

THETFORD TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
January 25, 2016
4014 E. VIENNA RD.
CLIO, MI 48420
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, present.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Eileen Kerr at 6:30 p.m

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Kerr, Clerk Pennington, Treasurer Ayotte, Trustee Gunnels, Trustee Cousineau, Trustee Stevens, Trustee Congdon

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Robert Kenny, Attorney Robert Swartwood

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Congdon, supported by Clerk Pennington to approve the December 14, 2015 Regular Board of Trustee minutes as presented. Vote 7-0 Motion Carried

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public comments began at 6:32 p.m Ended at 6:32 p.m. No comments were received from the public.

Closed Session

Motion by Trustee Congdon, supported by Trustee Cousineau to go into closed session at 6:32 p.m with Attorney Tom Landry to give an update on the Donald Reid lawsuit. Motion Carried

Open Regular Meeting

Motion by Trustee Congdon, supported by Trustee Cousineau to open the regular Board of Trustees meeting at 6:52 p.m. Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you card from Joanne Belill the President of the Clio Area Historical Association was read by Supervisor Eileen Kerr. The card thanked the township for aiding in the preservation of the historical documents in the old Grange Hall.

TREASURER REPORT:

End of November book balance is \$147,022.08

End of December book balance is \$107,656.48

CLERK REPORT:

Fund balance as of January 20, 2016 ~ \$1,962.04

At the end of January I will be appending all cash receipts which include the state tax revenue check and the tax collection deposits. The deposit that will be carried at the end of the month is \$455,890 as of January 21, 2016; therefore, our fund balance will be almost a half a million dollars.

We are doing a lot of clean up in QVF voter's registrations and sending out new ID cards. I am hoping that by the March Presidential Primary we will have it all cleaned up. At the February 2012 presidential primary we had 5908 registered voters, to date we have 5273 with half of the precincts cleaned.

This March Presidential Primary is a reimbursement election.

BILLS FOR APPROVED

Motion by Trustee Congdon, supported by Trustee Cousineau to approve the bills as presented. Roll Call Vote. 6-1, Nay – Trustee Stevens. Motion Carried

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Was presented

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports from the following committees were reviewed:

- Fire ~ the 2015 review copies are on the counter for anyone who may wish to look at them, looking at a 10 year funding for the new truck.
- Roads
- Police ~ for the month of December the police dept. responded to 34 calls. We will be looking at purchasing a new police cruiser, the 2005 Tahoe has about 180,000 miles, 2008 Impala has about 167,000 miles, and our insurance carrier recommends replacing vehicles having 70,000 to 90,000 miles.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A): UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1): Tax Reverted Properties

- 32-100-200, 2080 E Dodge Road, Clio, MI 48420

Motion by Clerk Pennington, supported by Trustee Cousineau to put property 32-100-200, 2080 E Dodge Road, Clio, MI 48420 out for bid with using this final wording:

“Bid as is, after the house is cleaned out it needs to be inspected by the Building Inspector, permits for building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical will need to be requested. The home is assessed for 40,000, however, bids will start at \$10,000. All bids should be mailed or dropped off at the Clio Area Law Center, PLC, 164 W. Vienna Road, Suite 1, Clio, MI 48420; no later than February 18, 2016 by 5:00 p.m.

Please Note: Make sure you put the parcel number and address somewhere on the front of the envelope. Bids will be open at the Board of Trustees meeting February 22, 2016. Roll Call Vote. 7-0 Motion Carried.

- 17-18-576-011, 1279 E Vienna Road, Clio, MI 48420

An update was given concerning this property by Supervisor Eileen Kerr and Attorney Robert Swartwood, The Genesee County Land Bank has an option agreement that we need to honor until January 30, 2016 for the amount of \$8,000.00. If the agreement is not held up by the present buyer then we can put it out for bid at the next meeting.

B): NEW BUSINESS:

1): Add to closing holiday list Good Friday

No action was taken

2): Bank error

Motion by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Trustee Cousineau to allow the treasurer and the clerk to go to Genesys Credit Union to transfer the \$200 out of the township account and deposit into the correct employees accounts. Roll Call 7-0. Motion Carried

3): Police Grant transfer to General

Information only ~ the 4th quarter allotment has been transferred

4): Vassar Road Project

Motion by Clerk Pennington, supported by Trustee Cousineau to use the township 50/50 road money with the continuance with the budget to pave Vassar Road, between Dodge Road and Frances Road with Forrest Township. Roll Call Vote 7-0 Motion Carried.

5): Township Land Contract

Motion by Trustee Congdon, supported by Treasurer, Ayotte to lease township farm land property to John Walden from May 2016 to May 2017 for \$110.00 an acre at 33 acres total amount \$3,630.00 due November 15, 2016. Roll Call Vote 7-0 Motion Carried.

6): Police Body Cameras

Motion by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Treasurer Ayotte to adopt the Resolution of Support Par Plan Grant request by Chief Kenny to purchase Police Body Cameras and dashboard cameras. Roll Call Vote 7-0 Motion Carried.

7): Police Chief's Contract

Tabled to Februarys meeting

8): Approve Tentative Board of Review Schedule

Motion by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Trustee Cousineau to approve the Board of Review schedule of Tuesday, March 8, 2016 ~ Organization Meeting, 4:00 p.m, Tuesday, March 15, 2016 ~ Hearing Appeals, 9:00 a.m – 1:00 p.m & 2:00 p.m – 7:00 p.m, Thursday, March 17, 2016 ~ Hearing Appeals, 1:00 p.m–8:00 p.m. Call for Vote. Motion Carried

9): Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test

Motion by Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Trustee Cousineau to adopt the Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test as presented. Call for Vote. Motion Carried.

10): Cleaning Rec Hall Fees

Motion by Supervisor Kerr, supported by Treasurer Ayotte to adopt a fee schedule for renters who do not follow the required cleaning list of duties. The specific violation amount will be deducted from the rental deposit. Fee schedule will start January 26, 2016. Roll Call Vote 7-0 Motion Carried

11): Public Safety Funding Committee

Supervisor Eileen Kerr
Clerk Leanne Pennington
Trustee Martin Cousineau
Attorney Robert Swartwood
Treasurer Shelly Ayotte ~ consultant for finances

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Started at 8:11 p.m, Ended at 8:12 p.m. There was one comment received from the public.

- Had questions about the Vassar Road project and if he heard correctly that Forrest Township was contributing with us.

Board Member Comments were received.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Leanne Pennington, Clerk
Thetford Township