

THOMPSON TWP. BOARD-REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

*Thompson Township Hall
January 13, 2015 at 6:00p.m.*

The Thompson Township Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Cathi LaBar, Treasurer, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by the Treasurer for Board Members present.

PRESENT: Cathi LaBar, Sandra Houghton, Martha Wnuk, Cynthia McDaniel

ABSENT: Theresa Lund - excused

Approval of Agenda: Martha Wnuk, Trustee, made the motion to approve the agenda as presented, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Brief Public Comment: None

Approval of Constant Agenda Items: Sandra Houghton, Trustee, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of December 9, 2014, 2nd by Cynthia McDaniel, Passed 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Assessor's Report: Motion made by Cynthia McDaniel, Clerk, to accept assessor's written report as submitted, 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Fire Department Report: Written report summarized by Jon Burk, Fire Chief. Motion made by Martha Wnuk to accept the fire report, 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 4 Yea, 0 Nay. Motion made by Martha Wnuk to approve any upcoming trainings or activities for the fire department until the February 2015 meeting, 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 4 Yea, 0 Nay. Motion made by Sandra Houghton to reimburse Jon Burk for purchases made for fire trucks and fire hall, 2nd by Cynthia McDaniel, Passed 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Historical Report- Martha Wnuk reported that the group met the previous evening and hung several of the historical pictures in the townhall, with a few remaining to place along with shadow boxes and a banner possible in the future. The group would like to tour the new Threefold Vines Winery, make the trip to Chicago in December for the Christmas trees, possibly make a color book for the students, and are working on putting together information from the assessment rolls. They are also checking into benches from Seul Choix Point Lighthouse for the Sacristy. Motion made by Cathi LaBar to approve the historical report, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Community Recognition Program None

Firefighter Uniform Shirts Tabled until further information

Risk Assessment Tabled until further information

Board Policy-Withholdings/Wages Motion made by Martha Wnuk to offer resolution to establish township officer monthly pay at \$655.74-supervisor, \$765.03-clerk and treasurer, and \$136.61-trustee, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, roll call vote: Martha Wnuk-Aye, Theresa Lund-absent, Cynthia McDaniel-Aye, Sandra Houghton-Aye, Cathi LaBar-Aye, Resolution adopted 4,0.

Amended Budget 2014-15 Tabled until next meeting

Budget 2015-16 Tabled until next meeting

FOIA Requests FOIA policy reviewed regarding request fees.

Correspondence/Communications- State Subscription: Driving Report; DEQ: Floodplain information for Indian Lake; Township Resident Skate Program-use update; Dept. Licensing & Regulatory Affairs-Notice Public Hearing –electrical codes; Hiawatha National Forest- schedule of proposed actions report; Municipal Retirement Systems, Inc.- annual “Commonly Asked Questions”; : Leonard Van Ness-email: “Leonard Van Ness would like to praise the road commission for their timely removal of snow on Fragale Road during the winter storms of November and December 2014”.

Public Comment Daniel LaFoilie, County Commissioner, stated that the board should be sure to note the time requirements for responding to a FOIA request and it may be good to check with the county on fees for such requests. He, along with Jon Burk, also noted 911 tower changes that should benefit radio traffic across the county. Dan stated that the county has responded to the lawsuit from Heritage Sustainable Energy and they are hopeful that it will be dismissed. There are 3 new commissioners and Dan is board chair. Dan also addressed the new propane tank located near the townhall, stating it is a proper use for the zoning and that there is preliminary good news from Governor Snyder regarding the U.P. energy solution. Jon Burk commented on the propane tank that any incidence with it would have to be responded to by another fire department due to perimeter that would need to be maintained in such cases. Martha Wnuk mentioned receiving a letter regarding a representative for CUPPAD from the township association which no longer meets. She was hoping maybe the county could appoint someone to fill the void, while Dan commented that the group should still be meeting.

Pay all Bills and Wages: Motion was made by Martha Wnuk to pay all due bills and wages until next meeting, ck#6149-71, Total Amount \$7,909.61, 2nd by Cynthia McDaniel, Passed 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Motion to adjourn: by Martha Wnuk

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 6:00p.m.