

**GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2004**

FINAL APPROVED

Supervisor Petek 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: Petek, Yonkers, Reimink, Looman, Hutchins. Absent: None.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to accept the agenda as presented, with the addition of item 10F - DEQ Request for Voluntary Access on Lakeshore Dr. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented as follows:

Bruce LaBrie, Allegan County Road Comm. 09/13/04 Follow up on intersection visibility concerns

Public Comments: None

Petek moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes of 09/14/04 as presented by the Clerk, with the deletion of paragraph at top of Page 2 (carryover from previous minutes), correction under Fire Dept. report to reflect that Chief Compton was absent and Ken Zecklin, Safety Officer gave the report. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 09/30/04 as follows:

General Fund	\$363,107.11
Road Fund	223,659.42
Ambulance Fund	89,615.66
Fire Fund Checking	206,948.14
First Responders Checking	22,744.06
Building Admin.	32,049.23
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 938,123.62

Reimink moved, Yonkers seconded, to transfer \$45,000 from the Ambulance to the First Responder Fund for the purchase of the 2005 Ford truck chassis for the First Responder vehicle and operating expenses. Motion carried.

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

Hutchins moved, Petek seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 10/12/04 as presented by the Clerk from the following funds: General Fund - \$12,761.08; Fire Fund - \$9,303.93; First Responder Fund - \$39,700.50; Building Administration Fund - \$3,296.44; Ambulance Fund - \$791.65; Road Fund - \$11,775.26. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Compton reported 2 PI=s for the month and the ISO test is scheduled for this coming Saturday, with 3 trucks participating from 3 other Fire Departments for the fill/dump tests. The new chassis for the First Responder Unit is at Spencer Manufacturing for the installation of the existing body. New hubcaps and fenderettes will be needed for the vehicle.

Petek moved, Hutchins seconded, to purchase a set of hubcaps at a cost of \$378.00 and 2 fenderettes at a cost of \$270, for Truck 21. Motion carried.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Officer, was absent but submitted a monthly report of 11 runs. The First Responder training is scheduled to begin on 10/19/04 with 4 people participating.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee did not have a meeting.

The Assessor, Doug Darling, was absent.

Al Ellingsen, Zoning Administrator, submitted a written report of 10 permits issued for a valuation of \$729,000 and fees collected of \$2,613.50. The Hernandez trial was heard on 10/06/04 with the Judge allowing 60 days for clean up or the fine will be ordered to be paid.

Ken Sargent, Cemetery Sexton, was absent.

Don Karaus, Planning Commission Chairperson, was absent. Looman reported the Land Use Plan is being updated but the committee is waiting for maps and Census 2000 data.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported the committee will meet on 10/14/04.

Marge Shelden, Library representative, provided an overview of the Library=s activities.

Dave Babbitt, County Commissioner, was absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Soltysiaks vs. Ganges Township - no additional information available.

Hutson & Matsock Property Donation - Quit Claim deeds have been sent. Mr. Matsock wants clarification/inclusion of his use of the property to drive his ATV to the beach.

Compton has detailed specifications for the Brush Jeep to be purchased. The Fire Department will prepare a set of specs to be sent to multiple parties for bids.

Reimink reported she followed through with the trailer tax rate of \$3.00/month (\$36.00/year) for the 63 trailers at the trailer park on Lakeshore Drive. The bill has been paid.

NEW BUSINESS

All articles for the 2005 Winter Newsletter are to be turned in by 10/29/04. Yonkers will provide a draft of the newsletter in the November meeting information.

Petek moved, Yonkers seconded, to authorize employee Douglas Compton, 1229 68th St, to use his vehicle and/or equipment to snow plow Fire Station 1, located on 114th Ave. in Glenn. In the event that Mr. Compton is unable to snow plow at any time, employee Ed Reimink, 6438 119th Ave, will be granted authorization to use his vehicle and/or equipment to snow plow Fire Station 1 at Mr. Compton=s discretion. Motion carried.

Petek moved, Hutchins seconded, to authorize employee Ed Reimink, 6438 119th Ave, to use his vehicle and/or equipment to snow plow Fire Station 2, located on 62nd Street, and the Ganges Township Hall, located on the corner of 64th St & 119th Ave. In the event that Mr. Reimink is unable to snow plow at any time, employee Douglas Compton, 1229 68th St, will be granted authorization to use his vehicle and/or equipment to snow plow Fire Station 2 and the Ganges Township Hall. Motion carried.

Petek provided the Board with MTA=s sample Purchasing & Bid Policy for future review. Yonkers will provide the Board with the Credit Card resolution adopted in the past.

Petek moved, Reimink seconded, to authorize the Clerk and Treasurer to pay normal utility bills upon receipt without further Board approval, however those bills paid must be on the List of Bills the following month for Board review. Motion carried.

Petek moved, Looman seconded, to grant the DEQ, Kalamazoo District office, access to the property and road right-of-way along 70th Street/Lakeshore Dr. in Ganges Township, Allegan County, as stated in the letter of 10/06/04 received from the DEQ. Motion carried.

Yonkers announced the 2003/2004 Fiscal Year audit is scheduled for Friday, 10/22/04 at 2:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

Petek adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk