

TOWNSHIP OF THETFORD  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MAY 13, 2013  
6:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board of Trustees followed by the singing of The National Anthem.

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:** Chief Kenny, Attorney Swartwood.

6:43 – Break

6:52 – Call to Order

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION** by Trustee Congdon, supported by Treasurer Ayotte to approve the April 22, 2013 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed. Vote: 6 yeas, 1 abstain – Trustee Cousineau. Motion Passed.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: MOTION** by Clerk Paulson, supported by Trustee Gunnels to add to the agenda Bills for Approval. Vote: 6 yeas, 1 nay – Trustee Cousineau. Motion Passed.

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Public comments began at 6:54. No comments were received from the public. Ended at 6:54 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**INFORMATION:** Discussion of the following items for informational purposes only: Household Hazardous Waste & Electronic Waste Collection Day, Webinar Part 2 from Plante & Moran on the Patient Protection & Affordability Care Act, commonly known as Obamacare, Governor Snyder Disaster Declaration for Genesee County, Road Commission's response particularly for Thetford Township for poor roads, and The Clio Family Fitness Expo.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: MOTION** by Trustee Congdon, supported by Clerk Paulson to approve the Treasurer's Report for April, 2013 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Gunnels: yes, Trustee Congdon: yes, Clerk Paulson: yes. Treasurer Ayotte: yes, Trustee Cousineau: no, Trustee Stevens: yes, Supervisor Kerr: yes. 6 yeas, 1 nay. Motion Passed.

**BILLS FOR APPROVAL:** **MOTION** by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Trustee Congdon to approve the bills as presented. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Stevens: yes, Trustee Cousineau: no, Treasurer Ayotte: yes, Clerk Paulson: yes, Trustee Congdon: yes, Trustee Gunnels: yes, Supervisor Kerr: yes. 6 yeas, 1 nay. Motion Passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** The following committee reports were reviewed: Roads.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1): **APPROVAL OF THETFORD TOWNSHIP'S 3 YEAR ROAD PLAN:** **MOTION** by Clerk Paulson, supported by Trustee Cousineau to approve Thetford Township's 3 year Road Plan for 2013-2015. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Gunnels: yes, Trustee Congdon: yes, Clerk Paulson: yes, Treasurer Ayotte: yes, Trustee Cousineau: yes, Trustee Stevens: yes, Supervisor Kerr: yes. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

2): **LAND LEASE CONTRACT, TUTTLE FARMS:** **MOTION** by Trustee Congdon, supported by Trustee Gunnels to approve the Land Lease Contract between Thetford Township and Nathan Tuttle as presented. Roll Call vote: Trustee Stevens: yes, Trustee Cousineau: no, Treasurer Ayotte: yes, Clerk Paulson: yes, Trustee Congdon: yes, Trustee Gunnels: yes, Supervisor Kerr: yes. 6 yeas, 1 nay. Motion Passed.

3): **NEW LIGHTS:** **MOTION** by Trustee Gunnels, supported by Trustee Stevens to postpone the purchase of new lights for the township. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Stevens: yes, Trustee Cousineau: yes, Trustee Congdon: yes, Trustee Gunnels: yes, Treasurer Ayotte: yes, Clerk Paulson: yes, Supervisor Kerr: yes. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

4): **BUILDING INSPECTOR:** **MOTION** by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Trustee Gunnels to accept the letter of resignation from Building Inspector Marc Angus. Roll Call Vote: Clerk Paulson: no, Trustee Gunnels: yes, Trustee Congdon: yes, Treasurer Ayotte: no, Trustee Cousineau: yes, Trustee Stevens: no, Supervisor Kerr: yes. 4 yeas, 3 nays. Motion Passed.

5): **ADDITIONAL AUDITOR FOR END OF THE YEAR ACCRUAL ADJUSTMENTS:** **MOTION** by Clerk Paulson, supported by Treasurer Ayotte to contact the 4 accounting firms listed for bids to perform the year end accrual adjustments. Also for the bids to be submitted to the Supervisor for approval

and to accept the lowest bid. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Congdon: yes, Trustee Cousineau: yes, Trustee Stevens: yes, Trustee Gunnels: yes, Clerk Paulson: yes, Treasurer Ayotte: yes, Supervisor Kerr: yes. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

6): TERM LIFE INSURANCE: MOTION by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Treasurer Ayotte to switch to Term Life Insurance Policy through MET Life for the township. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Congdon: yes, Trustee Stevens: yes, Trustee Cousineau: yes, Trustee Gunnels: yes, Treasurer Ayotte: yes, Clerk Paulson: yes, Supervisor Kerr: yes. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

1): AV SOFTWARE FOR ALL TOWNSHIP AND SENIOR CENTER COMPUTERS: MOTION by Clerk Paulson, supported by Treasurer Ayotte to approve the AV software for all Township and Senior Center computers as presented in the amount of \$576.00. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Stevens: yes, Trustee Cousineau: yes, Trustee Gunnels: abstain, Trustee Congdon: yes, Clerk Paulson: yes, Treasurer Ayotte: yes, Supervisor Kerr: yes. 6 yeas, 1 abstain. Motion Passed.

2): MATS REPORT: Informational purposes only. No action taken.

3): REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD AGREEMENT 5 YEAR RENEWAL: MOTION by Clerk Paulson, supported by Trustee Stevens to renew the 5 year Regional Planning Board Agreement as presented. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Stevens: yes, Trustee Cousineau: yes, Treasurer Ayotte: yes, Clerk Paulson: yes, Trustee Gunnels: yes, Trustee Congdon: yes, Supervisor Kerr: yes. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

4): FIRE MILL DISCUSSION: MOTION by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Supervisor Kerr to put a 1 mill for fire proposal on the November 5, 2013 election in which the language of the proposal is to be approved by the board. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Stevens: yes, Trustee Gunnels: no, Trustee Cousineau: yes, Clerk Paulson: yes, Trustee Congdon: yes, Treasurer Ayotte: yes, Supervisor Kerr: yes. 6 yeas, 1 nays. Motion Passed. MOTION by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Trustee Cousineau to form a committee for the purposes of ballot language for the Fire Mill proposal. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

5): SENIOR CENTER MILLAGE RESOLUTION: MOTION by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Clerk Paulson to approve the Genesee County Application for the 2013-2014 Grant Program funds for the Thetford Senior Citizens Center. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Congdon: yes, Clerk Paulson: yes, Treasurer Ayotte: yes, Trustee Cousineau: yes, Trustee Stevens: yes, Trustee Gunnels: yes, Supervisor Kerr: yes. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

**6): COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: MOTION by Supervisor Kerr, supported by Treasurer Ayotte to re-appoint Trustee John Congdon to the Fire Authority for a 6 year term expiring in the year 2018. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed. MOTION by Supervisor Kerr, supported by Treasurer Ayotte to appoint Trustee Stevens to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year term expiring in 2015. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.**

**7): LYLE MEADOW AND BELSAY ROAD BETWEEN VIENNA AND WILSON – DISCUSSION: Informational purposes only. No action taken.**

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Public comments began at 8:35 p.m. No comments were received from the public. Ended at 8:35 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Various comments were given by the board members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Julie Paulson, Clerk