

<p style="text-align: center;">YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Regular Board Meeting</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday, August 8, 2019</u> 7:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 N. Briggs Rd., Middleville, Michigan 49333</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES</p>	<p>FINAL MINUTES Page 1 of 5 YS BOT – Regular Mtg. 8/8/19 Approved 9/12/19</p>
<p>Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Mark Englerth.</p> <p><u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u></p> <p><u>Roll Call:</u> All Present: Jansma, Knowles, Englerth, Lippert.</p> <p><u>Absent with notice:</u> VandenBerg.</p> <p><u>Staff Present:</u> Frank Fiala, Ron Heilman, Richard Beukema, Karen Kennedy, Shana Bush, Chuck Biggs- Constable.</p> <p><u>Visitors:</u> 15 (not including staff present).</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>PLEDGE</p> <p>ROLL CALL</p>
<p><u>ADDITIONS or CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:</u></p> <p><u>Add to Acknowledgement of Visitors:</u></p> <p><u>Mr. Willard Case</u> -former resident of Bowen Mills Rd.</p>	<p><u>ADDITIONS/ CHANGES TO AGENDA</u></p>
<p><u>CONSENT AGENDA:</u></p> <p><u>Approval of Consent Agenda Minutes:</u></p> <p>a. Minutes of June 25, 2019, July 2, 2019, July 11, 2019, 7:00 PM; July 23, 2019 at 6 PM; July 23, 2019 at 7 PM, July 30 2019 at 6 PM, July 31, 2019+</p> <p>b. July 2019 Accounts Payable Check register #915298-915344, \$94,671.04. July 2019 Payroll Check Register (#6534 = VOID) #6535-6557, \$12,314.88. July #EFT \$266.70 Sprint. 2nd quarter state tax withheld \$1,692.77. April Fed. Tax \$167.74. June Fed. Tax/ FICA 2,745.19</p> <p>c. Total Disbursements: \$111,858.32.</p>	<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>
<p><u>APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:</u></p> <p><i>Motion by Knowles with support from Jansma to approve the <u>Consent agenda for tonight's meeting as presented above.</u> Roll Call: Knowles: Yes, Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, VandenBerg: Absent. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. MOTION CARRIED.</i></p>	<p>APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA</p>
<p><u>PUBLIC COMMENT: (Limit to 3 minutes): None at this time.</u></p> <p><i>Full audio recording of this meeting has been downloaded to the township office computer system on 8/8/19.</i></p>	<p><u>ACKNOWLEDGE -MENT OF VISITORS:</u></p>
<p><u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS</u></p> <p><u>Barry County Commissioner, Vivian Conner</u> gave the County Commissioner's report. <i>Written report provided.</i></p>	<p><u>Barry County Commissioner, Vivian Conner</u></p>

Mr. Willard Case: former resident of 12755 Bowens Mill Rd., noted it cost him over \$10,000 to move out of his house. He has been watching his nitrates since 1994 since he moved in. He has put 3 wells on his property. His neighbors were 45.6%, his was 25.6% (when W. Case moved out a year and half ago), and the limit is 10(%). He commented on companies knifing (injecting) in the farm fields with liquid human waste. Crops grow well in the beginning, noted W. Case, but there’s build up and “clean up is pretty expensive for this stuff.” Mr. Case used motor oil and a clear box of sand to demonstrate his point. W. Case spoke of core sample testing being done. The DEQ doesn’t have results yet. Tests are \$5,000 to \$10,000 (per test), and now they are testing outside the fields, according to Case. Willard Case commented that there are companies that are “dumping stuff all the time.” He was just trying to ring a bell.

**Mr. Willard Case,
Former resident
of Bowens Mill
Rd.**

Lippert wanted to know if the DEQ will let him know of the results. W. Case will let the township board know the results.

Mark Colvin, of Sandstone, asked if the DEQ will let W. Case know the locations of the testing.

