

Township of Thetford

Minutes of Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday October 28, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by the Board of Trustees

There was a moment of silence for military members past and present

Members Present: Supervisors Stevens, Clerk Moore, Treasurer Ayotte

Trustees: Condon, Gunnels, Piechnik and Stanke

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Shannon, Pam, Kris, Officer Drinkwine and Attorney Stritmatter

- **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes approved for regular board of trustee meeting on Monday September 23, 2019

Motion Made: Trustee Condon Support: Supervisor Stevens Vote: 7-0 Motion Passed

Minutes approved for Special Meeting for Chief Robert Kenny on Monday September 23, 2019

Motion Made: Trustee Condon Support: Clerk Moore Vote: 7-0 Motion Passed

Minutes approved for Special Meeting for 2019 Audit Approval on Thursday September 26, 2019

Motion Made: Trustee Piechnik Support: Clerk Moore Vote: 7-0 Motion Passed

- **Additions to Agenda:** Trustee Gunnells asked to move Agenda items F, G & H to the top of the Agenda so that the people in attendance on the Recreational Marijuana are free to go and anticipation of a lengthy discussion about the Recreational Marijuana Ordinance.
Motion Made: Trustee Gunnels No Support – Motion Denied (Agenda to stay as presented per Supervisor Stevens).
- **Public Comments:** Agenda Items Only (3min).
Hicks: Favor of Recreational Marijuana Ordinance
Russell: Need More Committee Reports
Gantos: North Morris Estates – request 10 minutes of board time
- Officer Drinkwine presented a log of calls from 6/19 to current 1061-911 calls, (Roughly 13 calls taken per day).
- **Transfer/Amendment of Funds:**

Transfer from GL to Cemetery-\$6,797.50 GL#101-000-000-084-600 to GL#711-000.000.610.000
Motion Made: Supervisor Stevens Support: Trustee Stanke Vote: 7-0 Motion Passed

Transfer from Public Safety to Police Fund in the amount of \$113,354.00 GL# 101-000-301-656-200 to GL# 101-000-301-800-100
Motion Made: Treasurer Ayotte Support: Supervisor Stevens Vote: 7-0 Motion Passed

Amend Transfer from Community Development GL#101-000-536-970-000 for payment of Senior Bus in the amount of \$3,500.00 payment made to Community Development.
Motion Made: Trustee Condon Support: Clerk Moore Vote: 7-0 Motion Passed

Amend Transfer from Community Development GL# 101-000-536-000-972-00 in the amount of \$650.00 to Community Development.
Motion Made: Trustee Condon Support: Treasurer Ayotte Vote: 7-0 Motion Passed

Amend Transfer from Deputy Treasurer Full Time Budget to Treasurers Part Time Budget \$3,500.00 GL# 101-000-253-100-702 to GL# 101-000-253-10-702-300 for part time payroll.
Motion Made: Trustee Gunnels Support: Supervisor Stevens Vote: 7-0 Motion Passed

- **Approval of Bills to be paid:**

Motion Made: Supervisor Stevens Support: Clerk Moore Vote: 5-2 Motion Passed

- **Committee/Departmental Reports:**

Library Committee: Library Audit on File with Township Office, New Pod Cast Room being created/Old Coat Room to make more space. Next Meeting 11-13-2019 @5:30 p.m. in Library.

Park and Recreation Committee: Costume Zombie was a huge success, ran out of donuts and candy. Working on preparation of the ice rink. Next Meeting on 11-14-2019 @ 5:30p.m. Clio City Hall.

- **New Member to Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals:**

Jason McDonnell to Planning Commission to replace Peggy Castle

Motion Made: Trustee Gunnels Support: Trustee Piechnik Vote: 6-1 Motion Passed

John Condon to Zoning Board of Appeals to replace Rachel Stanke

Motion Made: Trustee Condon Support: Trustee Piechnik Vote: 7-0 Motion Passed

Thomas Ayotte to Zoning Board of Appeals to replace Theo Gantos

Motion Made: Supervisor Stevens Support: Trustee Piechnik Vote: 5 yes 1 no 1 abstained
Motion Passed

Rueben Garcia Representative to Park and Recreational Committee to replace Supervisor Stevens.

