

THOMPSON TWP. BOARD-REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Thompson Township Hall

September 15, 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, Cynthia McDaniel

ABSENT: Martha Wnuk-excused

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Cathi LaBar, Treasurer, to approve the agenda with the additions of Assessor Contract, Firehall Roof Leak and Refrigerator, and Propane Contract under New Business along with Road Millage under Unfinished Business, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Brief Public Comment: Marilyn Fisher, Schoolcraft County Historian, gave brief background and presented Thompson Township a book with history dating back as far as 130-150 years ago to the board that. She suggested that the board could pursue printing the book for a fundraiser and that there may be a resident interested in making a donation toward the printing costs.

Approval of Constant Agenda Items: Cynthia McDaniel, Clerk, made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of August 11, 2015, 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Assessor's Report: Motion made by Sandra Houghton, Trustee, to accept assessor's report as submitted, 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Fire Department Report: None Motion made by Cathi LaBar to approve any upcoming activities and training until the October meeting, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Historical Report- None The board will share the historical book previously mentioned with the historical committee for possible printing.

Community Recognition Program Tony Gorschat will be recognized at the October or November 2015 meeting.

Firehall Garage Doors Bid received from A-Z Builders for replacement of the entry doors on the firehall. Motion made by Cathi LaBar to have A-Z Builders order the entry doors and install on the firehall at a cost of \$2060.00 and to get roof leak repair bid, 2nd by Cynthia McDaniel, Passed 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Road Millage Motion made by Cathi LaBar to pursue the road millage on the May 2016 ballot, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Board of Review Policy Cynthia McDaniel presented the updated version of the board policy from the August meeting with changes to the Board of Review section.

Firehall Refrigerator Motion made by Cathi LaBar to purchase a small refrigerator for the firehall with fundraiser/memorial fund, 2nd by Theresa Lund, Passed 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Road Signs-County Road 441 Motion made by Sandra Houghton to purchase signs and pay the county to install a "Hidden Driveways" sign on each end of the curve on County Road 441 to help slow traffic, 2nd by Cynthia McDaniel, Passed 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Internet Availability Theresa Lund and Cynthia McDaniel shared concerns voiced by township residents Amy and Donny MacPhail regarding availability of internet service in the township.

Wages Theresa Lund suggested returning treasurer and clerk salaries to rate received by previous board members beginning January 1, 2016. Tabled until October meeting.

October Meeting Motion made by Cynthia McDaniel to change October meeting from Tuesday, October 13, 2015 to Wednesday, October 14, 2015, 2nd by Cathi LaBar, Passed 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Assessor Contract Motion made by Cathi LaBar to accept the proposed 3 year contract for \$20,040.00 annually (\$12.00 per parcel) for Joseph Maki, Assessor, 2nd by Theresa Lund, Passed 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Propane Contract Motion made by Cathi LaBar to accept the contract with Suburban Propane for 2015-16 of 1200 gallons for the firehall and 900 gallons for the townhall at \$1.199/gallon, 2nd by Cynthia McDaniel, Passed 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Correspondence/Communications- email-Little Smelt Creek named-USGS; Enbridge grant letter-fire department; Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association-opportunity for comment; DEQ permit-McFarland; CUPPAD-request for membership/support; Staples-tax exempt update form; Equalization-duties of Assessor; EDC-Meeting Notice-Friends of Hiawathaland; Cloverland Electric Cooperative Notice of Hearing-Case No. U-17810, U-17838, U-17839, U-17840

Public Comment Dan Lafoille reminded board members that Schoolcraft County is a member of CUPPAD and the township could request their services through the County. He also thanked the board for the consideration of and support of placing the new signs on County Road 441.

Pay all Bills and Wages: Motion was made by Cathi LaBar to pay all due bills and wages until next meeting, ck#6326-6350, Total Amount \$25,061.05, 2nd by Sandra Houghton, Passed 4 Yea, 0 Nay.

Motion to adjourn: by Theresa Lund

Next Meeting: October 14, 2015 at 6:00p.m.