

Supervisor Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Ganges Township Hall located at the corner of 119th Ave. and 64th St. Board members present by roll call attendance: Reimink, Hutchins, Hebert, Yonkers, Gooding.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the agenda dated 2/10/15 as presented with the addition of item 12.B. Crane's Winery request for an Outdoor Entertainment permit. Motion carried.

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, provided an update on suggested projects for the old jail property, the West Side County Park appropriation and the retirement of Under Sheriff Hall and promotion of Frank Baker to the Under Sheriff position.

Correspondence -

Neil VanLeeuwen, 6751 119th Ave 1/19/15 Questions regarding minutes, Board of Review and Plan Comm

Public Comments – None

Gooding moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 1/13/15 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 1/31/15 as follows:

General Fund	\$243,125.46
Road Fund	144,234.68
Ambulance Fund	32,804.76
Fire Fund	121,522.08
First Responders Checking	15,798.99
 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	 \$ 557,485.97

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to accept the Treasurer=s report as presented. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 2/10/15 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$37,959.37; Fire Fund - \$5,203.81; First Responder Fund - \$1,490.21; Ambulance Fund - \$1,247.53. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Gooding seconded, to approve the invoice from John Hoffman for Continuing Education for \$220.00. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, submitted a written report of 28 runs for the First Responder Unit in January due to the number of weather related accidents.

Yonkers moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the proposal from National Hose Testing Specialties, Inc. for hose and ladder testing dated 1/5/15 as presented. Motion carried.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, reported 2 burials for the month and stated a lot of snowplowing had to be done at Taylor Cemetery for the burials.

Barry Gooding reported the Plan. Comm. met on 1/27/15 and elected the officers for 2015: Chairman Jackie DeZwaan, Vice-Chair Roy Newman, Secretary Phil Badra, same as 2014. The 2/24 meeting has been cancelled for lack of business and the 3/24/15 meeting will be to address the Special Use permit violations for Cruz Medrano.

Gooding reported the Transfer Station may not need to purchase a scale since all seems to be going well without it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS –

Hebert moved, Gooding seconded, to adopt Ordinance #53 – Consumers Energy Company electric Franchise Ordinance as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Gooding – yes; Yonkers – yes; Reimink – yes; Hutchins – yes; Hebert – yes (5/0).

Yonkers moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the Outdoor Entertainment permit for 2015 for Crane's Winery per their request. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Yonkers seconded, to approve the Ganges Township Poverty Exemption Guidelines as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Karen Duffin, 6491 118th Ave, inquired about the ability to have a “tiny home” in Ganges Township by lowering the minimum square footage requirements in the zoning ordinance since this is a trend in some areas. She also asked what could be done about the number of vacant homes in the township.

Gooding moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk