, Supervisor, suggested having Hoholik's complete the work. Motion made by Martha Wnuk to have Hoholik's add 2 circuits to the kitchen wiring and to wire the Sacristy as far as possible now, with completion in the Spring, 2nd by Theresa Lund, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Board of Review Theresa Lund stated there will be a Board of Review for December. Martha Wnuk made the motion to accept Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 2:00PM as the Board of Review date, 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

CUPPAD –Hazard Mitigation Plan Meg will contact the Schoolcraft County Emergency Manager to determine what information we must provide for the plan or if the township is covered in the county's plan.

Correspondence/Communications- DEQ permit-CenturyTel; State of MI Subscription Service-report on firefighters; Boundaries and Auxiliary Survey

Public Comment: Dan LaFoilie reminded the board of the Open Meetings Act and that special meeting dates and meeting date changes must be posted on a regularly maintained website.

Pay all Bills and Wages: Motion was made by Cathi LaBar to pay all due bills and wages until next meeting, ck#5836-5857, Total Amount \$4,800.93, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Motion to adjourn: by Martha Wnuk, Trustee

Next Meeting: December 10, 2013 at 6p.m.