## THETFORD TOWNSHIP Minutes of the Special Meeting March 3, 2016 4014 E. VIENNA RD. CLIO, MI 48420 12:00 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 12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Kerr, Clerk Pennington, Treasurer Ayotte, Trustee

Stevens, Trustee Congdon

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Trustee Cousineau arrived 12:15 p.m. Trustee Gunnels arrived 2:15.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Police Chief Robert Kenny

Supervisor Kerr explained that this meeting is to negotiate the contract between the Board of Trustees and Police Chief Kenny.

Trustee Stevens had a problem going into closed session because we are spending resident's money and the residents in attendance this afternoon should have the right to hear what is discussed. It's their money. Two attorneys had advised Supervisor Kerr that negotiations of a contract would be a lawful reason to go into closed session and the MTA advised Trustee Stevens the exact opposite that this particular negotiations should be completed in open session.

Chief Kenny had no problem negotiating in an open meeting; therefore, the Police Chief's contract was discussed during an open meeting.

Motion by Supervisor Kerr, supported by Trustee Cousineau to have the salary of \$54,080 with life insurance. Roll Call 3-3, 3 Yes: Supervisor Kerr, Clerk Pennington, Trustee Cousineau Nays: Treasurer Ayotte, Trustee Congdon, Trustee Steven. Motion Denied.

Motion by Trustee Congdon, supported by Trustee Stevens to have the salary of \$50,000 with life insurance. Roll Call 6-0 Motion Carried

Break 1:44 p.m to 2:02 p.m

Trustee Cousineau had to leave for work

Supervisor Kerr called the meeting back to order to have a budget workshop.

The board was also given the police budget.

Board of Trustees had to change some numbers after discussion in both the General and Police Funds.