

**Thetford Township Board of Trustees**  
**Minutes of the Meeting, Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

6:30 p.m.  
4014 E. Vienna Rd.  
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- I. Call to order at 6:30 p.m.**
- II. Roll call: Present-** Piechnik, Stanke, Ayotte, Stevens, Gunnels, Congdon. Absent- None.  
Employees Present- Shannon Kline, Pam McIlmurray, Lauren Rowley, Attorney Gildner
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**
- a. October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 Board of Trustees: Motion by Congdon, Second by Stevens to approve 10/22/18 minutes. All Yeas. **MOTION PASSED.**
- IV. Additions to the Agenda-** Stevens to add blight issues at North Morris Estates as line item (g) under New Business. Stevens to also add senior center ad for senior bus bids to line item (h) under New Business.
- V. Brief Public Comments opened at 6:30 p.m.**  
*Public comments made by- Mike LaPointe, Jon Erber, and Theo Gantos.*  
**Brief Public Comments Closed at 6:43 p.m.**
- VI. Approval of Bills-** Motion by Stevens to approve November bills, Second by Congdon. Nays- Piechnik, Ayotte. Yeas- Stanke, Stevens, Congdon and Gunnels. **MOTION PASSED.**
- VII. Committee/Departmental Reports**
- a) **Supervisor's Report** presented by Supervisor Stevens mentioning roads, and November election results.
- b) **Treasurer's Report** presented by Treasurer Ayotte mentioning winter tax bills being mailed out at the end of the week.
- c) **Fire Authority Report** N/A
- d) **Senior Center Report** presented by Shannon Kline mentioning senior involvement, expense report and success of the Progressive Dinner.
- e) **Police Department Report** N/A
- VIII. Open Issues**
- a.) **Ricoh Copier Contract-** Stevens explaining that the contract for the Township's copier was valid until 2020. The contract that was expired was regarding the "old" copier that was placed in the police department. That copier will be sent back to Ricoh and replaced with a simple printer/scanner saving the township \$100+ per month in copier rent for the police department.
- IX. New Business**

- a.) **Township Closings-** Motion by Stevens to approve the list of 2019 closings with changes for Monday December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday December 30<sup>th</sup>, Second by Stanke. All Yeas. **MOTION PASSED.**
- b.) **Board Meeting Schedule-** Motion by Stevens to approve the 2019 Board Meeting schedule with changes from December 9<sup>th</sup> to December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Second by Gunnels. All Yeas. **MOTION PASSED.**
- c.) **Planning Commission Recommendation on Solar Farm and Pole Building-**
  - 1. Motion by Congdon to accept the Planning Commission's Recommendation of allowing the Solar Farm project on Dodge Road, Second by Stevens. All Yeas. **MOTION PASSED.**
  - 2. Motion by Stevens to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the pole building on 9254 N. Dort relating to the Solar Farm project, Second by Congdon. All Yeas. **MOTION PASSED.**
- d.) **Code Enforcement CDBG Senior Center-** Motion by Stevens to move code enforcement CDBG funds to senior center, second by Congdon. All Yeas. **MOTION PASSED.**
- e.) **Appointment of Gary Stevens to 9-1-1 Consortium-** Motion by Stevens to reassign Gary Stevens to the Genesee County 9-1-1- Consortium, Second by Congdon. All Yeas. **MOTION PASSED.**
- f.) **Township Monthly Newsletter-** Mutual decision by the board to go forth with making a once a month publication pertaining informative township insights to place on the website and on the counter. No action taken or needed.
- g.) **North Morris Estates Blight Issue (*addition*)-** Comment by Attorney Gildner on handling blight with North Morris Estates. There are special aspects that need to be involved when dealing with a mobile home park. Congdon commented on the aspect of cost-recovery for dealing with blight and the causes for concern with their lack of payment and financial standing. Piechnik comments on the liability of proper code enforcement.
- h.) **Ad to be placed in newspaper for bids on senior center bus (*addition*)-** Motion by Stevens to place advertisement in paper for bids on senior bus after approval of the drafted ad by the County, Second by Congdon. All Yeas. **MOTION PASSED.**

**X. Brief Public Comments opened at 7:14 p.m.**

*Public comments were made by Ted Musolf, Jon Erber and Cindy Hicks*

**Brief Public Comments closed at 7:20 p.m.**

**XI. Board Comments/Announcements**

**Gunnels-** Comments regarding North Morris Estates and how we should look into making positive changes there.

**Piechnik-** Commented that missing/voided checks in the check register should be brought to the board's attention. Also, North Morris should take action on enforcing blight ordinance as well. Would also like to look more into getting the police department outfitted with body cameras.

**Stanke-** North Morris agreeably should be looked into. Also commented that the election went well and thanked the workers and officials who helped.

**Congdon-** Thanked the workers/officials for their work on the election. In regards to North Morris, we need to do some research and see what the best solution is that we can come up with.

**Ayotte-** Clarifies that there aren't ever any "missing" check, they are simply voided and left out of the particular check register report that is brought to the board. Tax bills are going out this week and cannot be paid until December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Stevens-** The new maintenance worker, Thomas worked endlessly on getting the parking lot plowed today and this evening. Thanks to Lauren and Julie as well as the election workers for running a successful November election.

**XII. Adjournment at 7:27 p.m.**