W. Case commented that he “didn’t have a clue”, but that there maybe a county connection that would have information.

Ron Heilman noted that nitrates build up and don’t go away.

W. Case gave the example of lithium being absorbed into corn. Nitrates are not bothering W. Case. “It’s all of the chemicals, that we ingest,” noted Case.

Lippert wanted to know how deep his last well was at Bowens Mill Rd.

Case commented that the existing well right now, is at 69 feet. Case noted that he had someone that drilled approximately 410 ft. down. “They couldn’t hit any good water. Barry County said pull, bury hole, use existing well. Then they told him to get the reverse osmosis unit, \$7,000 household unit plus...”

W. Case wanted the board to let people know that there is a possibility of a problem. Also Case commented on a “fresh water acre” that he heard about on MPR.

**TREASURER’S
REPORT: Alice
Jansma, Treasurer**

TREASURER’S REPORT: presented by Alice Jansma, Treasurer

- a. July 2019 Financial Statement & Investment Report+**
- b. July 2019 Receipt Report+**
- c. GLASWA Report+**
- d. Audit Changed to Oct. 3 & 4**

Motion by Lippert with support from Knowles to accept the Treasurer’s Financial Report for July 2019. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

**BOARD ACTION
ITEMS**

BOARD ACTION ITEMS(S):

- a. Extend Sept. 16, 2019 deadline for summer tax collection to Sept. 30, 2019 without additional interest charged. Interest charge will begin on Oct. 1, 2019.**

*Motion by Jansma support by Englerth to extend Sept. 16, 2019 deadline for summer tax collection to Sept. 30, 2019, without additional interest charged. **Roll Call: Knowles: Yes, Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, VandenBerg: Absent, Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. MOTION CARRIED.***

b. Resolution to hold Public Hearing: Tony Groves: Barlow Lake+, Cobb Lake balance will cover 1 additional year.

J. Lippert inquired of **M. Cunningham of the Barlow Lake Association** who commented that the nearest they can tell from association meetings, is that people seem to be in favor of continuing with the weed control program and Cunningham noted that the public hearing is to be scheduled this evening.

*Motion by Lippert with support by Jansma to adopt Barlow Lake Special Assessment Resolution No. 1 “Declaration of Intent to Make Public Improvements- Resolution #1 – Tentative Designation of Special Assessment District.” **Roll Call: Knowles: Yes, Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, VandenBerg: Absent, Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. MOTION CARRIED.***

Public Hearing will be advertised for **Sept. 12, (the next regular board meeting) at 7:00 p.m. Special assessment is for five years including 2020 through 2024 with first collection this December (2019).*

CLERK’S REPORT: Jan Lippert, Clerk

- **July 2019 PCI Report+**
- **YSTFD June Statistics+**
- **Current Invoice Register +**
- **Board Members copy of Bauckham, Sparks’ most recent bill.**

*Motion by Jansma with support from Knowles to approve current invoice register (8/8/19) for the amount of \$39,839.61. **Roll Call: Jansma: Yes, Knowles: Yes, Lippert: Yes, Englerth: Yes, VandenBerg: Absent. Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1. MOTION CARRIED.***

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT: Mark Englerth

- **Monthly Code enforcement report from Brad Williams+**
- **Gun Range to be moved to Peets Rd.** which is a mile from any dwelling. It will no longer be in our township.
- **Jim Dull- Barry County Drain Commission-** unavailable to be here tonight. Englerth noted that the sedimentation basin has been cleaned twice in past year by Allegan County (west side of Patterson). The east side of Patterson is now full (Barry County). Informational meetings will be held. Englerth commented that J. Dull has certainly been an advocate for Barry County. A notice will be sent to the people that have been impacted on the channel regarding future information meetings.

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MOTION for Barlow Lake Special Assessment District Resolution

CLERK’S REPORT: Jan Lippert, Clerk

Approval of Current Register.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT: Mark Englerth

TRUSTEE REPORTS: L. Knowles

a. An update on the testing of the wells (F & V – who is in charge?)

