

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES Regular Meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, February 9, 2012 Yankee Springs Township Hall 284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MINUTES</b></p>	<p><b>DRAFT MINUTES</b></p>
<p>Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Supervisor Al McCrumb.</p> <p><u>Roll Call</u>: Jerkatis (late with notice), Present: J. Lippert, McCrumb, M. Cook, Schwennesen (Four members present).</p> <p>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p> <p>John Jerkatis joined the meeting at 7:12 p.m.</p> <p><u>Staff Present</u>: Bob Lippert Zoning Administrator, Frank Fiala, Alice Jansma, Constable Jim Orr.</p> <p><u>Visitors</u>: 10 (not including staff present).</p>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p> <p><b>ROLL CALL</b></p> <p><b>PLEDGE</b></p>
<p><b>ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add to the Supervisor’s Report: Gun Lake Protective Association Request, Mr. Jim Riehl</li> </ul>	<p><b>ADDITIONS TO AGENDA</b></p>
<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</b></p> <p>Motion made by J. Lippert with support from M. Cook to accept the minutes of the <u>Budget Workshop Session #1 held January 5, 2012</u> as presented. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p><u>Motion</u> by J. Lippert with support from M. Cook to accept minutes of the <u>Regular Board Meeting of January 12, 2012</u> as presented. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p><u>Motion</u> by M. Cook with support from Schwennesen to accept minutes of the <u>Presentation and Informational Meeting with the Barry County Road Commission at 6 p.m. January 12, 2012</u> as presented. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED. This meeting should also be titled “SPECIAL MEETING”.</p> <p><u>Motion</u> by J. Lippert with support from M. Cook to accept minutes of the <u>Continuation of the Presentation and Informational Meeting with the Barry County Road Commission at 7 p.m. January 16, 2012</u> as presented. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED. This meeting should also be titled “SPECIAL MEETING” as well.</p> <p><b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:</b></p> <p><b>TTES REPORT: David Middleton, Fire Chief</b></p> <p>D. Middleton was not able to attend last month’s meeting as he was in the process of going to MIOSHA Training Institute.</p>	<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b></p> <p>Motion to approve the following meetings held in January 2012:  <b>Budget Workshop #1 – 1/5/12</b>  <b>Regular Board Meeting of 1/12/12 at 7 p.m.</b>  <b>Presentation and Info. Meeting with the Barry Cty. Rd. Commission, a Special Meeting on 1/12/12 at 6 p.m.</b>  <b>Continuation of Presentation and Info. Meeting with BCRC on 1/16/12 at 7 p.m. (Spec. Meeting)</b></p> <p><b>ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS</b></p> <p><b>TTES REPORT: David Middleton, Fire Chief</b></p> <p>Page 1 of 6  YST Bd Trustees  2-09-12</p>

TTES REPORT: Continued

The Year-end Report for 2011 for Yankee Springs:

Fire Calls: 28

Medical/EMS: 171                      Total Runs for Y.S. Twp. in 2011: 217

18: Fire/EMS: 18

Total TTES calls for all areas covered in 2011: 1,275 calls

YS Twp. Totals for January 2012:

Fire: 1

Medical: 16

Fire/EMS: 4

Currently, they are working on next year's fire contract and putting together different versions of ambulance service for summer months.

It was noted that about 1/3 of the runs are medical runs. Memorial Day thru Labor Day are the busiest months.

D. Middleton mentioned that the ADA device was used last year at the state park on a man. This summer, TTES was thanked by the same man who was at the park again enjoying his grandchildren.

New firework legislation will allow Class C fireworks to be sold in Michigan. Middleton will be attending a Hot Topics seminar in Midland regarding this issue. During discussion it was noted that permits for these fireworks will be issued through the individual townships. R. Lippert checked with the MTA. The actual standards will be set by the state. State standards will supersede. There won't be much that can be done at the township level. The large fireworks that are shot off at Barlow Lake's 4<sup>th</sup> of July display, are usually 4", 6", or 8" in diameter. R. Lippert commented that Class C is now referred to as "1.4" and will be addressed by the Planning Commission. Jerkatis asked whether there were guidelines concerning the use of Class C by private parties. D. Middleton remarked that he hasn't seen them yet. It was also mentioned that firearms cannot be discharged within approximately 500' of a residence.

The February 28<sup>th</sup> Primary Election will be held at the Fire Station for Precinct #2.

**BARRY COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Craig Stolsonburg**

The Commissioners had a planning meeting in January. They are trying to move to have all the courts into the same building. Things are being rearranged. The drug court, MSU Extension and the Community Room will be in the old library. They hope to have a plan for the courthouse by the end of the year.

