



THOMAS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
April 6, 2015
7:00 o'clock p.m.

1. The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Weise.
2. PRESENT: Weise, Weber, Brosofski, Ryder-Petre, Radewahn, Thayer and Thompson.

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Township Manager, Russ Taylor; Fire Chief, Mike Cousins; Finance Director, Deidre Frollo; Director of Community Development, Dan Sika; Township; Parks and Recreation Director, John Corriveau; Police Chief, Steve Kocsis; Deputy Clerk, Betsy Wietfeldt; Township Attorney, Otto Brandt and 14 interested parties.

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. Motion was made by Brosofski, seconded by Thompson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA
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April 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Board Minutes March 2, 2015.
 - B. Approval of Expenditures.
 - C. Receive and acknowledge the resignation of David Grimsley from the Fire Department.
 - D. Approve the promotion of Tim Woodcock to Fire Fighter from probationary status.
 - E. Approve the hiring of Nathan Wachowicz as probationary Fire Fighters.
 - F. Approve the hiring of Brandon Felton as probationary Fire Fighters.
 - G. Approve the appointment of Steve Witt to the Compensation Commission.
 - H. Accept and acknowledge the retirement of Sargent Gary Breidinger from the Police Department.
6. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments
It is requested that you state your name and address for the record.
7. Public Hearing
 - A. None
8. Unfinished Business
 - A. None
9. New Business
 - A. Award the bid for the North Thomas Road Sidewalks to Tri Valley Landscaping in the amount of \$92,320.80.
 - B. Approve an agreement to allow sidewalk construction costs to be added to a homeowner's winter tax bill for five consecutive years.

- C. Approve Resolution 15-09 the Investment/Withdrawal Authorization Resolution for the fiscal year 2015/2016.
 - D. Approve the lease to farm parcel 28-12-4-30-2001-000 for the summer of 2015.
 - E. Approve Resolution 15-10 in support of the Illicit Discharge Elimination Procedures required as a condition of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, issued by the State of Michigan.
 - F. Approve Resolution 15-11 in support of the Public Education Plan as a condition of the MS4 NPDES Permit.
 - G. Approve the contract with Spicer Group in the amount of \$8,700 to review and update our Master Plan.
 - H. Approve the Water and Sewer Agreement for Loggers Brewery, located at 1215 South River Road.
 - I. Approve the sanitary sewer connection residential equivalence unit (REU) as proposed for developed for Breweries.
 - J. Approve the 2015 Agreement for Services with Saginaw Future Inc in the amount of \$6,000.
10. Reports
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| A. Supervisor | D. Manager | H. Fire Dept. |
| B. Clerk | E. Community Development | I. Police Dept |
| C. Treasurer | F. DPW | J. Parks & Recreation |
| | G. Finance | K. Board Members |
11. Executive Session
- A. None
12. Adjournment
5. It was moved by Radewahn, seconded by Weber to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- A. Approval of Township Board Minutes from the regular meeting 03/02/2015
 - B. Expenditures consisting of;

General Fund	\$244,809.28
Public Safety-Fire Department	33,534.25
Fire Apparatus	0.00
Public Safety-Police Department	26,718.80
Public Safety-Drug Law Enforcement	0.00
Downtown Development Authority	9,067.88
Parks	47,839.75
Parks Capital Improvement Fund	0.00
Road Revolving Fund	17,521.62
HSC Grant Administration	0.00
Sewer Fund	114,409.61
Water Fund	311,089.15
Municipal Refuse	61,391.90
Tax	4,096,489.28
 - C. Receive and acknowledge the resignation of David Grimsley from the Fire Department
 - D. Approve the promotion of Tim Woodcock to Fire Fighter from probationary status.
 - E. Approve the hiring of Nathan Wachowicz as probationary Fire Fighter.
 - F. Approve the hiring of Brandon Felton as probationary Fire Fighter.
 - G. Approve the appointment of Steve Witt to the Compensation Commission.
 - H. Receive and acknowledge the retirement of Sargent Gary Breidinger from the Police Department.
6. Communications-Petitions-Citizen Comments:
- 1. Greg Chauvette – 3326 North Thomas Road

