

TOWNSHIP OF THETFORD
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APRIL 22, 2013
6:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board of Trustees followed by the singing of our National Anthem.

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: Chief Kenny, Attorney Swartwood.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **MOTION** by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Trustee Congdon to approve the April 10, 2013 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed. **Vote: All Yeas. Motion Passed.**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: **MOTION** by Clerk Paulson, supported by Supervisor Kerr to add under Unfinished Business #7 - Webinar, and under New Business, #9 – Lawn Mower Purchase. Also to delete agenda items # 4 and #5 from New Business. **Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.**

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comments began at 6:37. There were no comments received from the public. Ended at 6:37 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS: A proposal for Group Term Life Insurance and the savings to the township was presented by Doug Earehart.

CORRESPONDENCE: Recognition of Officer Jay Pletcher as being named “Officer of the Year” by the VFW was presented by Supervisor Kerr.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Presented by Treasurer Ayotte. Adjusted book balance at the end of the month for March, 2013 is \$391,615.67. **MOTION** by Clerk Paulson, supported by Trustee Cousineau to approve the Treasurer’s Report for March, 2013 as presented. **Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.**

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

BUILDING INSPECTOR’S REPORT: **MOTION** by Trustee Congdon, supported by Trustee Gunnels to approve the Building Inspector’s Report for March, 2013 as presented. **Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.**

POLICE REPORT/CODE ENFORCER'S REPORT: Presented by Chief Kenny. Discussion included obtaining a donated modular office from the Conley family to be used as our new police department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Reports from the following committees were reviewed: Fire, Roads, Library, Clio Area Parks & Rec., Regional Planning, Senior Center, Water & Waste, and Common Ground.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1): **LAND LEASE – OPENING OF SEALED BIDS: MOTION** by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Trustee Congdon to accept the bid from Nathan Tuttle from Tuttle Farms at \$155.00 per acre subject to successful negotiation of lease and approval of the township board. 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.

2): **LIFE INSURANCE – SWITCHING TO TERM LIFE:** Postponed to the next board meeting to give board members the opportunity for review.

3): **SLEDDING HILL UPDATE FROM GREGG BRYAN, OUR PARKS & REC REPRESENTATIVE:** Gregg Bryan as our Parks & Rec representative assured the board that our sledding hill will be successfully completed by winter, 2013. Informational purposes only. No action taken.

4): **FIRE MILL – INFORMATION UPDATES FROM CLERK PAULSON AND TREASURER AYOTTE:** Informational purposes only. No action taken.

5): **PROPERTY VISITS WITH ROAD FOREMAN, DAROLD SPENCER:** Information shared that Supervisor Kerr accompanies Road Foreman, Darold Spencer, to residents' homes. No action taken.

6): **BENEFITS:** Informational purposes only. No action taken.

7): **WEBINAR:** Announcement that a webinar on Obamacare is a 3 part series presented by our auditors Plante & Moran. No action taken.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1): **CONSUMER'S ENERGY RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT: MOTION** by Trustee Congdon, supported by Trustee Cousineau to approve the Consumer's Energy Resolution of Support as presented. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

2): **COMPUTER TECH INTERN – BRANDON PUNG:** Brandon Pung, a U of M student in computer science, will intern for free one day a week. Informational purposes only. No action taken.

3): **CLERK'S OFFICE-EXTERNAL 2TB DRIVE AND ACRONIS BACKUP SOFTWARE FOR DEPUTY CLERK'S COMPUTER: MOTION** by Clerk Paulson, supported by Trustee Gunnels to purchase for the Deputy Clerk's computer an external USB 2TB Drive and Acronis backup software in the amount of \$380.00 to be taken out of line item 265.000.930.100, Township Hall repair & Maintenance equipment. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Trustee Stevens, Cousineau, Congdon and Gunnels, Treasurer Ayotte, Clerk Paulson and Supervisor Kerr. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

4): **RESIGNATION OF BUILDING INSPECTOR:** Agenda item removed.

5): **POSTING OF BUILDING INSPECTOR'S POSITION:** Agenda item removed.

6): **2 BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS – EACH 2 YEAR TERMS: MOTION** by Clerk Paulson, supported by Treasurer Ayotte to appoint Jim Pomeroy to the Board of Review for a 2 year term expiring on January 21, 2015. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed. **MOTION** by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Clerk Paulson to appoint Helen Bloss to the Board of Review for a 2 year term expiring on January 21, 2015. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

7): **LIGHTING IN SENIOR CENTER AND AA-DISCUSSION OF NEED:** Informational purposes only. No action taken.

8): **POSTING OF EXPIRED TERMS:** Informational purposes only. No action taken.

9): **LAWNMOWER PURCHASE: MOTION** by Supervisor Kerr, supported by Trustee Cousineau to purchase the Exmark Model number L2E600KA483 Lawnmower from Atherton Road Sales & Services in the amount of \$6,639.00 to be taken out of Cemetery Trust. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Trustees Congdon, Gunnels, Cousineau, Clerk Paulson, Treasurer Ayotte and Supervisor Kerr. Nays: Trustee Stevens. 6 yeas, 1 nay. Motion Passed.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comments began at 8:36 p.m. There were no comments received from the public. Ended at 8:36 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.
Julie Paulson, Clerk