The Commission is moving ahead trying to pay down debt.

The Farm Land Preservation Act needs to be updated. A special meeting will be held to hammer out whether or not "Open Space" should be included in this.

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Year-end TTES totals

Next Year's Fire Contract

New legislation on Fireworks  
discussion

**BARRY COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER'S  
REPORT: Craig  
Stolsonburg**

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** by John Jerkatis

Jerkatis apologized for being tardy this evening.

Motion by M. Cook, with support by McCrumb to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Approved by all. MOTION CARRIED.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** Al McCrumb

- Water Report: Only A. McCrumb and one other supervisor were present at the last meeting. No meeting could be held. No quorum. GLASWA was down in hours this past month (45.5 hours).
- Street Light- Great Lakes Energy quoted an \$800 minimum for a street light at the intersection of Bowens Mill and Patterson Roads. Discussion occurred regarding getting a confirmation as not to exceed a maximum price rather than a minimum quote, and a more specific quote was requested, such as the type of light – mercury vapor, etc.

Motion by J. Lippert with support from M. Cook to contact Great Lakes Energy to obtain a proposal for the cost on a street light. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

- Correspondence: Received from Barry County Central Dispatch.
- Proposal for Cell Site Lease: A proposal for \$126,000 was received from Unison to take over cell leasing on the water tower. Currently, the township receives \$1,500 a month for this. The township attorney did not see that it would be in the Township's best interest to pursue this offer. Schwennesen pointed out that the deadline for this offer, Feb. 2, had already passed.
- Letter from Don DeVries of Fleis & VandenBrink regarding the changing existing restrooms into barrier free. The capacity of the hall would go from 150 to 130. The cost would be equal to changing the present storage area into a barrier free restroom. Discussion occurred regarding the cost that has already gone into previous drawings and then additional cost to switch to the storage area, or the kitchen area for ADA restrooms.

Shane VandenBerg added that there is also a cost for the process of discovery. There could be extensive concrete and chipping necessary, for example. This type of thing is in addition to the contract price. VandenBerg commented that companies make their profit on extras.

Mark Englerth feels that the board has talked this issue to death. Englerth commented that there are lots of buildings within townships, counties, and the state that do not meet code. Englerth feels that it doesn't make sense to continue to put money into this building.

- Request from Gun Lake Protective Association- Jim Riehl has requested that Yankee Springs Township sponsor with Barry County for additional patrol on Gun Lake this summer.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
None

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer's Report approved

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**  
Al McCrumb

Motion to obtain a quote for street light at Bowens Mill and Patterson Rd. intersection. Motion Carried.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Al McCrumb – con'td**

- GLPA cannot contract directly with Barry County Sheriff Patrol. Yankee Springs would serve as a go-between. Liability of the township is a concern of A. McCrumb. McCrumb is currently waiting for more information regarding this from the Village of Middleville and Barry County. Jim Riehl could not attend the meeting tonight due to a family illness (out-of-town). Mr. Riehl wishes to be at next month's meeting to discuss this matter. Discussion occurred regarding the need for extra patrol. Clerk Lippert commented that 23 % of Gun Lake waters are within Orangeville Township. The largest entity of Gun Lake being Yankee Springs Township. That perhaps this should be a intergovernmental agreement contract with all the Townships of Gun Lake.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** by Robert Lippert

**January SPR's:** (1) House addition

**Planning Commission:** The PC met on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Accessory building size was discussed. The PC is trying to develop more equitable standards. Fireworks, the sign ordinance, and Article XII will be under Old Business on next month's agenda.

Five members attended a workshop on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Two members also attended a "Webinar" on Planning Commission tool kits.

**The Joint Meeting of the Planning Commission, ZBA and Board of Trustees** was held on February 1, 2012. Clerk will be distributing these minutes later this month.

**ZBA** - a meeting was held January 10<sup>th</sup> dealing with a setback request for a garage. This setback involved the taking down of a non-conforming fence. Water run-off was considered as well.

**Complaints:** No complaints for January

**McKenna Billing-** Motion by M. Cook with support from Schwennesen to pay McKenna billing of January, inv. #98072 for the amount of \$945.00 and forward to the Planning Commission for their information. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Jerkatis questioned the intent to send the McKenna bill on to the PC, because he feels the PC is more responsible for the services. Cook stated Board must approve all bills, PC then has the opportunity to review and reconcile.

**FEMA** - Additional LOMA's came through this past month.

- The current total of Letter of Map Amendments is:  
**267 LOMA's of 465.** (57% margin of error).

