

THOMPSON TWP. BOARD-REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

***Thompson Township Hall
January 7, 2014 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: Sandra Houghton, trustee, made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of “Amended Budget” & “Audit Bill” under New Business, 2nd by Martha Wnuk, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Brief Public Comment: None

Approval of Constant Agenda Items: Martha Wnuk, trustee, made the motion to accept the minutes of the December 10, 2013 regular monthly board meeting and the treasurer’s report, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Assessor’s Report: Colleen Brook, Assistant Assessor, summarized the written report that was submitted, explaining the Qualified Forest School Tax Affidavit changes. She stated that properties that do not uncap taxable value may not be included in future reports as beginning January 1, individuals can deed property to a 1st line relative and they are expecting many of these cases. Motion made by Cathi LaBar to accept the Assessor’s report as submitted, 2nd by Cynthia McDaniel, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Fire Department Report: Marc Chevront, fire chief, reported that the fire department had one run over the past month to assist with a fire in Garden. Marc stated he had all of the firefighters’ gear laundered at Family Pride Laundry before they are shut down. He also inquired as to the department’s funds since they have equipment needs for the truck. The Fire Department 2008 grant has finally been closed out. Motion made by Martha Wnuk to approve any upcoming trainings for the month and to accept the report as given, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Historical Report- Martha Wnuk reported that the committee had not met.

Community Recognition Program- Red Cross will be recognized in February.

Townhall Use/Hall Rental Policy/Amateur Radio Group Theresa Lund spoke with Roger Beauchamp and the Amateur Radio Group has declined the contract stating they did not want to pay the rental fee of \$100.00 for the year.

Board Goals Sandra Houghton had checked into new tables for the townhall and found that they were cheaper at Sam’s Club. Theresa Lund will look at round tables at Sam’s when she is there next time and purchase on next year’s budget. Theresa spoke with Mark Hoholik and they will do the electrical for both the kitchen and the sacristy in the Spring. Martha Wnuk made motion to purchase 4 round tables for the townhall, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Road Planning Committee Theresa Lund, Supervisor, received a letter from Jon Burk expressing interest in being on the road planning committee. Motion made by Cathi LaBar to place an ad in the Advisor the last week of January and first week of February to advertise for additional letters of interest for the committee due no later than February 7 and to appoint Jon Burk to the committee, 2nd by Martha Wnuk, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Erickson Road-Update/Audit Bill Theresa Lund presented the invoices from Schoolcraft County Road Commission for the parking lot culvert- \$6,502.16; Erickson Road- \$45,000.00; Road Signs- \$392.54. She also presented a letter from the county's auditors (Anderson, Tackman & Company PLC) for Theresa to sign stating that our balance on the road was \$44,427.42. Motion made by Cathi LaBar to send a letter to the auditors and a copy of the invoice for \$45,000.00 stating why the township could not agree to sign the statement that \$44,427.42 was owed, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay. Motion made by Martha Wnuk to request itemized invoices from the Schoolcraft County Road Commission for Erickson Road and the parking lot culvert, 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Amended Budget Theresa Lund presented some amendments to the budget and a couple of questions on the account set up were brought up for discussion as a result. The board will look into these issues before the next meeting.

Correspondence/Communications- Michigan Township Participating Plan Risk Control follow up letter; CUPPAD letter-Schoolcraft County local rural task force subcommittee meeting notice; Infrastructure Project Funding seminar registration form; Suburban Propane safety tips and safety data sheet; DEQ violation notice-CenturyLink utility cable-Southtown Creek; Certificate of Liability Insurance; Transportation Bonanza 5 registration form

Public Comment: None

Pay all Bills and Wages: Motion was made by Cathi LaBar to pay all due bills and wages until next meeting, ck#5881-5898, Total Amount \$35,849.44, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

Motion to adjourn: by Theresa Lund

Next Meeting: February 11, 2014 at 6p.m.