

TOWNSHIP OF THETFORD
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 28, 2013
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, Trustee Gunnels, Trustee Congdon, Trustee Cousineau, Trustee Stevens.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Treasurer Ayotte-excused.

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Kenny, Attorney Swartwood.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Trustee Congdon to approve the January 14, 2013 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed. Vote: All Yeas. Motion Passed.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: MOTION by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Clerk Paulson to add under Unfinished Business #2 - Ordinances, #3-Website and under New Business, #6 – Zoning Book Disc. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comments began at 6:33. There were no comments received from the public. Ended at 6:33 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE: Notice of hearing for the gas customers of Consumers Energy Company read by Clerk Paulson.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Clerk Paulson. Adjusted book balance at the end of the month for December, 2012 is \$12,771.27. **MOTION** by Trustee Congdon, supported by Trustee Stevens to approve the Treasurer's Report for December, 2012 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Trustees Gunnels, Congdon, Cousineau, Stevens, Clerk Paulson and Supervisor Kerr. Nays: None. 6 yeas 0 nays. Motion Passed.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL: MOTION by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Clerk Paulson to approve the bills as presented. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Trustees Cousineau, Stevens, Gunnels, Congdon, Clerk Paulson, and Supervisor Kerr. Nays: none. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT: MOTION by Trustee Stevens, supported by Trustee Cousineau to approve the Building Inspector's Report for December, 2012 as presented. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

POLICE REPORT/CODE ENFORCER'S REPORT: MOTION by Clerk Paulson, supported by Trustee Cousineau to approve the Police Report/Code Enforcer's Report as presented. Vote: all yeas. Motion Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Reports from the following committees were reviewed: Roads, Zoning Board of Appeals and Common Ground.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1): **BUDGET WORKSHOP:** Reminder, February 4, 2013, 6:30 pm Budget workshop located at Thetford Township Hall. Informational purposes only.

2): **ORDINANCES:** Update, informational purposes only.

3): **WEBSITE:** Update, informational purposes only.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1): **WATER AND WASTE APPOINTMENT: MOTION** by Clerk Paulson, supported by Trustee Gunnels to appoint Supervisor Kerr as the Thetford Township representative to Water and Waste. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

2): **SENIOR CENTER LIAISON APPOINTMENT: MOTION** by Supervisor Kerr, supported by Trustee Gunnels to appoint Trustee Stevens as the Senior Center Liaison. Vote: All Yeas. Motion Passed.

3): **TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY CONTRACT RENEWAL: MOTION** by Supervisor Kerr, supported by Clerk Paulson to renew the contract for Robert Swartwood as Thetford Township's attorney for 1 year in the amount of \$1,500.00 per month. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Clerk Paulson, Trustees Congdon, Gunnels, Stevens, Cousineau, and Supervisor Kerr. Nays: None. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed. **MOTION** by Supervisor Kerr, supported by Trustee Congdon to pay \$500.00 per month for a maximum of 6 months to Attorney Robert Swartwood for special projects including codification of the township's ordinances. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Trustees Gunnels, Congdon, Cousineau, Stevens, Clerk Paulson and Supervisor Kerr. Nays: None. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

4): **ZBA-APPLICATION DEADLINE CHANGE: MOTION** by Supervisor Kerr, supported by Trustee Stevens to move the deadline for handing in paperwork for the Zoning Board of Appeals to the third Wednesday of the month by noon. **Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.**

5): **DISC GOLF-RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT AT BUELL LAKE: MOTION** by Trustee Gunnels, supported by Trustee Stevens to approve a resolution in support of a disc golf project at Buell Lake. **Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.**

6): **ZONING BOOK DISC:** Informational purposes only.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comments began at 7:32 p.m. There were no comments received from the public. Ended at 7:32 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Julie Paulson, Clerk