

# Thetford Township Board Meeting

Monday, April 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m

**Roll Call: Present:** Stevens, Pennington, Ayotte, Congdon, Stanke, Gunnels, Piechnik  
**Absent:** None  
**Staff Present:** Chief Kenny, Senior Director Shannon Kline

**Previous Minutes:** March 23, 2017, Public Hearing. Motion by Congdon, second by Pennington to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2017 as presented. Motion Carried

March 23, 2017, Special Meeting. Motion by Pennington, second by Ayotte to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2017 as presented. Motion Carried

March 27, 2017, Regular Meeting, Motion by Congdon, second by Stanke to approve the minutes of March 27, 2017 as presented. Motion Carried

**Addition to the Agenda** Clerk Pennington, just a correction, under New Business, Planning Commission recommendations need to add proposed telecommunication at 4414 E Lake Rd

**Brief Public Comments:** Public comments began at 6:37 p.m. Ended at 6:42 p.m. Two comments were received.

1. would like to know if the board has reviewed the complaint she filed on April 3, 2017? Would like direction on where to go, her property being broke into.

Supervisor Stevens, you need to set up a meeting with Chief Kenny, myself and you to discuss your property.

2. the blight in North Morris, my understanding police received a \$500 grant for clean up, 28 homes were ticketed, homes have been removed, building permits have been violated and not renewed. Really would like the supervisor to get this handled.

Trustee Piechnik, can we get legal action? Are they exempt from the rules?

Supervisor Stevens, yes we can get legal involved, Chief Kenny and I have meant and are working on it, they are not exempt, but they are filing bankrupt which should be done soon I hope.

**Presentation** None

**Correspondence** None

**Supervisor Report** Recognize Law Day is May 1, 2017

National Day of Prayer is May 4, 2017 at noon, Clio Fire Station 2

**Treasurer Report** Will have it next month

**Clerk Report** Fund balance as of April 2017 is \$751,355.85

May 2nd is the 911 System Funding Election. Polls are open from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m  
Clerk's office is open April 29, 2017 from 10:00 - 2:00 for absentee voting. You will be able to vote absentee up to the day before the election until 4:00 p.m

State of Michigan will be hosting an accreditation class for all new coming clerks here at Thetford Township Hall on May 10th and 11th.

**Bills for Approval**

Motion by Stevens, second by Pennington to approve the bills as presented.

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

Nays - Piechnik

Vote - 6-1 Motion Carried

**Building Report**

There was 8 permits pulled in April.

**Police Report**

There were 220 calls in March in Thetford Township that were received by Thetford Police Department and/or State.

The police department received \$2,500 in grant to help in blight and has been doing inspections when time allowed. I have met with the front desk at North Morris, they will be moving more trailers out. We are here to work with North Morris. Thanks Theo for getting great information to our department it helps.

Frances Road has been ordered to have clean up done by the end of the summer, with removal of animals and building to our ordinance.

Has started the paper work on working on the complaint on Brynes Drive and Genesee Road to get the residents to clean up their properties to township ordinance. We are here to help the residents and remember the mess wasn't made over night and it won't take over night to clean up.

B & E are down from the month of March. The crew has been arrested in Tuscola County that was part of some of the B & E in the north side of our township.

Trustee Piechnik, Chief Kenny are you still getting or looking into body cams for your Department?

Chief Kenny, yes, there are several models, I have written a grant to our insurance company but they changed the format so I need to rewrite it.

Trustee Piechnik, wasn't there a trust set up?

Chief Kenny, Yes, but not enough money to get everything from camera, software and a computer to run it. Hopefully by fall I will have everything for it.

Trustee Piechnik, so I went around looking at the barns and seen more military stuff and that bothers me that we have things that is not necessary and taking up your time when you should be serving our residents.

Chief Kenny, first I have gotten military stuff to equip the police department. There is stuff that I have received that after a year I can sell to put back into the police fund or give to another department to use. The military is very strick on what can be sold and what has to be given to other departments use. All sales are receipted in the treasurers office and is accounted for.

**Planning Commision**

Trustee Gunnels, at our meeting we approved the recommendation of a cell tower on E Lake Road. That was the second best choice when the map grid was done to show the outages. The first one was the Genesee County Park but when people go to the park they don't want to look at towers they are there to see the beauty of the land. We did a lot of talking and investigating on this issue and to benefit the residents of Thetford Township we believe this is the best place for it. We also talked about the owner putting more trees around the fence to kind of hide it. It was explained to us that the tower collapse straight down that's how they are built now.

## **New Business**

### 1. Planning Commission Recommendation

Motion by Dennis Bloss, second by Eric Gunnels to approve the plans on a proposed telecommunication tower based on contact with Stuart Workthing, Building Official to address any changes if needed, pending Board of Trustee meeting on April 24, 2017. Motion Carried

Motion by Gunnels, second by Stevens to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding the proposed telecommunication site plan, pending building inspectors on set backs if it need to go to Board of Appeals.

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

Nays - Piechnik and Congdon

Vote 5-2 Motion Carried

### 2. Policy for Complaints

Information - when a complaint has been filed the Chief of Police and the Supervisor will get a copy and will be working together to resolve the issue.

### 3. Amend police promissary note for the 2016 Chevy Silverado

Motion by Pennington, second by Ayotte to amend the promissory note for the 2016 Chevy Silverado from \$3,750 quarterly payments to \$1,250 quarterly payment.

Roll Call: Yaes - Gunnels, Congdon, Stanke, Piechnik, Pennington, Ayotte, Stevens

Nays - None

**Brief Public Comments** Public comments began at 7:49 p.m. Ended at 8:04 p.m. Five comments were received

1. would like to see new police car repainted to be visible to the residents.

2. handed Trustee Stanke a packet, really bothered me when you said last meeting you haven't learned anything from me. I'm challenging you to do the right thing, you do whatever you feel is right with the information that I have given you.

3. an agreement with Mr. Gunnels seems like I am plowing that line again. Mr Gunnels has been misjudged, we need to move forward and work together.

Stevens, only thing stopping him is a building permit

4. tired of Eric and his problems, I am here to hear what is going on with Thetford Township, like the idea for the police department to be trained on Narcan and have it in their cars. My family has lost 3 to herion overdose in the last 2 weeks and would fund the medicine for the police department.

5. have you looked into adopting a law by reference, part of the International Building Code.

Board Member comments were received

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m

Leanne Pennington, Clerk  
Thetford Township





