

MINUTES

Thetford Township Board of Trustee

6/12/2017 6:30 PM | Meeting called to order by Supervisor Stevens

In Attendance

Supervisor Stevens, Clerk Pennington, Treasurer Ayotte, Trustee Congdon, Trustee Stanke, Trustee Piechnik, Trustee Gunnels

Staff Present: Senior Director Shannon Kline

Approval of Minutes

May 22, 2017, Regular Board of Trustee, Motion by Trustee Congdon, second by Clerk Pennington to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2107 as presented. Motion Carried 6-1, Nay Trustee Gunnels.

Additions to the Agenda

Add under New Business, #9 – Accept resignation letter from Stuart Worthing, building official and put an ad in the paper to look for a new one. #10 – Trustee Piechnik read an article from the MTA.

Motion by Supervisor Stevens, second by Trustee Stanke to add under New Business, #9 – Accept resignation letter from Stuart Worthing, building official and put an ad in the paper to look for a new one. #10 – Trustee Piechnik read an article from the MTA. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comments

Public comments began at 6:40 pm. Ended at 6:43 pm. One comments was received.

Correspondence Report

The Hundred Club of GSL awarding the Thetford Police Department \$2,800.00 to purchase vest.

Supervisor Report

Roads and Bridges, Lake Road culvert

Consumers is paving a mile and half of Genesee Road

General Business

A. Unfinished Business

- Farmers Market/Flea Market

Motion by Treasurer Ayotte, second by Supervisor Stevens to approve the rules and regulations with the change of charging non-residents \$10.00 to participate in the Thetford farmer's market/flea market as presented.

Roll Call: Yeas – Stanke, Pennington, Congdon, Gunnels, Ayotte, Piechnik, Stevens Motion Carried

B. New Business

- Joint Trade Agreement with Vienna Twp

Motion by Clerk Pennington, second by Treasurer Ayotte to approve the joint trade agreement with Vienna Twp as presented. Motion Carried

- Reimburse Chief Kenny for Web Maintenance ~ \$149.00

Motion by Clerk Pennington, second by Supervisor Stevens to reimburse Chief Kenny \$149.00 for web maintenance.

Roll Call: Yeas – Gunnels, Congdon, Piechnik, Stanke, Pennington, Ayotte, Stevens Motion Carried

- Amend, 171.100-702.301 ~ \$615.00 (raises)

Motion by Clerk Pennington, second by Treasurer Ayotte to amend 171.000-702.301 for \$651.00 (raises).

Roll Call: Yeas – Stanke, Gunnels, Piechnik, Congdon, Ayotte, Pennington, Stevens Motion Carried

- Transfer from 171.100-702.301 to
 - 276.100-702.300 for \$426.00
 - 253.100-702.200 for \$1,262.00
 - 215.100-702.200 for \$1,155.00
 - 265.100-702.500 for \$600.60
 - 672.100-702.300 for \$1,694.00
 - 672.100-702.200 for \$1,477.40

Motion by Treasurer Ayotte, second by Clerk Pennington to approve the raise transfer as presented all in one motion.

Roll Call: Gunnels, Stanke, Piechnik, Congdon, Ayotte, Pennington, Stevens Motion Carried

- Appointment of a Zoning Administrator

Motion by Supervisor Stevens, second Trustee Congdon to table the Zoning Administrator until a Building Official was hired. Motion Carried

- Appointment of a FOIA Coordinator

Motion by Trustee Piechnik, second by Trustee Gunnels to appoint Supervisor Stevens as FOIA Coordinator.

Motion Carried

- Road Improvement Plan

Motion by Supervisor Stevens, second by Clerk Pennington to approve the paving overlay 2” on Lewis Road between Hurd Road and Farrand Road. Consumers will be paying for Lewis Road between Hurd Road and Vienna Road.

Roll Call: Yeas - Stanke, Congdon, Gunnels, Piechnik, Pennington, Ayotte, Stevens Motion Carried

- Police Instruction on Military Equipment

Motion by Clerk Pennington, second by Treasurer Ayotte to have the police chief provide the township board with an inventory of military items with an estimated resale value of \$1,000. Items to be used for parts on another similar items will be listed with original as parts. Any items given, traded or sold with an estimated value of \$500.00 or less be noted in the police report to the township board. Any items with an estimated value of \$501.00 and over presented to the township board prior to trading, selling, ect.

Roll Call: Yeas - Congdon, Pennington, Stanke, Ayotte, Stevens

Nays – Piechnik

Abstain – Gunnels

Motion Carried

- Accept resignation letter from Stuart Worthing, building official and put an ad in the paper to look for a new one

Motion by Trustee Congdon, second by Trustee Piechnik to accept the resignation letter as read from Stuart Worthing, Building Official

Motion Carried

Motion by Supervisor Stevens, second by Treasurer Ayotte to put an ad in the local paper to advertise that Thetford Township is looking for a building official/zoning administrator not to exceed \$25.00 an hour. To run the ad until July 10, 2017. With hiring a building official at the July meeting.

Motion Carried

Motion by Supervisor Stevens, second by Trustee Piechnik to hire Mike Mantei as temporary building official until one is hired permitted at the wage of \$25.00.

Motion Carried

- MTA Article

Trustee Piechnik read an article out of the June 2017 MTA township focus ranking Thetford Township fourth among safest community in the state, nation on the NCHSS Michigan list, with a crime rating that's 82 percent lower than the state average.

Brief Public Comments

Public comments began at 7:27 pm. Ended at 7:47 pm. Eight comments were received.

Next Meeting

6/26/2017 6:30 PM,

Adjourn meeting at 7:56 p.m

June 7, 2017

To: Thetford Township Board

I, Stuart M. Worthing, am writing this letter to inform you that I will no longer be providing the service of Building Official for the township, effective immediately.

I have also taken the steps to inform the State of Michigan that I am no longer providing services for Thetford Township as of 6-7-17.

The reason for my resignation is that I have received phone calls from other building officials and supervisors in Genesee County stating that Thetford Township Supervisor, Gary Stevens and a trustee, Eric Gunnels have been actively seeking to replace the services which I provide. They have pursued this without the courtesy of informing me. These phone calls I received were the first I had heard that my services were no longer going to be needed.

In my opinion, this is very underhanded and unprofessional, and is something I will not be a part of or have any association with. I cannot work for some board members who are untrustworthy. I pride myself in my work, have a good reputation and have always communicated effectively during my time of service here. I have performed my job with integrity, and I can see that is not the way things are being carried out under the current administration. This has all come about because action was taken to enforce the Michigan Building Code against Eric Gunnels, who was in clear violation. With that said, upholding the law and performing my job in an honest and professional manner is clearly not valued.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stuart M. Worthing". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Stuart M. Worthing