

TOWNSHIP OF THETFORD
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUGUST 11, 2014
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 Kerr at 6:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Attorney Swartwood, Police Chief Kenny.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Trustee Congdon, supported by Trustee Stevens to approve the July 14, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes with correction, 2 nay votes – Trustees Stevens and Trustee Gunnels, for New Business #4: “Motion by Supervisor Kerr, supported by Clerk Paulson to appoint Stuart Worthing as Thetford Township’s Zoning Administrator” Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

MOTION by Clerk Paulson, supported by Trustee Congdon to add under New Business, #6 – Purchase rolling ballot bags. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comments began at 6:33. Comments were received from 2 members of the public. Ended at 6:34 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PRESENTATIONS: Chuck Bultman – Architect and member of the Michigan Barn Preservation Network and the National barn Alliance. Discussion included the Township Master Plan not mentioning barns, and that the owners of the farm located at 3041 East Vienna having a Wedding Barn Venue is premature, their team is sorry, and would like to begin in a different direction with the township. His recommendation to the board is to first deal with the Zoning Code, developing a defendable Zoning Code that would be good for the entire community including parameters, etc. and what we as a township would like to embrace.

TREASURER’S REPORT: June, 2014 Treasurer’s Report received.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL: MOTION by Trustee Congdon, supported by Trustee Cousineau to approve the bills as presented. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Trustees Gunnels, Congdon, Cousineau and Stevens, Clerk Paulson, Treasurer Ayotte and Supervisor Kerr. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Presented by Supervisor Kerr. Informational purposes including a congratulations to the Thetford Township Police Department for capturing a parole violator, reviewing abstaining from a vote, a cease and desist order, needing pictures for members on any board for the website, thanking Attorney Bob Swartwood for having the Veteran's Corp re-stripe our parking lot, and announced that Darold Spencer will be leaving and the new road Commission foreman will be Mike Jagger.

CLERK'S REPORT: Presented by Clerk Paulson. Informational purposes including a discussion of the various milages that passed unanimously in the August 5, 2014 election in 4 surrounding counties for Fire, Police, Roads and Mosquito spraying. Also pointed out Thetford Township has voted down Police and Fire protection in the past although every other municipality in surrounding counties values these services for themselves and their neighbors.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT: July Building Inspector's Report received.

POLICE REPORT/CODE ENFORCER'S REPORT: Presented by Chief Kenny. There were 56 calls in July, and up to 18 calls so far for August; 400 calls so far this year. The TTPD is continuing with the click it or ticket, and is in the top 12 in the State for this program. Chief Kenny has also joined the Clio Area Fire Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Reports from the following committees were reviewed: Roads, Regional Planning and Planning Commission, Senior Center and Planning Commission.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1): **ASSESSOR JOB DESCRIPTION:** Informational purposes only. No action taken.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1): PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:

MOTION by Trustee Gunnels, supported by Trustee Congdon to accept the Planning Commission recommendation pertaining to 3401 E. Vienna Rd. to deny the zoning change for this parcel to local commercial. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Trustees Congdon, Cousineau, Gunnels and Stevens, Clerk Paulson, Treasurer Ayotte and Supervisor Kerr. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Trustee Gunnels, supported by Trustee Cousineau to accept the Planning Commission recommendation pertaining to 3401 E. Vienna Rd. to deny the special land use for the purpose of a Barn Wedding Venue since it is not compatible with the neighborhood. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Trustees Cousineau, Congdon and Gunnels, Treasurer Ayotte, Clerk Paulson and Supervisor Kerr. Nays: Trustee Stevens. 6 yeas, 1 nay. Motion passed.

2): SUMMER HOURS:

MOTION by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Trustee Cousineau to continue with the hours set for summer, being open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 8am-5pm, closed 12pm-12:30pm, and Wednesday from 8am to 6pm, closed 12pm-12:30pm and closed on Friday, to be continued indefinitely. Roll Call Vote: yeas: Trustees Cousineau, Stevens, Congdon and Gunnels, Clerk Paulson, Treasurer Ayotte and Supervisor Kerr. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

3): ISO FIRE RATINGS: Informational purposes only. No action taken.

4): TOWNSHIP BASEMENT REPAIR:

MOTION by Trustee Congdon, supported by Trustee Gunnels to hire Ayotte Waterproofing, "The Basement Doctor" with their bid to fix the basement flooding issue in the amount of \$1,800.00 with a 5 year + extended lifetime service guarantee per contract. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Trustees Congdon, Cousineau, Gunnels and Stevens, Clerk Paulson and Supervisor Kerr. Nays: None. Abstain: Treasurer Ayotte. 6 yeas, 1 abstain. Motion passed.

MOTION by Supervisor Kerr, supported by Clerk Paulson to transfer \$1,800.00 from Thetford Park & Rec Fund to the General Fund. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Trustees Stevens, Congdon, Gunnels and Cousineau, Clerk

Paulson, Treasurer Ayotte and Supervisor Kerr. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Supervisor Kerr, supported by Clerk Paulson to amend Township Hall General, Repair and Maintenance, 265.000-930.000 in the amount of \$1,800.00. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Trustees Cousineau, Gunnels, Stevens and Congdon, Treasurer Ayotte, Clerk Paulson and Supervisor Kerr. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

5): PURCHASE – ROLLING BALLOT BAGS: MOTION by Clerk Paulson, supported by Supervisor Kerr to purchase 6 rolling ballot bags from election source in the amount of \$654.00. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Trustees Gunnels, Congdon, Cousineau and Stevens, Clerk Paulson, Treasurer Ayotte and Supervisor Kerr. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comments began at 7:55 p.m. There were comments received from one member of the public. Ended at 7:56 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Various comments were given by the board members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Julie C. Paulson, Clerk
Thetford Township