

Thetford Township
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
August 22, 2016
4014 E. Vienna Road
Clio, MI 48420

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, Treasurer Shelly Ayotte, Trustee Martin Cousineau, Trustee John Congdon, Trustee Gary Stevens, Trustee Eric Gunnels

MEMBERS ABSENT: Clerk Leanne Pennington

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Robert Kenny, Attorney Robert Swartwood

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Trustee Congdon, supported by Trustee Cousineau to approve the July 25, 2016 Regular Board of Trustee minutes as presented. Vote 5-0-1, Nay Trustee Stevens Motion Carried.

Additions to the Agenda

Motion by Supervisor Kerr, supported by Trustee Stevens to add the Supervisor Report to the agenda. Vote 6-0 Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comments

Public comments began at 6:35 p.m Ended at 6:35 p.m. No comments were received.

Presentation: None

Correspondence: None

Supervisor Report

- I have directed the Clerk to make agenda packets for all the people that are going to be on the ballot in the fall. If you are on the ballot you can pick your packet up on the Thursday before the Monday meeting.
- Audit hearing will be in September or October, we do not have a date yet
- The public safety committee of Kevin Lawrence, Dennis Bloss and Alan Levijoki will be attending and that is also open to the public.
- Consumers Powers will be at our September 8th Planning Commission meeting, which begins at 6:30 p.m., to outline a yearlong project. They will be asking for a staging area for a major pipeline project, which could be between 50 and 100 miles in length.

Treasurer Report:

- End of July, 2016 book balance is \$374,880.86

Clerk Report:

- Fund balance as of August 17, 2016 ~ \$408,204.55
- August Election results ~ Precinct 1, 274/1613

○ Precinct #	○ Number of voters	○ % Who Voted	○ % Did Not Vote
○ #1	○ 274/1613	○ 17%	○ 73%
○ #2	○ 231/768	○ 30%	○ 70%
○ #3	○ 384/1354	○ 28%	○ 72%
○ #4	○ 416/1584	○ 26%	○ 74%
○ AVERAGE	○ 1305/5319	○ 24.5%	○ 75.5%

- September 16th Michigan Antique Machinery will be having a tractor parade starting at 7:30 a.m leaving the Clio Firemen’s Homecoming lot on Wilson Road, east to Center Road, north to the township pavilion for coffee and donuts; afterwards, they will be heading back to the lot.

Bills for Approval

Motion by Trustee Congdon, support by Treasurer Ayotte to approve the bills as presented. Roll Call 6-0, Motion Carried

Building Inspector’s Report

Accepted

Committee Report

- Senior Center ~ was given by Trustee Stevens
 - The Friday picnic was a success.
 - Tuesday, August 23, 2016 are the senior games at the Genesee County Fair.
 - Casino trip in October
 - Looking to do something with their garden behind the building.

- Police Report ~ was given by Chief Kenny
 - The new police vehicle is done and ready for patrol
 - We have robbery suspects in custody, Richfield Township Police were watching a house and caught the perpetrators on M-15. We are working with State Police, Richfield Twp, Arbela Twp and Genesee Twp with daytime break-ins. State police have started the interviews with the rest of us getting the reports completed. Since they have been in custody our daytime break-ins have dropped considerably.
 - With regrets to the board I am informing the board that we will be losing Officer Pletscher. He has been hired by the City of Flint.
 - Still working on Lake Road fire, the holdup is the State Fire Marshall doesn't have their report complete. They are trying to reenact the fire with what they have. Fire Chief Paulson and I have to be available to assist the fire marshal in the reenactment of the fire.
 - School is starting, so please everyone watch for the kids and the school buses. We have been told by the bus garage that if the bus is completely off the road onto the shoulder of the road they do not have to turn their flashers on. So please when coming up to a bus please watch carefully.
 - We are still part of ticket or click it and the drunk driving task force. We are starting the next phase of distracted driving, so if you get a text or a phone call please pull off the side of the road to respond.
 - We had a fatality in the township that lost one of our firefighters. We are waiting for the pre-construction report from the Michigan State Police team then we will finish up that report and get it to the prosecutor's office for numerous charges and lawsuits.

Supervisor Kerr ~ Chief Kenny, I realize that Officer Eckles and Officer Hatchett have extra jobs and that you have just found out about Officer Pletscher. But do you have any idea what your plans are?

Chief Kenny ~ my plan is to fill Officer Pletscher's position, however, I am unsure if I will fill in house or post it. To be part of the task force it includes an additional six more hours of road time. Officer Eckles and Officer Hatchett both have other part time jobs. Man power is very limited but we will be looking into something real soon.

