

TOWNSHIP OF THETFORD
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DECEMBER 17, 2012
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 Eileen Kerr at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Eileen Kerr, Clerk Julie Paulson, Treasurer Shely Ayotte, Trustee Eric Gunnels, Trustee John Congdon, Trustee Martin Cousineau, Trustee Gary Stevens.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Trustee John Congdon, supported by Treasurer Shelly Ayotte to approve the October 22, 2012 Public Needs Special Board Meeting Minutes as printed. **Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.**

MOTION by Trustee Martin Cousineau, supported by Trustee John Congdon to approve the November 26, 2012 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed. **Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.**

MOTION by Trustee Eric Gunnels, supported by Treasurer Shelly Ayotte to approve the December 3, 2012 Special Board Meeting Minutes as printed. **Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: **MOTION** by Clerk Julie Paulson, supported by Trustee Martin Cousineau to add under Unfinished Business, #3 - Approve Thetford Township Rules of Procedure, #4 – Approve signatures for Community Development Fund, and under New Business, #4 – Discussion-changing starting time of the regular board of trustees meetings, #5 – Discussion-disc golf, and #6 – Senior Center newsletter. **Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.**

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comments began at 6:35. Comments were received from 1 member of the public. Ended at 6:40 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you letter from the family of Margaret L. Land read by Clerk Julie Paulson.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT: **MOTION** by Treasurer Shelly Ayotte, supported by Trustee Martin Cousineau to approve the Building Inspector's report as presented. **Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Treasurer Shelly Ayotte. Adjusted book balanced for the end of the month of November, 2012 is \$39,481.93. **MOTION** by

Trustee John Congdon, supported by Trustee Eric Gunnels to accept the Treasurer's Report for November, 2012 as presented. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL: **MOTION** by Trustee John Congdon, supported by Trustee Martin Cousineau to pay the bills as presented. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Reports from the following committees were reviewed: Roads, Clio Area Parks & Rec., Regional Planning Board, Senior Center, Zoning Board of Appeals and Common Ground.

CLIO AREA PARKS AND REC.: After discussion concerning finishing the sledding hill, **MOTION** by Trustee Gary Stevens, supported by Trustee Martin Cousineau to postpone to a future meeting allowing time to gather more information. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: **MOTION** by Treasurer Shelly Ayotte, supported by Trustee Martin Cousineau to appoint Clyde Howd as the alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

COMMON GROUND: **MOTION** by Supervisor Eileen Kerr, supported by Trustee Martin Cousineau to appoint Trustee Eric Gunnels to Common Ground. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed. **MOTION** by Trustee Martin Cousineau, supported by trustee John Congdon to appoint Clerk Julie Paulson as the alternate to Common Ground. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1): **ORDINANCE CODIFICATION:** Informational purposes only, no action taken.

2): **SOUND SYSTEM:** **MOTION** by Trustee Gary Stevens, supported by Trustee Eric Gunnels to postpone working on the sound system until January, 2013. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

3): **APPROVE THETFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS:** **MOTION** by Supervisor Eileen Kerr, supported by Trustee John Congdon to continue with the current Thetford Township's board adopted Rules and Regulations. Vote: all yeas. Motion passed.

4): **APPROVE SIGNATURES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND:** **MOTION** by Trustee Congdon, supported by Trustee Cousineau to

approve Supervisor Kerr, Clerk Paulson and Deputy Clerk Pennington as signatures for the CDBG fund. Vote: All yeas. Motion Passed.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1): **WEBSITE – U OF M FLINT – INDEPENDENT STUDY:** Informational purposes only. No action taken.

2): **PRESS CONFERENCE:** Informational purposes only, no action taken.

3): **TAX REVERTED PROPERTY DISPOSITION: MOTION** by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Trustee Congdon to reject the transfer of properties to Thetford Township with parcel numbers 17-06-300-014, 17-08-100-055, 17-18-200-034, and 17-18-577-002. Roll Call Vote: Treasurer Ayotte: yes, Trustee Cousineau: no, Trustee Stevens: no, Trustee Gunnels: no, Trustee Congdon: yes, Clerk Paulson: yes, Supervisor Kerr: no. 3 yeas, 4 nays. Motion died. **MOTION** by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Trustee Stevens to have the supervisor contact Genesee County for an extension of the deadline set for the transfer of properties to Thetford Township with parcel numbers 17-06-300-014, 17-08-100-055, 17-18-200-034, and 17-18-577-002. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Stevens: yes, Trustee Cousineau: yes, Treasurer Ayotte: yes, Clerk Paulson: yes, Trustee Congdon: yes, Trustee Gunnels: yes, Supervisor Kerr: yes. 7 yeas, 0 nays. Motion Passed.

4): **CHANGING STARTING TIME OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING: MOTION** by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Trustee Gunnels to change the meeting time for Thetford Township Board of Trustee meetings from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Roll Call vote: Trustee Gunnels: yes, Trustee Congdon: no, Clerk Paulson: no, Trustee Cousineau: yes, Trustee Stevens: no, Treasurer Ayotte: no, Supervisor Kerr: yes. 3 yeas, 4 nays. Motion died.

5): **DISCUSSION – DISC GOLF: MOTION** by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Trustee Gunnels for this board to request permission from Genesee County to build a disc golf course at Buell Lake at no cost to the township or county. 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.

6): **SENIOR CENTER NEWSLETER:** No action taken.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comments began at 8:17 p.m. Comments were received from 4 members of the public. Ended at 8:30 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.
Julie Paulson, Clerk