

<p style="text-align: center;"> YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES <u>VIRTUAL Regular Board Meeting</u> <u>Wednesday, September 16, 2020</u> 7:00 p.m. Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 N. Briggs Rd., Middleville, Michigan 49333 MINUTES </p>	<p> FINAL MINUTES Page 1 of 5 YS BOT – Regular Mtg. Virtual Mtg. Covid-19 September 16, 2020 </p>
<p> Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Supervisor Mark Englerth. <u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u> Roll Call: Present: Jansma, Knowles, Englerth. Absent with notice: VandenBerg, Lippert. Staff Present: Sandy Marcukaitis, Frank Fiala Visitors: 9 on Zoom (not including staff present). Three (3) in-house attendees. No reporter present. Blauvelts (2), and Jim Dull – on the agenda under Acknowledgement of Visitors. </p>	<p> CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE ROLL CALL </p>
<p> <u>ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA:</u> <u>ADD to Board Action:</u> Requested by L. Knowles- Training for ZBA and Planning Commission members through MAP at \$185 per person. Opening of bids for Cemetery work requested by Alice Jansma. Bids were opened at this time. Two bids came from: Arnsman Septic Service and Excavating for \$3,750.00 and B & R Excavating for \$17,900.00. Further discussion takes place under Board Action. </p>	<p> <u>ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA</u> </p>
<p> <u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:</u> Barry County Drain Commissioner – Jim Dull was present to discuss Receipt of Petition for Maintenance & Improvement of a Drain- Payne Lake Drain. Jim Dull noted that the Road Commission already signed the petition and Dull was at the meeting to reach out to the Township to see if it is on board with it. Discussion took place. <i>Motion by Knowles with support from Jansma to <u>not</u> sign the resolution. Roll Call Vote: Knowles: Yes, Jansma: Yes, Englerth: No, Lippert: Absent, VandenBerg: Absent. Yes: (2), No: (1), Absent: (2). MOTION CARRIED.</i> <i>*It was noted that there will still be a Board of Determination (meeting).</i> </p>	<p> <u>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS</u> MOTION to Not Sign Resolution </p>
<p> <u>Logan Blauvelt – 12823 Valley Drive – regarding Water System bill</u> L. Blauvelt commented he never received a bill for the 1st quarter. He did get the bill for the 2nd quarter. Approximately \$3241.00 is due. Blauvelt commented that the only time he noticed leakage was on 6/2/2020 because he had no water pressure. Blauvelt commented that he'd been living in house for a few months, everything seemed fine. Blauvelt commented that the leak was under house from meter to water heater. When the water pressure failed, Blauvelt called the plumber and plumber found out about the leak. </p>	<p> <u>Logan Blauvelt – 12823 Valley Drive – regarding Water System bill</u> </p>

Motion by Englerth with support by Jansma to cut the bill in half under the condition that payment of the homeowner's half will be made over the next three (3) months and the township will pay the other half. ROLL CALL: Knowles: Yes, Englerth: Yes, Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Absent, VandenBerg: Absent. Yes: (3), No: (0), Absent: (2). MOTION CARRIED.

**L. Knowles requested a letter from Yankee Springs Twp. stating what had just occurred in the above (motion).*

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

August 13, 2020 Board Minutes;
Accounts Payable July Checks #915887 through #915919 = \$46,958.64
August Payroll Register: Checks #6780 through #6797 = total Net \$12,460.97

Motion by Jansma with support from Knowles to approve Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Jansma: Yes, VandenBerg: Absent, Lippert: Absent, Englerth: Yes, Knowles: Yes. Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: -Limit 3 minutes

Jim Deters of Gun Lake Rd. read a letter on behalf of GLPA:

To: Yankee Springs Board of Trustees and Supervisor Mark Englerth

From: Gun Lake Protective Association Board of Directors (GLPA)

August 10, 2020

Dear Trustees,

Too often we only hear from our constituents when there is a problem, issue, or complaint. The GLPA Board believes it is also important to recognize when good things are done by our elected officials. It is in this spirit that the GLPA Board wishes to recognize and thank Supervisor Mark Englerth for his volunteer work in installing, removing, and maintaining the safety buoys on Gun Lake. Most residents, including us, didn't know who was responsible for, or how these buoys came and went each year. It is our understanding now that the buoys were the result a number of years ago of partnership between Yankee Springs Township and Orangeville Township, with GLPA involvement. In the last six years Supervisor Englerth has taken charge of the operation on a volunteer basis, recruiting a few key helpers. It should be noted that the locations of these buoys, including those marking the boulder field off England Point and Turtle Rock, are outside Yankee Springs Township waters.

These buoys mark areas where boulders and other special circumstances warning boaters apply. As such, they help prevent accidents and damage to boat equipment and facilitate smoother operation of traffic on the lake. Nothing takes the fun out of a nice day or evening on the lake like ruining or damaging a prop. Many of us have been there. :-) Thank you Mr. Supervisor and your helpers for the many hours and effort lugging cement weighted buckets and equipment on your own boat. The GLPA Board wishes to unanimously recognize and thank Supervisor Englerth for his volunteer work and contribution to safe boating on Gun Lake.

Sincerely,



Gun Lake Protective Association Board, Jim Deters Pres.

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**MOTION regarding
High Water System
Bill**

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF
CONSENT AGENDA**

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Jim Deters of GLPA

Mike Cunningham commented that he could hear board members, particularly Alice Jansma, with the new microphone/in-line headset.

