

**THOMPSON TWP. BOARD-REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
*Thompson Township Hall*  
*September 10, 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:** Cathi LaBar, Theresa Lund, Martha Wnuk, Sandra Houghton, Cynthia McDaniel

**ABSENT:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** Sandra Houghton, Trustee, made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of "Historical Site by the Lake" under New Business, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martha Wnuk, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Brief Public Comment:** Jon Burk commented that it was great to have the bridge open on M-149 again.

**Approval of Constant Agenda Items:** Martha Wnuk, Trustee, made the motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of August 12, 2014 and Special Meeting minutes of August 14, 2014, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Assessor's Report:** Motion made by Cynthia McDaniel, Clerk, to accept assessor's written report as submitted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Fire Department Report:** Jon Burk, Fire Chief, noted the re-opening of M149 will make it easier for the fire department to respond to any incidents. Donations received in memory of Marc Chevront were presented by Carla Chevront and will be kept separate for the department to use. Jon noted he will be out of town for an extended period, but will be in contact during that time. Jon received an estimate from Bayview Truck & Auto Service, Inc. for service and DOT inspection for the three fire trucks for \$1,324.54. The fire department volunteers will have driver training on Sunday, September 14 and received CPR training already this month at no cost to the department. Schoolcraft Memorial hospital donated a laptop to the fire department that will require a hard drive. Motion made by Cathi LaBar to have the fire trucks serviced and inspected at a cost of up to \$1,500.00, approve any trainings for the fire department volunteers for the month of September, and approve the report as given, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martha Wnuk, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Historical Report-** Martha Wnuk stated that she met with Laurie Jasmin last week. The Christmas Ship ornaments have been ordered. They discussed the possibility of 10-12 Christmas trees for the Christmas Ship trip this year, but will check with the new captain of the boat. They are searching for information for the sacristy panel and hoping to have it ready in the spring. The Historical Group received a check from Threefold Vine Winery for \$370.00 from sales and are considering a wine tasting in the fall.

**Community Recognition Program** None

**Firefighter Uniform Shirts** Tabled until further information

**Townhall Ramp** The ramp was completed by A to Z Builders and approved by Jake Rivard, Schoolcraft County Building Code Administrator. A new handicap parking sign and parking space will need to be done. Leftover lumber from the previous ramp may be used to build a fence between the townhall and firehall. Motion made by Cathi LaBar to contact U.P. Sealcoating to complete the painting of the handicap parking space in the correct location and for Theresa to purchase a new sign to place on the ramp, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cynthia McDaniel, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Dog Ordinance** Discussion on possible dog ordinance. Daniel LaFoille stated there is currently no ordinance in place for Schoolcraft County. John Norrington, Schoolcraft County Sheriff stated that he and another officer had visited the resident with the barking dogs but no one answered the door. They will continue to try, but without an ordinance in place, there is nothing to enforce. If the township wants to have an ordinance they could contract with the county to enforce it.

**Risk Assessment** Tabled until further information

**Electrical-Townhall & Sacristy** Theresa Lund stated the work has been completed by Roemer Electric with 2 new circuits in the kitchen of the townhall and power to the sacristy for \$1,550.00.

**Road Sign – 8 Mile Road** The sign has not been ordered because the County Road Commission suggested the township needed a permit from MDOT to have the sign installed. The township does not need a permit for this size of sign, so will order and install for a cost near \$100.00. Motion made by Martha Wnuk to order the sign with the name 8 Mile Rd./Co Rd. 449, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Furnace Cleaning** Motion made by Cathi LaBar, Treasurer, to have all 3 furnaces at the townhall and firehall cleaned and inspected, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cynthia McDaniel, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Historical Site by the Lake** Discussion of possibility of using old lumber from ramp for path from historical site to lake. Martha stated historical group had looked into the possibility in the past and it would not work since may have to be removed.

**Correspondence/Communications-** Municipal Underwriters of Michigan, Inc. Policy Renewal; Septic System Violation Notice-LMAS District Health Department; Cloverland Electric Cooperative Notice of Hearings; CUPPAD-notice of move/new address

**Public Comment:** Carla Chevront thanked the board for flowers and support for Marc's funeral.

**Pay all Bills and Wages:** Motion was made by Martha Wnuk to pay all due bills and wages until next meeting, ck#6050-6071, Total Amount \$9,734.25, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Motion to adjourn:** by Theresa Lund

**Next Meeting:** Motion made by Martha Wnuk to change the October meeting date from Tuesday, October 14, 2014 to Wednesday, October 8 at 6:00p.m. and the Election commission meeting at 5:30pm prior to the regular monthly meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.