- What type of data or support do you have that shows the need for a sidewalk in this area
 - Why put the sidewalk on the east side of the road
 - Originally he was told there were 12 homeowners with sidewalk agreements, now it's down to 10, why
 - Was told the only reason they are putting them on the east side is because there are more homeowners with sidewalk agreements.
 - There are 134 homes in subdivisions off of this stretch of road, why don't they have to help in the cost
 - There are 84 homes in subs on the west side and 50 homes in subs on the east side of Thomas Road, don't you think it makes more sense to put it on the west side
 - Concerned that the sidewalks will have issues with frost heave like the roads
 - Sidewalks don't go anywhere
 - Rest of sidewalks will be put in by the general fund, don't we all pay into the general fund, aren't we being double taxed
 - How long can these be spread on taxes and at what rate
 - Why not include new buyers in this agreement instead of just new builds
 - Talked about sidewalk plans and placement
2. Sue Brietzke – 3750 North Thomas Road
- She signed sidewalk agreement
 - Was told by Nancy that each homeowner will be responsible for putting in the sidewalks, so why isn't everyone assessed evenly
 - How did they decide to put the sidewalks there, and why
3. Dean Rusch – 3550 North Thomas Road
- Who will be responsible for maintaining the sidewalk in front of his farm property
4. Dave Filion – 3394 North Thomas Road
- Purchased his home/was aware of the sidewalk agreement
 - Thought everyone who bought a home was subject to the same requirement. Why put the burden on just the new homes
5. Gary Halm – 3256 North Thomas Road
- What is the purpose of the sidewalk, what's it even for
 - Road is deteriorating, and putting sidewalks down will create more of a hazard to the people walking, as cars/trucks hit the two humps near the county drain and they lose trailers and things they are hauling
 - Where is sidewalk going to go it just stops
 - Frost and Thomas a dangerous intersection, why would we want anyone crossing that road
 - Put sidewalks in town, not in the country
6. Greg Chauvette – 3326 North Thomas Road
- If this is for safety reasons, you need to look at the speed the cars are traveling. 45 mph is too fast.
7. Jeff Halm – 3470 North Thomas Road
- In front of his home he has two culverts that he had to put in, however, the county never dug a ditch so when it rains, he has 2 ½ feet of water in his yard because there is nowhere for the water to go

- Who's going to maintain those flooded sidewalks
 - Has called to County numerous times and no one calls him back
8. Grant Welton – 3596 North Thomas
- Safety aspect? Where is the safety in this when the people have to cross Frost Road to get to the other sidewalks
 - Who gets sued when someone falls and gets hurt on these sidewalks
 - There are better places to put sidewalks than out on Thomas Road.
7. Public Hearing
- A. None.
8. Old Business
- A. None
9. New Business:
- A. It was moved by Weber, seconded by Thompson to TABLE the bid for the North Thomas Road sidewalks to Tri Valley Landscaping in the amount of \$92,320.80. Thompson stated we need to look at spreading the costs over more people; Radewahn asked what type of an increase would we incur if the work is not done at this time.
- B. It was moved by Brosowski seconded by Thayer to allow sidewalk construction costs to be added to a homeowner's winter tax bill for five consecutive years at the prime interest rate.
- C. It was moved by Ryder-Petre, seconded by Thompson to approve Resolution 15-09 the Investment/Withdrawal Authorization Resolution for fiscal year 2015/2016.
- Roll Call:
Ayes: Thompson, Ryder-Petre, Thayer, Weise, Weber, Brosowski, Radewahn
Absent: None
Nays: None
Abstain: None
- D. It was moved by Thayer, seconded by Thompson to approve the lease to farm parcel 28-12-3-4-30-2001-000, for the summer of 2015.
- E. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Brosowski to approve Resolution 15-10 in support of the Illicit Discharge elimination Procedures required as a condition of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).
- Roll Call:
Ayes: Thompson, Ryder-Petre, Thayer, Weise, Weber, Brosowski, Radewahn
Absent: None
Nays: None
Abstain: None
- F. It was moved by Weber, seconded by Radewahn to approve the Resolution 15-11 in support of the Public Education Plan as a condition of the MS4 NPDES Permit.
- Roll Call:
Ayes: Thompson, Ryder-Petre, Thayer, Weise, Weber, Brosowski, Radewahn
Absent: None
Nays: None
Abstain: None
- G. It was moved by Ryder-Petre, seconded by Thayer to approve the contract with Spicer Group in the amount of \$8,700 to review and update our Master Plan. Motion carried unanimously.
- H. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Radewahn to approve the Water and Sewer Agreements for Loggers Brewery, located at 1215 South River Road. Motion carried unanimously.

- I. It was moved by Thayer, seconded by Radewahn to approve the sanitary sewer connection residential equivalence unit (REU) as developed for Breweries. Motion carried unanimously.
- J. It was moved by Weber, seconded by Thompson to approve the 2015 Agreement for Services with Saginaw Future Inc. in the amount of \$6,000.
- 10. Report of Officers and Staff:
 - A. Supervisor's Report - none
 - B. Clerk's Report – May 5th Special State Election.
 - C. Treasurer's Report – none
 - D. Manager's Report; Terry Road Information Road Repair meeting at 6:30 on 04/07/2015.
 - E. Receive and file Community Development Reports.
 - F. Receive and file the DPW Reports.
 - G. Receive and file Finance Departments Reports.
 - H. Receive and file Fire Departments Report.
 - I. Receive and file Police Departments Reports.
 - J. Receive and file Parks and Recreations Reports.
 - K. Board Member Reports – Thompson asked about Logger Brewing Co and what they will be doing with the spent grain after the brewing process, Rick Hopper says it gets used for animal feed.
- 11. Executive Session:
 - A. None
- 12. It was moved by Brosowski, seconded by Ryder-Petre to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Edward Brosowski, Clerk

Dated