Dave VanHouten: commented on the Payne Lake Drain (near M-179 & Lynn Drive) and that he had been out there several occasions. D. VanHouten wasn't sure if the few residents involved knew they were going to have to pay for the engineering. VanHouten commented that one day with 5" of rain, one individual had water in their crawl space. That particular resident didn't have appropriate downspouts or a sump pump. VanHouten commented that he really didn't see it as a township or county problem.

TREASURER'S REPORT: By Alice Jansma, Treasurer.

- August 2020: Financial Statement & Investment Report
- GLASWA – August 2020 Report

Motion by Knowles with support from Englerth to accept Treasurer's Report as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Englerth: Yes, Jansma: Yes, Knowles: Yes, VandenBerg: Absent, Lippert: Absent. Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS:

- Renew Assessor Three (3) year Contract – Dan Scheuerman

Motion by Jansma with support from Knowles to Renew Contract with Assessor Dan Scheuerman for a three (3) year term: July 1st of 2020 thru June 30th of 2023. ROLL CALL VOTE: Englerth: Yes, Jansma: Yes, Knowles: Yes, VandenBerg: Absent, Lippert: Absent. Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

- Larry Knowles – High Water System Bill – Logan Blauvelt
(This item was addressed in "Acknowledgement of Visitors.")
- Alice Jansma – L-4029 Approval-

Jansma noted this year the allocated millage by the county is .8711 of mill and our voted Emergency Services Millage is .7425 .

Motion by Jansma with support from Knowles to approve the L-4029 as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: Englerth: Yes, Knowles: Yes, Jansma: Yes, VandenBerg: Absent, Lippert: Absent. Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

- Cemetery BID: (Due to the large discrepancy between the two bids):

Motion by Englerth with support by Jansma to table this item (Cemetery Bid) to a special meeting to talk to Arnsman Excavating regarding their bid and the discrepancy of the two bids. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

**MAP Training request – an addition to tonight's agenda- was omitted under "Board Action".*

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TREASURER'S REPORT: By Alice Jansma, Treasurer.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

MOTION to RENEW Assessor Contract

MOTION to APPROVE L-4029

MOTION to Discuss bid with Arnsman Excavating.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

• **Letter of Understanding - Dry Hydrant on Turner Lake**

Englerth gave history regarding this situation. Documentation is needed regarding the agreement per Englerth. Englerth requested a letter of understanding between Mr. McCartney and the township to be put on file with the deed. A. Jansma will go back to the minutes for information.

Motion by Englerth with support from Jansma to write letter of understanding drafted by Mark Englerth and reviewed by the attorney with A. Jansma contacting attorney. Roll Call Vote: Knowles: Yes, Jansma: Yes, Englerth: Yes, VandenBerg: Absent, Lippert: Absent. Yes: 5, No: 0, Absent: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

- **Pickleball** – Injury with bench on court has occurred. M. Englerth gave information to board members and commented that this would be put on the agenda for next month. Date of injury was not available at this time. Injury report was also not available at this time- per Englerth.
- **Snow Plow** – not discussed at this time. *See below under Board Comments

CLERK’S REPORT given by Alice Jansma for Clerk Jan Lippert

• **PCI August Report**

Motion by Englerth with support from Knowles to pay PCI \$4,533.00. Roll Call VOTE: Englerth: Yes, Knowles: Yes, and Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Absent, VandenBerg: Absent. Yes (3), No (0), Absent (2). MOTION CARRIED.

- **YS Fire Department August Report**
- **Current Invoice Register Approval (September)**
- **September Check #915920 through Check # 915929 = \$1,945.52 Approval and Invoice Journal approval 9/11/2020.**
- **George London Memorial Contribution Bench at Park with Plaque Staff Contribution Envelope to be circulated.**

Englerth commented on installing a bench for Mr. Al McCrumb, former Supervisor. Englerth will pour another piece of concrete approximately 4’ x 6’ for a memorial bench for Mr. London. The cost is estimated to be under \$100- per Englerth. All (3) present board members were comfortable with it. No motion made.

Motion by Jansma with support by Englerth to pay current invoice register for the amount of \$11,428.55. Roll Call Vote: Knowles: Yes, Englerth: Yes, Jansma: Yes, Lippert: Absent, VandenBerg: Absent. Yes: 3, No: 0, Absent: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Snow plow bids: Jansma brought up that snow plow bids were on the agenda. Englerth commented that bids should be for the hall, fire station and park with salt for sidewalks and shoveling sidewalks at 2”. Bids due prior to next board meeting. No motion made. Englerth commented that he would talk to Dan Miller about it.

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MOTION to Write Letter of Understanding

CLERK’S REPORT given by Alice Jansma

MOTION to Pay PCI

MOTION to Approve Current Invoice Register

BOARD COMMENT:

Englerth commented on numerous complaints about burning items- such as couches and chairs, and suggested this being covered in our common ordinance. Englerth commented that maybe the new board would want to take care of it. Knowles agreed with Englerth.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Limit 3 minutes

Mike Cunningham commented that microphones worked well for tonight’s meeting. He thanked the Board for getting the microphones/in-line headsets. (L. Knowles researched and purchased the headsets to aid in removing sound interference (looping) between laptops during virtual/Zoom in-hall meetings and also board members and visitors can now be heard by those in the remote audience).

Full audio recording of this meeting has been downloaded to the township office computer system on 9/16/2020 immediately following meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Englerth with support Knowles to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Approved by all. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted:
Deb Mousseau
Recording Secretary 9/16/2020

Date: October 8, 2020 by Bd of Trustees

Approved : _____
Janice C. Lippert, Township Clerk

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PUBLIC COMMENT

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