**BREAK: 8:14 P.M.**

**RESUME: 8:25 P.M.**

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**  
**Al McCrumb – con'td**

**ZONING**  
**ADMINISTRATOR'S**  
**REPORT:** by Robert Lippert

**Motion to approve McKenna January billing. Motion Carried.**

**BREAK**

**CLERK'S REPORT:** by J. Lippert

Clerk Lippert fielded any questions and explained any items relating to accounts payable checks presented.

Motion by M. Cook with support from Schwennesen to approve payroll checks #4490-4510 1/31/12 for the amount of \$11,524.62. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by M. Cook with support from J. Lippert to approve accounts payable checks #911396-911423 for the total amount of \$24,038.95. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Budget Work Session Folders: were distributed to board members. J. Lippert asked board members to please keep the gray folders with them and bring them to the next meeting.

Printer Request for both Precincts: Clerk reported the current township printers (that are in storage ) are considered to be out-of-date for the new equipment received from the Bureau of Elections (Electronic Poll Books). New printers will be needed for the upcoming election. Driver licenses will be swiped into the EPB, ballot will be issued to the voter. At this election we will also have a back up as well (the old way) poll book.

Motion by M. Cook with support from J. Lippert to allow up to \$500 for printers for Precincts #1 and #2. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Special Meeting of the Election Commission of Yankee Springs Township: This meeting will occur immediately after tonight's meeting in order to appoint and approve election inspectors for the upcoming election on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. This information will then be sent on to the Democratic and Republican Chairmen of Barry County and the Barry County Clerk.

**OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Alice Jansma** mentioned that she and Greg Purcell will be meeting with the Superintendent of Wayland Schools about the library problem. A. Jansma also spoke with John Lohrstorfer at the Joint Meeting. Lohrstorfer commented that a survey could be taken of people that live in the Wayland School District, and are Yankee Springs residents. M. Cook thanked A. Jansma and G. Purcell for their efforts in this situation.

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:**

**J. Lippert** introduced for adoption Resolution #02-09-2012. **This resolution is to expand Yankee Springs Township facilities.**

\*\*RESOLUTION #02-09-2012 is attached to these minutes \*\*

Some of the items mentioned in the resolution follows:

**Since 1972, certain aspects have deteriorated in the Township facility. Space for document storage and community equipment is needed. There is a conspicuous deficiency in meeting standards of building code.**

**Accounts Payroll & Payables approved.**

**Motion to allow up to \$500 printers for Precincts #1 & #2. Motion Carried.**

**OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Old Business/New Business:**

**Resolution Re: Township Facilities introduced**

(Old Business/New Business Cont'd) (Res. 02-09-12)

Discussion occurred regarding: the need for a resolution to take care of the township facilities, the committee to improve the facilities is over two years old, what plan will be acted upon if the resolution is passed.

The definition of a resolution being a statement of policy and not final action. The resolution being an intent to move forward.

Motion by J. Lippert with support from McCrumb to adopt Resolution #02-09-2012 to move forward with plans to expand Yankee Springs Township facilities. ROLL CALL: McCrumb: Yes. M. Cook: No. J. Lippert: Yes. Schwennesen: Yes. Jerkatis: No. MOTION CARRIED. Yes: 3. No: 2. Supervisor declared the Res. 02-09-12 approved.

Further discussion involved the information that the Facility Improvements Committee's meetings are public meetings and are posted. Fran Faverman asked to receive email notification of these meetings. It was noted that these meetings are posted on the township's website.

**Shane Vandenberg** asked if the resolution specified going forward with the last or most recent set of plans. It was confirmed that the resolution was not to go forward with a specific set of plans, but just to move forward. **Mark Englerth** suggested that a day should be chosen to hold a meeting because a regular board meeting is not the place, and does not allow enough time to cover this situation. Englerth suggested making a commitment to meet every week. **David Middleton** and **Cathy Strickland** volunteered to be on the committee. Shane Vandenberg commented that he didn't think it was reasonable to have a husband and wife on the same committee when voting. Ten people were listed as being on the committee. Further discussion occurred in which some members mentioned that two out of ten committee members wouldn't sway the vote.

**Fran Faverman** mentioned that state law allows for a process to file a complaint regarding husband/wife teams but only if they are involved in certain specified financial duties of a township.

**Alice Jansma** mentioned that another budget meeting date should be set. Also, A. Jansma inquired regarding the auditor presenting the audit again as he did last year.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by J. Lippert with support from M. Cook to adjourn at 9:25 PM. Approved by all.

Respectfully submitted:  
D. Mousseau  
Recording Secretary 2-11-12

Approved Date: February 16, 2012  
Janice C. Lippert, Township Clerk

**Motion to adopt Res. #02-09-2012 to expand facilities of Yankee Springs. Motion Carried.**

**Adjournment**

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