- Fire Report ~ Trustee Congdon and Trustee Cousineau
 - New truck is here and we are looking into different financing. Going to try to use cost recovery to help pay for the truck loan to get it paid quicker
 - Supervisor Kerr ~ September 6th we go to trial for Abuaita

- Business Fee Committee ~ Trustee Gunnels
 - Have decided to hold off on a meeting because of the time and it was elections. Everyone was busy, so we have not had a meeting.
 - Supervisor Kerr ~ so you haven't had a meeting yet? So how many medical marijuana facilities do we have 11?
 - Trustee Gunnels ~ I am not sure
 - Chief Kenny ~ I believe 8 if not 9, have had a few calls to our office regarding our regulations and the state. I am unsure if they have found an establishment or not.
 - **Discussion on number of fires in grow shops:**
 - Supervisor Kerr ~ Attorney Swartwood, anywhere does it say we have to have an electrical permit?
 - Attorney Swartwood ~ where we stand now no you don't have to have one. My understanding with the fires right now happening is caused with electrical over circuit.
 - Trustee Congdon ~ my understanding is on the fire side that when the fire department has been called it is dark and with everything hanging low from the ceiling it has caused a lot of hazards. The Fire Department has formed some new policies to keep the firefighters safe.
 - Trustee Gunnels ~ no business or property is worth someone's life, one meeting that we talked about the policy agree it's not worth someone's life. So I am clear on these are we talking about commercial, dispensaries' commercial or home grow.
 - Chief Kenny ~ the issue is when the barn burnt on Lewis Road, the electrical was commercial, the air units were commercial that were part of the grow. When doing the investigation on it, I called Vienna Township to find out when the electrical permit was pulled but there wasn't one. Problem is that home grows are running everything with extension cords. The concern is the fire department is responding to a residential fire and when they get on scene its commercial equipment that has not been inspected. We need them to get permits and wire properly so everyone can be safe.

General Business

A. Unfinished Business

a) Lewis Road

- Supervisor Kerr was asked to meet with Supervisor Joe Risk from Vienna Township to discuss their ordinance, which issued the "No Truck Sign" on three roads in Vienna Twp, which had undue consequences for Thetford Twp. Supervisor Risk said that he would

take it to his planning commission with a note that he doesn't endorse it and asking them not to change it. I have called and asked Mr. Alexander to please start his routes at 7:00 a.m instead 6:00 a.m

- Trustee Gunnels ~ feels insulted by Vienna Township's statement that our complaints or our residents' complaints don't seem to mean anything. .
- Supervisor Kerr will be getting the date for the next meeting for Vienna Township's planning commission

b) Open sealed bid for Senior Center Parking lot (CDBG)

- Supervisor Kerr gave reasons why we were opening and voting on this for the third time. Better Enterprises needed to pay using HUD pay wage of \$31.00 an hour, so we as a township had to put it out again for bid. Better Enterprises again was the only one that submitted a bid for \$13,300.00.

Motion by Supervisor Kerr, supported by Treasurer Ayotte to accept the bid from Better Enterprises for the amount of \$13,300.00 to redo the Senior Center parking lot using CDBG funding. Roll Call Vote 6-0 Motion Carried.

B. New Business

- Center Road Culvert DEQ has rejected the initial design, needs additional funding \$11,750.00

Motion Trustee Cousineau, supported by Treasurer Ayotte to approve the additional funding of \$11,750.00 to fix Center Road Culvert. Roll Call vote 6-0 Motion Carried.

Motion Treasurer Ayotte, supported by Trustee Gunnels to amend line item 446.000-930.000 for the amount of \$11,750. Roll Call vote 6-0 Motion Carried.

- Township Liability and Insurance

Motion by Trustee Stevens, supported by Supervisor Kerr to approve the township liability and insurance for the amount of \$49,481.00. Roll Call Vote 5-1, nay Trustee Gunnels Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Cousineau, supported by Trustee Stevens to amend line item 851.000-800.000 for the amount \$14,733.00. Roll Call Vote 5-1, nay Trustee Gunnels Motion Carried.

- 30 yard dumpster for 6222 E Lake Road

Motion by Supervisor Kerr, supported by Trustee Cousineau to approve renting a dumpster from Emterra for \$320.00 with the maintenance department doing the clean-up. Roll Call for Vote 6-0 Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comments

Started at

- Center Road Culvert glad it is getting done, it would be more costly if we waited
- Clean up on North Morris Estate, a lot of violations that the township could fine them for
- Is the police car available for sale? Wants to bid on it Lewis Road truck problem
- Commented on Lewis Road truck problem
- Road Commission doing road work on Lewis Road and not completing right away, AA has offered the Senior Center any volunteer help on work around the building.
- Question on grow operation, do we know how many there are, can we regulate?

Board Member Comments were received

Announcement: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m

Leanne Pennington, Clerk
Thetford Township