Motion Made: Trustee Stevens Support: Clerk Moore Vote: 7-0 Motion Passed

New Business:

Adopt Resolution #20191028 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) for signatories

Motion Made: Trustee Condon Support: Trustee Piechnik Vote: 7-0 Motion Passed

Approval of L-4029 Tax Rate Request Motion: Supervisor Stevens Support: Clerk Moore
Vote 7-0 Motion Passed

Increase Garbage Assessment from \$123.00 - \$125.00

Motion Made: Trustee Stevens Support: Treasurer Ayotte Vote: 7-0 Motion Passed

Bank Accounts – New Signatories and Removal of Prior Employees

Motion Made: Supervisor Stevens Support: Trustee Stanke Vote: 7-0 Motion Passed

Motion to have Attorney Gildner hire outside employment firm

Motion Made: Supervisor Stevens Support: Trustee Gunnels Vote: 7-0 Motion Passed

Acceptance of Ordinance Letter for Recreational Marijuana:

Motion Made: Supervisor Stevens Support: Trustee Piechnik Vote: 5-2

Vote: Stan-Yes, Stanke-No, Ayotte-Yes, Gunnels -No, Condon-Yes, Moore-Yes, Stevens-Yes

Motion Passed.

Motion Made: Clerk Moore Support: Trustee Stevens a lot of audience discussion going on hard to hear what was being discussed on behalf of the board so another motion was made. Eric was asked if he had anything to gain personally regarding this ordinance before he voted he stated no.

Motion Made: Trustee Piechnik Support: Supervisor Stevens

After Discussion Trustee Piechnik Amended the motion to have a 60- day statue placed on the resolution pending discussion of rules and regulations pertaining The Township of Thetford thus to temporarily opt out of recreational marijuana by November 1, 2019 at this time.

Motion Made: Trustee Piechnik Support: Supervisor Stevens Vote: 5-2

Piechnik – yes, Stanke – no, Ayotte-yes, Gunnels-no, Condon-yes, Moore-yes, Stevens -yes

Motion passed.

Recommendation from the Planning Boards approval of 9030 N. Saginaw Street, Suite 4
Mount Morris, Michigan (Processing and Provisional Center)

Motion Made: Trustee Gunnels Support: Supervisor Stevens Vote: 7-0 Motion Passed

Recommendation from the Planning Boards approval of 10040 N. Dort Hwy, Mount Morris,
Michigan (Processing and Grow Facility).

Motion Made: Supervisor Stevens Support: Trustee Condon Vote: 7-0 Motion Passed

To Advance Officer Drinkwine from part time to full time

Motion Made: Supervisor Stevens Support: Trustee Piechnik Vote 6-1 Motion Passed

Public Comments:

Munnsl: Good Job Eric, Trash Bag Audit, Agenda Packets Ahead of Time and Answer on
Marijuana Ordinance.

Hicks: Nice Job Eric, Good Job Shelly and Improvements on Dort Hwy

Pierce: Chief of Operations at Freddie's- appreciate the local municipality control, good
idea to opt out for 60 days until an ordinance can be accepted on recreational
marijuana. Wants things to be handled correctly.

Korea: Multiple Licenses, 10 acres divided his lots, needs a county road, cannot start
building. Reconsider Class C license.

Russell: Parliamentary Procedures, He funds a grow room for a friend in Bay City.

Craiglow: Questions on LESO program inventory, Garbage Situation, Hope the last clerk is
not being blamed for Township Issues, why Officer Eckles was not offered full
time instead of Officer Drinkwine.

Masters: Attack measures used against the clerk questioning the clerk, told the board I
now everything, I know people. Said Eric's right about the marijuana and he
doesn't even like the guy.

Board Member Comments:

Trustee Gunnels: Thanks for coming out, Drinkwine Paid by the Township to enforce Marijuana rules.

Trustee Condon: We will get ordinance taken care of.

Trustee Piechnik: Wants his colleagues to spend more time on marijuana issue, just wants to do things right. Wants to understand what the process is.

Trustee Stanke: Thanks for coming out, drive safe.

Treasurer Ayotte: Have a good night

Clerk Moore: Would like to see more positivity between the Township and the residents.

Supervisor Stevens: Township procedures, Clerk works hard is here doing her job.

Adjournment: 9:35 p.m.