

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: Yonkers, Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins, and Gooding.

Reimink moved, Yonkers seconded, to accept the agenda dated 5/10/11 as presented with the removal of Item 10.A. Additional File Cabinets and the addition of Item 11.G. – Fenn Valley Outdoor Entertainment permit request. Motion carried.

Correspondence -

Bob Maes, Bay Shores Land Company 5/5/11 Request for resurfacing Creekwood road

Public Comments - None

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 4/12/11 as presented with date correction for the Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 4/30/11 as follows:

General Fund	\$303,422.76
Road Fund	12,516.52
Ambulance Fund	30,930.18
Fire Fund	103,063.59
First Responders Checking	52,095.72
Building Admin.	25,487.27
 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	 \$ 527,516.04

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Gooding seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 5/10/11 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$16,441.23; Fire Fund - \$2,685.45; First Responder Fund - \$2,003.81; Building Admin. Fund - \$1,458.20; Ambulance Fund - \$1,081.80. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton was absent – no report..

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, submitted a written report of 8 runs for April. Continuing Education classes are finished until fall.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report of 9 permits issued, 16 inspections performed and no land divisions. Al also provided an update on the Dangerous Building citation issued for the Williams house on 120th Ave near 66th St. Notice will be sent to Williams to appear before the Township.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, reported 5 burials for the month, the weekly Township property inspections were completed, and the Veteran flags have been put up in the Cemeteries.

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to approve the bid from Lakeshore Tree Service, Holland, to remove the large pine tree at Plummerville Cemetery and grind 4 stumps at a cost of \$1,675.00. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to repurchase Plummerville Cemetery, Zone 7, Lot 41, Positions 1, 2, 3 and 4, and Zone 7, Lot 42, Positions 1, 2 and 3 from Jack & Betty Schmidt, Douglas, MI for the original purchase price of \$700.00. Motion carried.

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, was absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to accept the resignation of Barry Gooding, 2236 68th St., from the Zoning Board of Appeals due to his recent appointment to Board Trustee. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to appoint Roy Newman, Planning Commissioner, to the ZBA, term expiring 2/22/14. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to adopt the resolution to approve the transfer of the 2010 Tavern License from Glenwood Family Restaurant & Motel, L.L.C. to Rapa Development, L.L.C. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins – yes, Reimink – yes, Yonkers – yes; Gooding – yes; Hebert – yes (5/0).

The Planning Commission is reviewing the new Zoning Ordinance and found a conflict between Ordinance 8 – Flood Damage Prevention and the Black River Watershed Overlay District included in the Zoning Ordinance. The Board is in agreement to have expanded language included in the Zoning Ordinance and repeal Ordinance #8.

Yonkers moved, Gooding seconded, to approve the (2) requests for Outdoor Entertainment permits from Fenn Valley Vineyards and Wine Cellar, for Fenn Valley Wine Fest on June 25th and Blues in the Vineyard on August 13th per the conditions on the requests. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Allegan County Road Commission will close Lakeshore Drive at Pier Cove from 5/16 – 5/27 to replace the drain tiles and rebuild the road base.

Hebert reported Ganges Township has been dismissed from the Martinson litigation

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Phil Badra, 2230 70th St, asked if the Board was going to approve a resolution to allow spirits (hard liquor) to be served in the Township. The Board has received a draft resolution to consider.

Jane Vandenberg, 1910 Lakeshore Dr, asked if the Symons building on 118th Avenue has been looked into as a dangerous building.

Jim Birkes, 2344 70th St, supports a Spirits resolution and would like to see the Board adopt one. He also stated the purpose of the Black River Watershed section in the zoning ordinance was to create an overlay district.

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Clerk
Ganges Township