

THETFORD TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
March 14, 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, present.

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Robert Kenny, Attorney Charles Hilliker

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Trustee Congdon to approve February 22, 2016 Regular Board of Trustee minutes as presented. Vote 6-0, Treasurer Ayotte abstained. Motion Carried

Motion by Trustee Congdon, supported by Trustee Cousineau to approve March 3, 2016 Special Meeting Board of Trustee minutes as presented. Vote 7-0 Motion Carried.

Additions to the Agenda

Motion by Trustee Congdon, supported by Clerk Pennington to approve additions to the agenda as presented:

- Under Unfinished Business
 - Repairing of Center Road Culvert
 - Approving CDBG Funding

- Under New Business
 - 2016-2017 Chloride Contract

Motion Carried

Brief Public Comments

Public comments began at 6:40 p.m Ended at 6:41 p.m. No comments was received from the public.

Presentations:

Presentation was given by Patrick McCombs, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. He was joined by John Potbury, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. David Leyton's Office was contacted to present information on joining FANG.

After Mr. McCombs presentation he entertained questions from the board and the audience.

Presentation began at 6:41 p.m ending at 7:45 p.m

Break from 7:45 p.m – 7:51 p.m

Supervisor's Report:

- Receiving \$13,000.00 from Richfield Township CDBG money to remove the architectural barriers in the parking lot by our senior center.
- Have received \$55,000.00 from selling of houses received from Landbank
- **Date to Remember**
 - March 28, 2016 Board of Trustee **CANCELED**
 - **Next meeting April 25, 2016 of the Board of Trustee**

Treasurer's Report:

End of January book balance is \$404,650.72

Clerk's Report:

- Fund balance as of March 9, 2016 \$516,733.17
- Thetford Township received a large turn-out in the Presidential Primary Election. I would like to thank the Election Workers who dedicated long hours and for their patience during the election. I would also like to thank all of the residents who came out and made your vote count! We had 1,748 (33%) of Thetford Residents who voted.
- Next Election will be held on May 3, 2016 for the Mt Morris School Renewal and this is not a reimbursement election.

Bills for Approval

Motion by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Supervisor Kerr to approve the bills as presented. Roll Call. 7-0, Motion Carried.

Building Inspector's Report

- Has been doing several follow ups
- Walk through inspections for permits

Committee Reports

Due to the late hour, Supervisor Kerr, waived the Committee Reports

General Business:

A. Unfinished Business

1. Police Chief Contract

Motion by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Clerk Pennington to approve the Police Chief Contract which has been presented. Roll Call 7-0, Motion Carried

2. Fire Authority ~ Fee Schedule

Motion by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Trustee Cousineau to approve the Clio Area Fire Authority Cost Recovery. Roll Call 7-0, Motion Carried

3. Repairing of Center Road Culvert

Motion by Trustee Congdon, supported by Clerk Pennington to approve the agreement by and between the Board of County Road Commissioners and the County of Genesee, Michigan, a Michigan Municipal Corporation, hereinafter called the "Road Commission," and the Thetford Township, a Municipal Corporation, hereinafter called the "Township." The Genesee County Road Commission will fund \$187,500.00 and Thetford Township will fund \$62,500.00 to repair the Center Road Culvert. Roll Call 7-0, Motion Carried.

4. CDBG Funds to the Removal of Architectural Barriers Project/Code Enforcement

Motion by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Trustee Cousineau to approve 100% of 2015 CDBG Funds, \$13,000.00 of CDBG to the Removal of Architectural Barriers Project. Roll Call 7-0, Motion Carried.

Motion by Supervisor Kerr, supported by Trustee Cousineau to approve \$2,500.00 of CDBG funding money for Code Enforcement. Roll Call 7-0. Motion Carried.

B. New Business

1. Business Permit Fees

Attorney Charles Hilliker presented information only

2. Purchase of a Copier

Motion by Supervisor Kerr, supported by Trustee Gunnels to lease a color RICOH copier for the township with the old black and white being used at the police station. Roll Call 7-0, Motion Carried

3. Michigan Department of Treasury Uniform Budget Manual for 2016-2017 Budget

Motion by Clerk Pennington, supported by Trustee Cousineau to approve the 2016-2017 Michigan Department of Treasury Uniform Budget Manual. Roll Call 5-2, Nays ~ Trustee Gunnels and Trustee Stevens, Motion Carried

4. 2016-2017 Chloride Contract

Motion by Trustee Congdon, supported by Trustee Cousineau to approve the 2016-2017 Chloride Contract for the amount of \$7,489.60. Roll Call 7-0, Motion Carried

Brief Public Comments

Started at 8:41 p.m, Ended at 9:12 p.m. There were five comments received from the public.

- Out of Area Resident information on arrests
- Appreciates the Police Chief, likes that our police are familiar then having unfamiliar faces show up to their houses. Question: how many heroin arrest? Chief Kenny responds: 6. in this person's opinion the forfeiture laws are being misused and medical marijuana helped with illness
- Midland Resident ~ shared her illness with the board and the medicines that she has tried and have not worked. Explained in great detail why she turned to Medical Marijuana, and how it has helped her without taking prescriptions prescribed by the doctors.
- Asked about the Public Safety, Supervisor Kerr said that the committee has met. The Committee is recommending us wait one year to ascertain the value of the special assessment funding and yearly audit will be completed. In September we will look as our financial data and make a decision to continue with the special assessment or put an amount on a millage request.
- Questioned the process of obtaining a Solicitation Permit. Under Thetford's Ordinances a request for a Solicitation Permit must be approved by the Board of Trustees. If a permit were to be allowed by vote of the Board of Trustees this information would be posted on our Wedpage and our FB page.
- Owner of Clio Connection, the Medical Marijuana facility on Mill Street in the City of Clio. Reported that FANG raided his business and closed his business. He appeared at our Thetford meeting to express his opposition to FANG.

Board Member Comments were received

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m

Leanne Pennington, Clerk
Thetford Township