

**Township of Thetford  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
January 26, 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, Treasurer Ayotte, Clerk Pennington, Trustee Gunnels, Trustee Congdon, Trustee Cousineau, Trustee Stevens.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Attorney Bob Swartwood, Chief Robert Kenny, Roy Hatchett, Officer Pletscher

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOTION by Trustee Congdon, supported by Trustee Cousineau to approve the January 6, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes with the corrections under New Business, Appointment of Clerk, from 7 years to 6 years. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Public comments began at 6:36 p.m. Ended at 6:36 p.m. No comments were offered from the public.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**PRESENTATIONS:** Dan Atkinson from Mundy Twp Police Department and Rick Clolinger from Swartz Creek Police Department presented a power point presentation on a Regional Police Authority.

**BILLS FOR APPROVAL:** Motion by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Congdon to approve the bills. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Trustee Cousineau, Trustee Gunnels, Trustee Stevens, Trustee Congdon, Clerk Pennington, and Supervisor Kerr. Nays: Treasurer Ayotte. 6 yeas, 1 nays – Treasurer Ayotte. Motion Passed

**BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:** Accepted

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Reports were given: Fire, Senior Center, Personnel, and Library

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

A): **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1): Opening of Sealed Bids for 2 properties: 9199 N Lewis Road and 9266 N Dort Hwy. Supervisor Kerr opened 4 sealed bids that Attorney Swartwood collected. One for 9199 N Lewis Road and Three for 9266 N Dort Hwy.

Motion by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Trustee Congdon to sell 9266 N Dort Hwy for \$31,500 to Mark Avery. Roll Call: Yeas, Trustee Cousineau, Trustee Congdon, Trustee Stevens, Trustee Gunnels, Treasurer Ayotte, Clerk Pennington and Supervisor Kerr. Motion Passed

Motion by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Treasurer Ayotte to sell 9199 N Lewis for \$1000 to Mark Avery giving him 90 days for demolition of the burnt house that is on the property now. Roll Call: Yeas, Trustee Cousineau, Trustee Congdon, Trustee Stevens, Trustee Gunnels, Treasurer Ayotte, Clerk Pennington and Supervisor Kerr. Motion Passed

Attorney Robert Swartwood will handle the closing within 7 to 10 days.

2): Resolution made by Supervisor Kerr, supported by Trustee Cousineau to have Thetford Township pay the Cobra payment on behalf of Treasurer Ayotte not to exceed seventy five dollars (\$75.00) per month until pending further direction of the board. Roll Call: Yeas: Trustee Cousineau, Trustee Congdon, Trustee Stevens, Trustee Gunnels, Clerk Pennington, and Supervisor Kerr. Abstain Treasurer Ayotte. Motion Passed. 6 yeas, 1 abstain.

3): Codification of Ordinances

April 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m will be a workshop on the Ordinances

4): Closing and Employee Paid Holiday

Recommended the Personnel Committee to revisit this issue and develop a recommendation to leave the policy as is; to amend the policy or to delete the present policy.

5): Resolution to Adopt Exception Income Guidelines

Motion by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Treasurer Ayotte to approve the Resolution to Apopt Exception Income Guideline. All in favor. Motion Passed.

B): **NEW BUSINESS:**

1): Budget Adjustments:

Motion by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Clerk Pennington to increase fund 791.000-800.300, \$475.00. Roll Call: Trustee Gunnels, Trustee Cousineau, Trustee Stevens,

Trustee Congdon, Treasurer Ayotte, Clerk Pennington and Supervisor Kerr. Motion Passed.

Motion by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Trustee Cousineau to increase fund 810.000-800.005 for \$2500.00 and 810.000-800.004 for \$750.00. Roll Call: Trustee Gunnels, Trustee Cousineau, Trustee Stevens, Trustee Congdon, Treasurer Ayotte, Clerk Pennington and Supervisor Kerr. Motion Passed.

Motion by Clerk Pennington, supported by Trustee Cousineau to increase fund 536.000-972.000 for \$8500.00 Roll Call: Trustee Gunnels, Trustee Cousineau, Trustee Stevens, Trustee Congdon, Treasurer Ayotte, Clerk Pennington and Supervisor Kerr. Motion Passed.

2): March Board of Review Times and Dates:

Motion by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Clerk Pennington to approve Tuesday, March 3, 2015 for an organization meeting at 3:00 p.m, Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 9:00 a.m – 1:00 p.m & 2:00 p.m – 7:00 p.m and Thursday, March 12, 2015, 1:00 p.m – 8:00 p.m. All in favor. Motion Passed

3): Water Rates Increase

Information to be given to Attorney Swartwood to update the Ordinances

4): Police Loan Payment

Motion by Trustee Congdon, supported by Trustee Gunnels to allow the Police Chief to make quarterly payments on the Police Tahoe. Roll Call: Trustee Congdon, Trustee Cousineau, Trustee Gunnels, Trustee Stevens, Treasurer Ayotte, Clerk Pennington and Supervisor Kerr. Motion Passed.

5): Purchase a Salter for the township

Motion by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Pennington to purchase a salter from Chief Kenny for the amount of \$1200.00 to be taken out of the Cemetery Trust. Roll Call: Trustee Cousineau, Trustee Congdon, Trustee Gunnels, Treasurer Ayotte, Clerk Pennington and Supervisor Kerr. Nay: Trustee Stevens Vote: 6 to 1 Motion Passed.

6): Appointment of an Alternate for the Personnel Committee

Motion by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Trustee Cousineau to appoint Clerk Leanne Pennington as an alternate to the Personnel Committee. All in favor. Motion Passed

7): Budget Workshop

Budget workshop is to be set for February 18, 2015 at 6:30 p.m

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Started at 8:40 p.m, Ended at 8:43 p.m with one comment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Leanne Pennington, Clerk  
Thetford Township