

THETFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES, MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019

6:30 p.m.
4014 E Vienna Road
Clio, MI 48420

I. Call Meeting to Order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Piechnik, Stanke, Ayotte, Stevens, Congdon and Gunnels.

Staff Present: Marie Canterbury, Pam McIlmurray, Shannon Kline, Township Attorney.

III. Approval of Minutes from Regular Board meeting of December 10, 2018 – Motion by Congdon to approve minutes from 12/10/18, seconded by Stevens, All Ayes, **Motion passed.**

Approval of Minutes from Special Board Meeting of January 3, 2019 – Motion by Congdon to approve minutes from 1/3/19, seconded by Stevens, All ayes, **Motion passed.**

IV. Additions to Agenda – Bids on a new Senior Bus – Added to agenda

V. Public Comments opened at 6:40 p.m.

No public comments

Public Comments closed at 6:41 p.m.

VI. Presentations – None

VII. Correspondence – None

VIII. Committee/Departmental Reports

a) Supervisors report – Stevens discussed a new road salt application process through MDOT, which is 3 weeks out, more information to follow.

b) Treasurers report – Presented by Treasurer Ayotte. Bank Balance: \$438,591.35. Outstanding Checks: \$66,136.25; General Ledger balance \$325,011.27. Adjusted Bank balance at the end of the month \$372,455.10.

c. Approval of bills – Motion by Stevens, Seconded by Stanke to approve the bills submitted. Mentioned that the check register is not listed and will be brought back at the next meeting. Stevens, Piechnik, Stanke, Gunnels, Congdon aye, Ayotte nay. **Motion passed.**

d. **Fire Report** – The Fire Department report of 2018 was shown and given to the audience to look at.

IX. New Business

a) **Solar light agreement:** Letter from GCRC regarding solar lighting project at Dodge Road and N Saginaw. All ayes, **Motion Passed**

b) **Grant project for resurfacing McCumsey Road:** 50/50 between Thetford and Vienna Township to resurface McCumsey Road between Hurd and Lake. Stevens, Piechnik, Gunnels, Congdon, Ayotte aye, Stanke nay – **Motion Passed.**

c) **Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance:** Motion by Ayotte, seconded by Congdon to appoint Mike LaPoint to the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance, all ayes – **Motion Passed.**

d) **Garbage removal:** Motion by Ayotte to remove garbage billing from 17-13-200-004 as it has an ag building only, no home, seconded by Stevens – All ayes, **Motion Passed.**

e) **Poverty Exemption:** Approve Resolution number 01-29-2019-001 to adopt the 2019 Poverty Exemption Guidelines, all ayes, **Approved.**

f) **Specials on combined parcel:** Motion by Stevens, seconded by Stanke to remove specials on a combined parcel, with old parcel numbers 17-30-551-010 and 011. New parcel number is being billed specials, all ayes, **Approved.**

g) **Property Transfer penalty:** Motion by Stevens, seconded by Stanke to approve Resolution 01-29-2019-002 to waive interest and penalty fees for failing to file a Property Transfer Affidavit after 45 days. All ayes, **motion passed.**

h) **Planning minutes:** Motion by Congdon, seconded by Stevens to approve the Planning Commission minutes of December 13, 2018, all ayes – **motion passed.**

Motion by Gunnels, seconded by Stevens to approve the Planning Commission minutes of January 10, 2019, all ayes, **motion passed.**

i) **Suspend health benefits for Robert Kenny:** It was questioned and policy read by Stanke regarding when an employee is no longer receiving pay, the township will pay the premium up to 30 days and after that, the individual can stay on the plan but must pay their own premium.

After much discussion pro and con regarding this decision, a motion was made by Stevens, seconded by Piechnik, to keep Robert Kenny on the policy, but stop paying his premium after 30 days. Stevens, Piechnik, Stanke, Gunnels aye, Congdon and Ayotte nay, **Motion Passed.**

- j. Senior bus bids:** Shannon Kline brought the three bids that were received:
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| 1. Hoekstra Transit, 2019 14 passenger bus | \$50,867 |
| 2. Midwest Transit, 2019 14 passenger bus | \$51,349 |
| 3. Holland Bus Company, 2019 14 passenger bus | \$57,752 |

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Ayotte to approve the bid of Hoekstra Transit in the amount of \$50,867, all ayes – **Motion Passed.**

X. Brief Public Comments:

Public Comments were made by Robert Kenny, Richard Russell, Gregg Bryan, Jeff Masters.

XI. Board Member Comments:

Gunnels – I do believe in innocent until proven guilty, but we should be consistent in the employee manual. Thanks for coming out and addressing issues.

Piechnik – Eric made a good point and thank you for coming out.

Congdon – The procedure was not followed and not the appropriate time to do it.

Stanke – I did look everything up and I did what I thought and felt was right.

Ayotte – I understand what all of the residents are saying about this, and after 4 terms in office this will be my last. We all need to come together and after my family has been here for over 200 years, I am ashamed and embarrassed by the events that have occurred.

XII. Adjournment: Due to the commotion in the audience, no motion was made to adjourn. Meeting was done at 7:45.

Approved 2/25/19