Englerth commented that there are four wells that can be tested. Englerth commented that Fleis contacted him.

b. An update on the YST Park electric – Sandy Marcukatis *included report in board packets. L. Knowles commented that he was out there when Consumers ran the electric, and Miss Dig came today for asphalt.*

c. An update on the YST office carpet removal – who is in charge?

Englerth commented that the (trades) that he talked to are very busy. L. Knowles will get someone. A. Jansma noted that nice plywood is underneath the worn carpet.

d. An update on the Veterans Memorial – who is in charge? L. Knowles confirmed with Englerth that more help is needed. Englerth commented that they can always use volunteers.

Englerth commented on grading and irrigation being completed. Electric service cable now runs from fire station to monument and chase ways under sidewalk.

Jansma commented that there are 20 additional brick orders.

Englerth commented that he was at a meeting 8/7/19 with the Gun Lake Tribe.

Englerth met with DK Sprague and Rep from Veterans Affairs this morning.

1. What is the plan for finishing it?

i. Landscaping? – It's been graded. Commercial mix to be used.

ii. Flag Pole(s)?- Still hasn't been determined. Still looking at options.

Englerth commented that any talent would be appreciated.

- A cap is to be poured on it in the next few weeks.
- Looking for perennials to be planted.

2. A schedule for completion-

Ron Heilman commented "We don't have a completion date. It's just going to be ongoing a hundred years for now. I hope..."

Englerth noted that an individual has volunteered to mow around monument for as long as he (volunteer) is alive.

Englerth commented "When we get 16 names – (bricks) we will do another paver."

e. An update from the Renovation Committee including any discussion involving a generator for the office.

L. Knowles noted that the architect/engineer looked into having the office/hall at the fire barn and noted that there's not enough parking at the fire barn.

Also, Knowles noted that the **generator in question** shouldn't be a problem -if put by the electrical entrance, it won't be involved in the construction.

Jansma noted that the I.T. people have said we need a generator.

Consensus was that Knowles will look into a generator for the township hall.

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TRUSTEE

REPORT

L. Knowles

Lippert asked Knowles about water testing. GLASWA is doing two tests right now. They will test for bacteria (the normal test) and nitrates as well. Nitrate test is \$22.00 and the bacteria test is \$17.00. GLASWA is a certified lab. Knowles commented on GLASWA's tracking of nitrates.

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Jansma inquired about **Robbins Cemetery** - **Englerth** noted that Mr. Reynolds (Surveyor) said that he will get to the cemetery soon.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Limit 3 Minutes)

G. Medendorp, of Vista Point asked L. Knowles “What do they do with the solid waste from the sewer system? Do they sell it to some of these companies?”

PUBLIC COMMENT

Knowles commented that it costs about \$40,000 a year to get rid of. The DEQ requires them (the Sewer) to test the fields if they will accept what they are giving them. “They test the product that we’re giving them. And then it is sent out to the fields.”

G. Medendorp asked if it was sent in “our area”.

L. Knowles commented that it’s relatively close.

G. Medendorp asked if Knowles thought it was a good idea.

L. Knowles commented that he thinks ours is fine. Knowles commented that the bigger issue is when people dump into gravel pits with no filter.

Englerth commented “It’s the industrial...”

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

NEW/OLD BUSINESS/ BOARD COMMENT: NONE.

Full audio recording of this meeting has been downloaded to the township office computer system on 8/8/19 immediately following meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Englerth with support from Jansma to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Approved by all.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted:
Deb Mousseau
Recording Secretary 8/8/19

Date: Approved by Board of Trustees 9-12/19

Approved : _____
Janice C. Lippert, Township Clerk

**Just after adjournment, Englerth introduced Karen Page Kennedy and Shana Bush from the Planning Commission.*