

TOWNSHIP OF THETFORD  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
DECEMBER 8, 2014  
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, Treasurer Ayotte, Trustee Gunnels, Trustee Congdon, Trustee Cousineau, Trustee Stevens.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Attorney Bob Swartwood, Maintenance Supervisor Roy Hatchett.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOTION by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Trustee Congdon to approve the November 5, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes as printed. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

MOTION by Trustee Congdon, supported by Trustee Cousineau to approve the November 10, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes as printed. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

MOTION by Trustee Congdon, supported by Trustee Cousineau approve to additions to the agenda under unfinished Business #2, Retiree Health Care, and under New Business #5, subtitle C: Ordinance Committee, #8: Shriner Action Team and #9: Eric's discussion, Closed Session-Personal Matter. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Public comments began at 6:35. There was 1 comment received from the public. Ended at 6:36 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**PRESENTATIONS:** None

**SUPERVIOR REPORT:** Gregory case was dismissed, Community Block Grant Audit is finished, Community Service donations and \$ is going very well, Consumer's Energy is renewing the air permit.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presented by Treasurer Ayotte. Adjusted book balance at the end of the month of October is \$174,812.08. Report accepted.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Next month

**BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

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

**BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT:** Report reviewed and accepted.

**POLICE REPORT/CODE ENFORCER'S REPORT:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Reports from the following committees were reviewed: Roads, Clio Area Parks and Rec, Regional Planning, Senior Center and Library.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

A. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1): **SET 2 HEARING DATES FOR CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES:**

Discussion item, No action taken.

2): **RETIREE HEALTH CARE:**

Motion by Trustee COusineau, supported by Trustee Congdon to renew the Retiree Health Care as presented by Health Care Agent Jack Schmidt of Burnham & Flower in which there will be no change for 2015. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Trustee Gunnels, Congdon, Cousineau, and Stevens, Clerk Paulson, Treasurer Ayottee and Supervisor Kerr. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

B. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1): **AMENDMENT TO LAND CONTRACT:**

Motion by Supervisor Kerr, supported by Trustee Cousineau to accept Trustee Cousineau to accept the amendment to the land contact between Thetford Township and Keith Lyon III, property address known as 6222 East Lake Road, Millington, MI 48746 as presented. Roll Call Vote: yeas: Trustee Cousineau, Stevens, Gunnels, and Congdon, Treasurer Ayotte, Clerk Paulson and Supervisor Kerr. Nays: None 7 yeas, 0 nays Motion Passed.

2): **CHARTER:**

Information only, price increase surcharge from \$5.00 to \$5.20 starting November 21, 2014.

3): **2015 MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Motion by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Trustee Stevens to approve the 2015 Thetford Township Board of Trustees meeting schedule as presented. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Trustees Stevens, Cousineau, Congdon, and Gunnels, Clerk Paulson, Treasurer Ayotte and Supervisor Kerr. Bays: None 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

4): **SEWER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS:**

Motion by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Trustee Cousineau to approve the 2015-2024 Lateral Sewer System Operation and Maintenance Agreement. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Trustee Cousineau, Stevens, Gunnels, and Congdon, Treasurer Ayotte, Clerk Paulson and Supervisor Kerr. Nays: None. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

5): **APPOINTMENT:**

A): **3-2 YEARS TERMS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW:**

Motion by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Clerk Paulson to appoint Helen Bloss for a 2 year term to the Board of Review. Vote: All yeas, Motion Passed.

Motion by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Trustee Cousineau to appoint Jim Pomeroy for a 2 year term to the Board of Review. Vote: 6 yeas, 1 nays: Trustee Stevens. Motion Passed.

Motion by Clerk Paulson, supported by Trustee Cousineau to appoint Michelle Voorheis for a 2 years term to the Board of Review. Vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

B): **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

Motion by Supervisor Kerr, supported by Treasurer Ayotte to appoint Trustee Stevens as alternate to the Personnel Committee until November 20, 2016. Vote: All yeas Motion Passed.

Motion by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Trustee Gunnels to have a full time employees chose a full time employee to serve on the Personnel Committee to represent the employees. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

C): **ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Motion by Supervisor Kerr, supported by Trustee Cousineau to form an Ordinance Committee consisting of Supervisor Kerr, Trustee Cousineau and Treasurer

Ayotte for the purpose of reviewing Ordinances 88 and 94, and bring recommendations back to the board. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

6): **TAX REVERTED PROPERTIES:**

Motion by Supervisor Kerr, supported by Trustee Cousineau to put the 2 properties, parcel #17-31-400-029: 9199 N. Lewis Road, and parcel # 17-31-400-047: 9266 N Dort Hwy., advertisement for sale prepared by Attorney Swartwood and submitted in a local newspaper of general circulation. Information included in said advertisement to include the township having the right to reject any and all bids, cash only or certified check, and the Lewis Road home must be demolished within 30 days of purchase. All sealed bids to be submitted to Township Attorney Bob Swartwood's office, and will be opened at the next scheduled board meeting. Roll Call Vote: yeas: Trustee Congdon, Gunnels, and Cousineau, Treasurer Ayotte, Clerk Paulson and Supervisor Kerr. Nays: Trustee Stevens. 6 yeas, 1 nay Motion Passed

7): **TAX TRIBUNAL DISMISSAL:**

Informational purposed only. No action taken

8): **SHRINER ACTION TEAM:**

Informational purposed only. No action taken

9): **ERIC GUNNELS, CLOSED SESSION, PERSONAL MATTER:**

7:50 p.m – Recess

8:02 p.m – Reconvene

Cancelled Closed Session

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Public comments began at 8:02 p.m. There were comments received from to member of the public. Ended at 8:12 p.m

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Various comments were given by the board memebbers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m

Julie C Paulson, Clerk

Thetford Township