

**YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Work Session Meeting

Wednesday, July 23, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Yankee Springs Township Hall
284 North Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333

MINUTES

FINAL MINUTES
Approved March 18, 2015
As presented

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Supervisor Mark Englerth.

Roll Call: Jerkatis, Englerth, Rottschafer. Absent with Notice: Lippert & Campbell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Staff Present: Frank Fiala.

Visitors: 3 (not including staff present).

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA:

- No additions to the agenda.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS:

Valerie Byrnes of Barry County, Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Alliance- commented on the Middleville Tool & Die project. V. Byrnes commented that she has been working with the company and the state on opportunities to create some potential incentives. The project is on a pretty fast track at this point, as construction will hopefully occur within the near future. As this occurs, Byrnes will be coming back to the township to consider how the local municipality can support the project. This support is not financial support, but in a way of support such as tax abatement, which is a common type incentive that a township is involved in. Byrnes wanted to give the board a heads up that this is all coming along very quickly. Byrnes will be communicating with Englerth with requests for possible meetings or getting on the agenda regarding this matter. Treasurer Jerkatis inquired as to what kind of tax abatement would be involved. Discussion occurred. Middleville T & D will be coming to the board with more detailed information at the appropriate time.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF VISITORS:**

**Valerie Byrnes of Barry
County, Chamber of
Commerce & Economic
Development Alliance**

V. Byrnes also mentioned a recent Trails Meeting held, July 17, 2014 at the Fire Station with representatives from MDOT, Barry County Road Commission, KATS (Kalamazoo Area Transportation Services), State Parks & Recreation Division (DNR), Barry Community Foundation as well as YS Board members. Byrnes gave a summary of the meeting and mentioned that the committee will possibly come together in August and talk more in depth about funding sources, as well as getting some information/resources in line to have someone assist the group with the planning document to develop what that plan looks like. Then the next step would be to have the community involved and determine what the community wants. Jerkatis mentioned that a group usually produces a concept and engineers get involved. Discussion occurred.

APPROVAL OF CORRECTED MINUTES: Tabled

Motion by Jerkatis with support from Rottschafer to table approval of corrected minutes of June 17, 2014 and June 25, 2014 until next Regular meeting of Bd. Of Trustees. All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE: Frank Fiala

- Frank Fiala commented on the recent PC meeting of 7/17/14.
- A fair amount of activity is going on at Whispering Pines at this point. Complaints were heard from neighbors of WP at the recent meeting.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL UPDATE: Mike Cunningham

- Mike Cunningham would like people to talk up the Veteran's Memorial and talk to neighbors about fundraising that is being done for the Memorial.
- Jim Orr has resigned from being Chairman of the committee. J. Orr is willing to help as a volunteer. The committee is now looking for a Chairman.

CLERK'S REPORT: Read by Mark Englerth, Supervisor

- Accounts Payable- Posting – June 30, 2014
- Primary Election will be held August 5th, 2014

SUPERVISOR UPDATE: Mark Englerth

- Work continues on the Cuddy Drain and Parks.
- Generator is up and going 24/7 at the Fire Station. Kevin Erb (electrician) is working with Pat Jansens and going through the programming and maintenance of the generator with P. Jansens.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

John Jerkatis commented on Expenses for advertising of \$190.00 for the Memorial Day Program at the Fire Station. This will be brought up at the next regularly Board meeting for discussion: Should the \$190.00 be taken from the Veteran's Mem. Fund or General fund?

Jerkatis also commented on going to just one regular Board of Trustees meeting per month instead of having the extra monthly work session meeting as well. Jerkatis commented the public (YS Township) is used to coming to the Township's Regular meetings, not Special Work session Meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Jerkatis with support from Rottschafer to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Approved by all. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted:
Deb Mousseau
Recording Secretary 7/26/14

Date: _____
Approved : _____
Janice C. Lippert, Township Clerk

Final Approval of Minutes: March 18, 2015

APPROVAL OF CORRECTED MINUTES: Tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE: Frank Fiala

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

UPDATE: Mike Cunningham

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