

THETFORD TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
February 22, 2016
4014 E. VIENNA RD.
CLIO, MI 48420
6:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board of Trustees.

There was a moment of silence in observance of all military past and present.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Eileen Kerr at 6:30 p.m

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Kerr, Clerk Pennington, Trustee Gunnels, Trustee Cousineau, Trustee Stevens, Trustee Congdon

MEMBERS ABSENT: Treasurer Ayotte

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Robert Kenny, Attorney Robert Swartwood

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Trustee Congdon to approve the January 25, 2016 Regular Board of Trustees minutes as presented. Vote 6-0 Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Trustee Gunnels to approve the February 8, 2016 Special Meeting Board of Trustees minutes as presented. Vote 6-0 Motion Carried.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public comments began at 6:32 p.m Ended at 6:34 p.m. One comment was received from the public.

- Asking who to contact on the Drain Commission in referenced to Bray Road drain that runs through her property. She feels it really needs to be cleaned out this year.

Supervisor Kerr advised her to contact Jeff Wright, Drain Commissioner.

PRESENTATIONS:

Genesee County Treasurer Deb Cherry came in to talk to the board and the residents regarding the steps on foreclosed properties. She gave the Clerk some applications for residents who have not paid there 2013 taxes yet to be able to work out a payment plan to keep their homes. She stated that there are 2000 properties a year which come into the program. Once the house is taken, it will go up for auction in September on back taxes, 2nd auction in October with no minimum bid, if not sold then it will be offered to the township to see if they would like to take it. If property is not sold or taken by the township it will then go to the land bank, 25% of all the housing in the City of Flint is owned by Land Bank. If anyone would like to look at any Land Bank houses or land, you can go to their web site at www.thelandbank.org. Genesee County Treasurer's office will work with the tenant when the landlord refuses to pay the property taxes.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- Would like to thank the \$200 donation from the Thetford Township AA to help with the cost of liability insurance
- Going to get with Arbella Township and see if we can work together to fix Willard Road between Lewis Road and Bray Road
- Center Road Bridge repair is in the 2016-17 Budget to be fixed
- Dates to Remember:
 - February 29, 2016 at 6:00 p.m ~ budget workshop in Clerk's Office
 - March 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m ~ Budget Hearing
 - March 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m ~ Board of Trustees Meeting
 - March 28, 2016 Board of Trustees Meeting CANCELED

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Certificate of Compliance from Liquor Control Code was signed and mailed

CLERK'S REPORT:

Fund balance as of February 18, 2016: \$394,125.12

- On February 10, 2016, Governor Snyder, in his 2016-17 fiscal year budget recommendation, called for \$10 million from the General Fund to go towards new election equipment, to be matched with \$5 million in local funds. He also said Michigan still has \$25 million in Help America Vote Act funds remaining to aide new equipment purchases. So I will be budgeting \$10,000 in this year's budget for Thetford's share for the new election equipment.
- We will be having a May Election for Mt. Morris Schools.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Motion by Clerk Pennington, supported by Trustee Gunnels to approve the bills as presented.
Roll Call Vote. 6-0, Motion Carried

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

- Has been doing several follow ups
- Working with Chief Kenny on clean up with inhabitable houses. We have 3 in the township. When we clean up the inhabitable houses the cost is attached as a lien on the property. The twp will be reimbursed for all expenses.
- Walk through inspections for permits

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports from the following committees were reviewed:

- Roads
- Water and Waste
- Senior Center

- Police ~ for the month of January the police dept. responded to 41 calls. Chief Kenny talked about the phone calls and emails from anyone claiming to be the IRS, DO NOT give any personal information out to anyone. The IRS will not send emails or WILL NOT call you in regards to money owed to them..... Scam Artists are advising potential victims that they are with the IRS and that if they don't pay them they will be going to get a warrant for their arrest.
- Rec Hall Committee has not had a chance to meet.
- Planning Commission ~ approved minutes on May 14, 2015 was presented
- Public Safety Funding Committee ~ the committee had meant Thursday February 18, 2016, we are on a path for a Millage election, however, the monetary details are not clear because we have not given enough time for all the options, such as our cost recovery ordinance, fees for permits, elected officials giving up their benefits, making assessor and building inspector part-time positions to see how it effects the budget.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A): UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Tax Reverted Properties

- 32-100-200, 2080 E Dodge Road, Clio, MI 48420

One sealed bid was presented to the board from Attorney Swartwood, Supervisor Kerr opened the bid. The bid was from Robert Simmonds for the amount of \$10,100.00.

Motion by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Supervisor Kerr to accept Robert Simmonds bid for the amount of \$10,100.00 for the property at 2080 E Dodge Road, Clio, MI 48420, 32-100-200. Roll Call 6-0. Motion Carried.

Motion Trustee Congdon, Trustee Cousineau to allow Robert Simmonds to begin cleaning 2080 E Dodge Road, Clio, MI 48420. Motion Carried.

- 17-18-576-011, 1279 E Vienna Road, Clio, MI 48420

The \$1,200 was received on January 27, 2016. The plan is by the end of February the owner will pay the remaining balance.

2. Police Chief Contract

The contract will be taken to the personnel committee; they will be bring it back to the board with recommendations at the March 14, 2016 Board of Trustees meeting.

B): NEW BUSINESS:

1. Police Cruiser

Motion by Clerk Pennington, supported by Trustee Gunnels to have Chief Kenny meet with Treasurer Ayotte to work out the financing for a 2016 4wd Chevy Silverado for the amount of \$31,717.41 and bring it back to the board. Roll Call 6-0. Motion Carried

2. Fang

Motion by Trustee Gunnels, supported by Trustee Stevens not to join FANG. Roll Call 2-4, Nays ~ Supervisor Kerr, Clerk Pennington, Trustee Congdon, and Trustee Cousineau
Motion Denied

Motion by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Supervisor Kerr to join FANG. Roll Call 3-3, Nays ~ Trustee Gunnels, Trustee Stevens and Trustee Congdon. Motion Denied

3. Printer for Treasurer Front Counter

Motion by Trustee Congdon, supported by Trustee Cousineau to purchase a printer for Treasurer's front counter as presented. Roll Call 6-0 Motion Carried

4. Fire Authority ~ Fee Schedule

Tabled

5. Designate for billing ~ Fire Authority Clerk

Motion by Clerk Pennington, supported by Supervisor Kerr to appoint Mary Johnson, Fire Authority Clerk to do the cost recovery billing for Thetford Township. Roll Call 6-0.
Motion Carried

6. Post Assessment ~ Land Bank Data

Supervisor Kerr shared with the Board of Trustees a Landbank Revenue for Thetford Township for 2015. Township has collected \$37,500 to date.

7. Planning Commission Recommendation

- John Jackson, 11402 N Belsay Road, Clio, MI 48420, requesting approval for a 65 x 220 pond on his 5 acre property, Zoned RA
 - Motion by Dennis Bloss, supported by Kari Gilbert to approve the request to dig a pond. Pending meeting all Ordinance requirements to the satisfaction of the Township Building Inspector including, but not limited to the Genesee County Drain Commissioner, Consumers Powers, Telephone Company, Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Complies with all regulations and permits of Act 247 of 1972. All in favor.
Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Trustee Congdon to approve the Planning Commission Recommendation per site plan. Call for Vote. Motion Carried.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Started at 8:44 p.m, Ended at 8:46 p.m. There were two comments received from the public.

- To break down each department with a pie chart for revenue and expenses, would like to see the board author a paper on why they made the decisions they did.
- We did belong to FANG a long time ago

Board Member Comments were received.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Leanne Pennington, Clerk
Thetford Township