

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

Due to a large audience turnout interested in discussing the 121<sup>st</sup> Avenue Street End, Hebert suggested moving Item II.C to the beginning of the meeting after Item 6. Public Comments, and adding a New Business item 11.C. Planning Commission Chairman resignation.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to accept the agenda with the changes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

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| Susan Pierson, 6944 Lakeshore Ct            | 6/14/05 | Plan Comm letter regarding Community Septics |
| Bill Nelson, Allegan County Road Comm       | 6/23/05 | Sign at 121 <sup>st</sup> Avenue street end  |
| Phil Badra, 2230 Lakeshore Dr               | 7/01/05 | Lake Michigan Frontage ordinance amendment   |
| Neil VanLeeuwen, 6751 119 <sup>th</sup> Ave | email   | Contracted Enforcement Official concerns     |

**Public Comments:**

Supervisor Hebert opened the meeting for public comments, all 40 of which involved the 121<sup>st</sup> Avenue street end and the Allegan County Road Commission's recent installation of a sign that prohibits stopping, sitting, or using the beach but allows crossing the beach to reach the water. Hebert explained that the township does not have jurisdiction in this matter since Ganges does not own or control the road right of way but we can make suggestions/recommendations to the Road Commission. This is an issue the public needs to take to the Allegan County Road Commission. Hebert ended the Public Comment section at 8:13 PM and recessed the meeting.

Hebert called the meeting back to order at 8:22 PM.

Hebert will send a letter to the Allegan County Road Commission requesting the Commission hold a special public meeting to discuss the 121<sup>st</sup> Avenue street end. The Ganges Township Board's position is that we would like to see the beach utilized in some way if possible that would be equitable for all.

Looman moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 06/14/05 as presented. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approved the Special Meeting minutes of 06/30/05 with heading date correction and clarification of the Planning Commission Recording Secretary payment for approved minutes. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 06/30/05 as follows:

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| General Fund              | \$386,109.96       |
| Road Fund                 | 421,501.96         |
| Ambulance Fund            | 97,031.25          |
| Fire Fund Checking        | 216,317.25         |
| First Responders Checking | 6,709.36           |
| Building Admin.           | 28,787.02          |
| <br>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS  | <br>\$1,156,456.80 |

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to accept the Treasurer=s report as presented. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 07/12/04 as presented by the Clerk from the following funds: General Fund - \$79.68; Fire Fund - \$816.88; First Responder Fund - \$309.79; Road Fund - \$10,000.00. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Fire Chief Compton was absent. Hebert reported the Fire Department completed the ISO testing and results have been sent in. Ken Zecklin, Safety Officer, reported several roads along Lake Michigan are near impassable. The Board discussed sending a notification letter to the property owners to let them know their EMS protection is in danger if the roads aren't accessible. Hebert will contact attorney for proposed wording.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Officer, reported 8 runs for the month with things quiet so far this month.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee did not meet.

The Assessor, Doug Darling, was absent. Hebert reported the Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, 07/19/05 at 7:00 PM.

Paul Shamblin, Zoning Administrator, was absent but submitted a written report to the Board regarding current violations.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report.

Ken Sargent, Cemetery Sexton, was absent. Yonkers reported no concerns at this time.

Scott Bruursema, Planning Commission Chair, submitted a written report.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported the Committee will meet on 7/14/05 at the Clyde Township Hall. Bernie McLeod, Transfer Station Manager, reported the recycling bin is working well and asked to continue the program.

Yonkers moved, Hutchins seconded, to retain DeYoung Refuse Services for dumpster service at the Transfer Station. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Hebert seconded, to continue the recycling program at the Transfer Station at an approximate cost of \$80.00 per dumpster per township. Motion carried.

Marge Shelden, Library representative, presented a written and oral report on the Library's progress and asked any old letters, memorabilia, correspondence be donated to the Genealogy Room.

Dave Babbitt, County Commissioner, was absent.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Board agreed to keep the older riding lawn mower owned by the township to be used by the Fire Department for Station 1. Yonkers will put request for bid ads in the surrounding papers during the weeks of 07/18 and 07/25 with bids due back 08/03.

Hebert reported the first Public Hearing for the Hutchins Lake Special Assessment District is tentatively scheduled for 8/19/05 at the Clyde Township Hall. Notification will be by mail to those involved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Hebert announced the Allegan County Health Department is conducting water tests at Pier Cove and the results are available on-line through their website, [www.allegancounty.org](http://www.allegancounty.org).

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to accept the resignation of Scott Bruursema from the Planning Commission with regret effective 7/12/05. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jane VanDenBerg, 1910 Lakeshore, asked about winter Board of Review mailing timeframes. Not enough time to have it forwarded and return it. Hebert will check with the Assessor to see if a fax number can be included on the Assessment Notice.

Diana Decker, Saugatuck, asked the status of the Peter Smith dangerous building violation on 64<sup>th</sup> St. Hebert informed her the building was removed a while ago.

Theresa Wiley, 6633 121<sup>st</sup> Ave, is concerned with the adoption of an anti-funneling ordinance amendment since surrounding townships don't all have them, and also inquired about the status of the Township's workers compensation insurance.

John Tilton, 2060 Lake Michigan Dr, asked the township to have the Road Commission change the lock on the gate at 121<sup>st</sup> Ave and only issue keys to those who need it. He feels some private individuals have keys to the current lock.

Jackie Dezwaan, 2259 68<sup>th</sup> St, asked why copies were not available of the Zoning Administrator's report. Yonkers stated that the report provided to the Board only involved a couple of items with litigation concerns.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk