

TOWNSHIP OF THETFORD  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014  
6:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board of Trustees.

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 Congdon, Trustee Cousineau, Trustee Stevens.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Trustee Gunnels

**STAFF PRESENT:** Attorney Swartwood.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION** by Trustee Congdon, supported by Treasurer Ayotte to approve the August 11, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes as printed. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

**MOTION** by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Trustee Cousineau to approve the August 20, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes as printed. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

**MOTION** by Trustee Congdon, supported by Trustee Cousineau to add under New Business, #9 – L-4029, 2014 Tax Rate Request. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Public comments began at 6:33. There were no comment received from the public. Ended at 6:33 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** July, 2014 Treasurer's Report received.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** Presented by Supervisor Kerr.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Presented by Clerk Paulson.

**POLICE REPORT/CODE ENFORCER'S REPORT:** Report will given at the next meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Reports from the following committees were reviewed: Roads, Water & Waste.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1): **ASSESSOR POSITION - UPDATE:** Informational purposes only. Temporary assessor Dennis Miller will be working and available to the public at the Township on Wednesdays from 5pm to 7pm, and Thursdays from 5pm to 7pm. No action taken.

2): **T.V.'S – NOT RETURNED: MOTION** by Supervisor Kerr, supported by Trustee Stevens to apply the credit from WalMart for 1 of the 2 televisions not returned to be used for office supplies, and receipts given to the Township Treasurer who will keep a log. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Trustees Congdon, Cousineau and Stevens, Clerk Paulson, Treasurer Ayotte and Supervisor Kerr. Nays: None. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

3): **ORDINANCES – UPDATE:** Attorney Bob Swartwood, Ordinance Codification to the 90% point, will have a complete draft for the board to approve by the next meeting. No action taken.

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

1): **EMTERRA – FUEL PRICE INCREASE:** Informational purposes only. No action taken.

2): **WATER RATE INCREASE:** Informational purposes only. No action taken.

3): **TOWNSHIP CLOSINGS 2014-2015:**

**MOTION** by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Trustee Cousineau to approve Township Closings for the following: Monday, October 13, 2014 for Columbus Day, Tuesday, November 4, 2014 for the General Election, and Tuesday, November 11, 2014 for Veteran's Day. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

**MOTION** by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Supervisor Kerr to direct the Personnel Committee to meet in the next 30 days and come to a decision as to a recommendation as to what would be defined as paid holidays and bring back to the board. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Trustees Stevens, Cousineau and Congdon, Treasurer Ayotte, Clerk Paulson and Supervisor Kerr. Nays: None. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

4): **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE:** Informational purposes only. No action taken.

5): **GRIEF COUNSILING – ADDED TO BENEFITS:** Informational purposes only. No action taken.

6): **ACCESS TO THETFORD TOWNSHIP PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD:** Go to MI.Gov Treasury to get projected Revenue Sharing. No action taken.

7): **50/50 MONEY – LOANING OUT OUR BALANCE OF \$26,140 TO ATLAS TOWNSHIP:** **MOTION** by Trustee Congdon, supported by Trustee Cousineau to loan \$26,140 of our GCRC 50/50 money to Atlas Township and direct our Township Attorney to write an agreement with Atlas Township to end of our term in office. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Trustees Cousineau, Congdon and Stevens, Clerk Paulson, Treasurer Ayotte and supervisor Kerr. 6 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

8): **AUDIT REVIEW SCHEDULED:** 2013-2014 Township Audit Review to take place on Wednesday, September 17, 2014, 6:30 pm located at the Township Hall followed by a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees. No action taken.

9): **L-4029, 2014 TAX RATE REQUEST:** **MOTION** by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Supervisor Kerr to approve the L-4029 2014 tax rate request as presented for Thetford Township with the 2014 Millage Rate permanently reduced by MCL 211.34d, "Headlee" at 0.9340 allocated. Roll Call Vote:

**Yeas: Trustees Cousineau, Stevens and Congdon, Clerk Paulson, Treasurer Ayotte and Supervisor Kerr. Nays: None. 6 yeas, 0 Nays. Motion Passed.**

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Public comments began at 7:56 p.m. There were no comments received from the public. Ended at 7:56 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Julie C. Paulson, Clerk  
Thetford Township