

**THOMPSON TWP. BOARD-REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

*Thompson Township Hall*

*March 10, 2015 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, Trustee, made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Chvala Road, Election Commission Meeting, and May Meeting Date under New Business, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Brief Public Comment:** Daniel LaFoille, County Commissioner, asked that board members share any comments or questions regarding windmills in Schoolcraft County. They are looking for input from all townships in the County on the ordinance and suggestions of areas that may be good for windmills in the township. He also noted that the county has proceeded carefully and should be in a good position regarding the lawsuit with Heritage Sustainable Energy.

**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 February 10, 2015, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Assessor's Report:** none

**Fire Department Report:** Jon Burk, Fire Chief, reported there have been no calls or runs since last month's meeting. Firefighter 2 class is ongoing currently at Hiawatha. Motion made by Cathi LaBar, Treasurer, to approve the report and any trainings that will take place until the next meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cynthia McDaniel, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay. Theresa Lund stated that the fire fighters will need to contact Paul Wood regarding needs for a map of the area.

**Historical Report-** None

**Community Recognition Program** None

**Firefighter Uniform Shirts** Tabled until next budget year

**Risk Assessment** Cynthia McDaniel reported that she had contacted the County & City Clerk on the matter but found no additional information. Tabled until further notice.

**Amended Budget 2014-15** Motion made by Martha Wnuk to approve the amended budget with any additional changes that may need to be made, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Taxable Value** Motion made by Martha Wnuk to approve the Thompson Township Taxable Value \$50,176,272.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Budget 2015-16** Motion made by Martha Wnuk to approve the 2015-16 Budget with change made to the fire department from \$7,500.00 to \$11,500.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cynthia McDaniel, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**FOIA Requests** Motion made by Cathi LaBar to approve corrections made to the FOIA request policy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martha Wnuk, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Fire Truck** Motion made by Martha Wnuk to approve repairs in the amount of \$3,858.26 to Truck 652 – 1988 Pierce Pumper at Bayview Truck & Auto Service, Inc. at the beginning of the budget year 2015-16 as weather permits, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Spring Cleanup** Motion made by Cathi LaBar to accept and sign contract with MRI for Spring Cleanup to be held May 11-15 from 8:00am-4:00pm and May 16 8:00am-12:00pm with a rate of \$0.0725/pound, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cynthia McDaniel, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Poverty Exemption Policy & Application** Motion made by Martha Wnuk to approve the Poverty Exemption Policy & Application and to add to the Board Rules and Regulations “The township will follow the federal guidelines for the Poverty Exemption Policy and Application and will update according to the federal government requirements” , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathi LaBar, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Community Service** no action

**Board of Review Dinner** Motion made by Cathi LaBar to approve purchase of dinner for the Board of Review for Thursday, March 12, 2015, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Policy-Public Inspection of Records** Motion made by Cathi LaBar to add to Board Rules and Regulations “Township documents may be inspected upon FOIA request by contacting a township board member” and under Board of Review: “Inspection of any township tax documents or assessment rolls may be viewed at the Schoolcraft County Courthouse Clerks office at 300 Walnut Street, Room 164, Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martha Wnuk, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Chvala Road** No action

**Election Commission Meeting** No action

**May Board Meeting Date** Tabled until April meeting

**Correspondence/Communications-** DEQ-Permit-Indian Lake State Park; Emails-Leonard Van Ness- sexton position interest and public comment; Thank You-The Lund Family; MTA-training information

**Public Comment** Daniel LaFoille stated that while the solution to avoid the electric bill rate hike is a short term fix and that a long term solution needs to be found, we should be thankful to the governor, local governments, and all of the groups that worked together to avoid the increases. With long term solutions some rate increase will occur, but nothing as extreme as originally thought. He also mentioned that regionalization of many entities is causing some problems versus keeping control local.

**Pay all Bills and Wages:** Motion was made by Martha Wnuk to pay all due bills and wages until next meeting, ck#6190-6208, Total Amount \$4,587.13, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandra Houghton, Passed 5 Yea, 0 Nay.

**Motion to adjourn:** by Martha Wnuk

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 6:00p.m.