

**Township of Thetford
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Board of Trustees
November 9, 2015
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 Pennington, Treasurer Ayotte, Trustee Gunnels, Trustee Cousineau, Trustee Stevens, Trustee Congdon

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Attorney Robert Swartwood

PRESENTATIONS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Congdon, supported by Trustee Cousineau to approve the October 26, 2015 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Vote 5-1-1, Nay Trustee Stevens, Abstain Treasurer Ayotte

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public comments began at 6:34 p.m. Ended at 6:37 p.m.

One comment was received from the public:

- Talked on behalf of North Morris Estate Residents, some removal has been done, seems like the activities have stopped more homes are being boarded and not removed, there are street lights that are burnt out, a lot of trash laying around. How far back is North Morris Estate in sewer? Is it legal to have "In god we trust" on the back of our police cruiser?

Supervisor Kerr ~ I am inviting Building Official Stuart Worthing, Police Chief Robert Kenny and Manager Christina Hall to the November 23, 2015 meeting. North Morris is about \$100,000 behind.

Robert Swartwood, Township Attorney – Yes, it is legal to have "in God we trust" on the back of our police cruiser.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

TREASURER REPORT:

At the end of September 2015 ~ adjusted book balance is \$249,601.63

CLERK'S REPORT:

We had an Election Commission meeting on October 21st on combining Precinct 1 and 5 together to create one precinct. The new precinct would vote at Lacure Elementary and be called Precinct 1. The reason for this change is due to the poor conditions of North Morris's Club House.

Doesn't look like we will be getting new voting systems for the 2016 election. But talks are still going on. The current system that we are using was purchased 100% by Help America Vote Act. The next system HAVA will only fund 50%, so the 2016 budget I will have to budget \$2,000.00 a precinct which will be \$10,000.00 to be set aside for the purchase of the new voting systems.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A): **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1): **Discussion on protocol on handling restricted funds ~ information only**

From Chrystal Simpson:

Special Assessments ~ The Township has historically had special assessments for garbage and streetlights. Similar to property taxes, special assessments are recognized when measurable and available. Any unavailable/unearned amounts are reported as deferred inflows/liability and a receivable is set up. For service type assessments, in the government-wide statements, revenue is recognized when the services are provided (in other words, when the exchange takes place). Since the services type assessments are all billed annually in the period to which the assessment applies, the revenue is recognized during that fiscal year. Again, in the modified accrual fund, revenue recognition is subject to the period of availability:

So the revenue collected each year is already earned and recognized when collected. It is not for the following fiscal year.

2): Grant Finder Approval

This item will be on the Nov. 23, 2015 agenda. More groups are getting involved and the amount will be less.

3): Replacement of Cemetery Stone

This cost will be covered by our insurance carrier.

4): 2016 GCRC Paving

Motion by Clerk Pennington, supported by Trustee Cousineau to approve the resolution for GCRC 2016 paving of Vassar Road between Dodge Road and Frances Road, which will be a joint venture between Forest Twp, the GCRC and Thetford Twp using their Act 51 allocation money of \$51,493.91. Roll Call Vote 7-0. Motion Carried

B): NEW BUSINESS:

1): Add line items to Revenue/Expense for Public Safety

Motion by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Trustee Cousineau to add one revenue and two expenditure accounts for Public Safety Assessment. Roll Call. Vote 7-0 Motion Carried

2): Identity Falsification

See two (2) attachments

3): Clio Messenger Storage for Clio Historical Society

Chief Kenny obtained weather proof storage containers from the military that he donated to the Clio Historical Society for the storage of the Clio Messengers.

4): Historical Building concrete ramp for funerals

Information only ~ Project has started – The project is to build a ramp to the front of the Historical Buildings so we can have winter funerals in the Historical Building.

5): Paradise Catch Basin Repair

Motion by Trustee Congdon, supported by Trustee Gunnels to approve the repair of the catch basin at Paradise for the amount of \$2,800.00 from account 446.000-930.000 (Roads Repair and Maintenance) Roll Call. Vote 7-0 Motion Carried.

6): Rec Hall Rental

Motion by Clerk Pennington, supported by Trustee Stevens to change Rec Hall Rental section of the agreement to Funeral for residents are at no charge, Nonprofits in the area a \$25.00 charge and Nonprofits outside of the area a \$50.00 charge to cover expense of cleaning and supplies. Vote 7-0 Motion Carried

7): 2016 Meeting Schedule

Discussion to have one meeting a month in the year 2016. Additional meetings will be added as needed. Board members were to think about this idea. Additionally, we will put the question to go to one meeting a month to the residents of Thetford Township on Facebook and the township website for their feedback.

8): 2016 Township Closing

Motion by Trustee Gunnels, supported by Trustee Cousineau to approve the 2016 Township Closing dates as presented. Vote 7-0 Motion Carried

THETFORD TOWNSHIP 2016 CLOSINGS

New Year's Day	January 1 st , Friday
Martin Luther King Jr.	January 18 th , Monday
President's Day	February 15 th , Monday
Memorial Day	May 30 th , Monday
Independence Day	July 4 th , Monday
Labor Day	September 5 th , Monday
Veterans Day	November 11 th , Friday
Thanksgiving	November 24 th , Thursday
Day before Christmas Eve	December 23 rd , Friday
Christmas Eve Day	December 24 th , Saturday
Christmas Day	December 25 th , Sunday
Day after Christmas	December 26 ^h , Monday
Day before New Year's	December 30 th , Friday
New Year's Eve	December 31 st , Saturday

9): **Set Public Hearing for CDBG**

Motion by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Trustee Congdon to approve a public hearing, November 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m, which is before the regular Board of Trustees meeting. Vote 7-0 Motion Carried

10) **Special Assessment for Garbage**

Stays the same as last year, which is \$123.00 per resident.

11): **Renewal of Senior Grant Loan**

Information only

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Started at 7:24 p.m, Ended at 7:29 p.m with two comments

- Who did Plante Moran call back? Can you as a board press charges on them for falsely identifying themselves? Cannot they give you the phone number so you can find out who they are?

Supervisor Kerr ~ Yes, I have the number it was a prepaid phone

Supervisor Kerr would like to thank Char Nowak Mozader and April Greanya for the support of the police department and the event that they put on November 7th it was great to see.

- There were about 170 to 175 residents who showed up for the "Back the Blue" Day that was held November 7th. We had people enjoying the fire and the taste treats. It was very nice to see the support of our township.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Leanne Pennington, Clerk
Thetford Township