

Supervisor Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Ganges Township Fire Station on 114th Avenue. The meeting location was changed due to the remodeling at the Township Hall. Board members present by roll call attendance: Looman, Yonkers, Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to accept the agenda dated 02/14/06 as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Clifford Bloom, Law Weathers & Richardson	01/16/06	Regarding Bruckelmeyer proposed private road
Ronald Vander Veen, Cunningham Dalman PC	02/08/06	Comments regarding Diana Decker
Michael O'Connor, 6635 118 th Ave.	02/10/06	Opposition to Zoning amendment to increase minimum dwelling width
Michael Phillips, 6954 Pier Cove Lane	02/10/06	Plummerville Cemetery – Zone 4 survey

Public Comments:

Theresa Wiley, 6633 121st Ave, asked why the meeting was not being recorded. Yonkers referred to the Township policy now in effect.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 01/10/06 with correction to the Treasurer's Report date. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 01/31/06 as follows:

General Fund	\$399,066.92
Road Fund	353,080.03
Ambulance Fund	56,270.51
Fire Fund Checking	203,022.31
First Responders Checking	37,390.69
Building Admin.	53,389.28
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$1,102,219.74

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

Yonkers moved, Hebert seconded, to approve a General Fund 2005/2006 Operating Budget amendment, as presented, as follows: Increase Township Hall line item \$40,000.00; Decrease Contingency line item \$40,000.00. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve a Fire Fund 2005/2006 Operating Budget amendment, as presented, as follows: Increase Contracted Services line item \$500.00; Increase Miscellaneous line item \$100.00; Decrease building/Land Improvement line item \$600.00. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 02/14/06 as presented by the Clerk from the following funds: General Fund - \$39,053.50; Fire Fund - \$4,235.92; First Responder Fund - \$207.69; Building Admin. Fund - \$2,199.98; Ambulance Fund - \$815.40. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to approve the invoice from MCY Systems for laser cartridges for \$158.93. Motion carried with Yonkers abstaining due to business conflict.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve reimbursement of Planning Commission expenses to Jim Birkes, Secretary for \$114.84. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton reported the water and air lines have been replaced at Station 1 and Fire Department personnel have begun checking all addresses for accessibility with one of the smaller vehicles. Many locations do not have adequate access for emergency services vehicles and will be notified by the Township.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, was absent but submitted a written report of 9 runs for the month.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee will meet in March.

The Assessor, Doug Darling, was absent. Hebert provided the dates for the March Board of Review.

Paul Shamblin, Zoning Official, submitted a written report and has set the 3rd Tuesday of the month for ZBA hearings at 7:15 PM in order to

standardize the date if a hearing is required.

Ganges Township Board

FINAL APPROVED

Minutes of 02/14/06

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report.

Ken Sargent, Cemetery Sexton, was absent. The surveying at Plummerville is completed and the Assistant Sexton, Gary Holton, is raising markers that have been covered over the years. The west end of the Plummerville Cemetery is overgrown and needs to be cleared out as lots are inaccessible currently.

Barry Gooding, Planning Commission Chair, provided an overview of the 1/24/06 meeting and 1/31/06 Master Plan Open House. A special meeting will be held on 2/15/06 and the regular meeting will be 2/28/06, both at 7:00 PM at the Fire Hall.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported the Transfer Station board met in January and the recycling is going well.

Marge Sheldon, Library representative, provided a written report and explained the "Read Along the LakeShore" program. Participants all read the same book and will have a discussion on 02/23/06, 6:30 PM at the Library.

Dave Babbitt, County Commissioner, was absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to adopt the Amendment to the Township Land Division Ordinance, Ordinance No. 25, to amend Section X to change violations of the ordinance to a municipal civil infraction and establish a schedule of fines, as presented. Ordinance will be effective 30 days after publication. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Looman – yes; Yonkers – yes; Reimink – yes; Hutchins – yes; Hebert – yes (5/0).

Hutchins moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the purchase of furniture for the office area and meeting room tables from West Michigan Office Interiors, Holland, MI, excluding meeting room chairs, at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins – yes; Reimink – yes; Yonkers – yes; Looman – yes; Hebert – yes (5/0).

New signs for all cemeteries are needed. Yonkers will obtain cost estimates.

Hebert provided an update regarding the Karaus/Kopacz Land Division. Mr. Schipper, attorney for the Karauses, was present.

The Board agreed to send the Mineral Mining Ordinance amendment to the Department of Agriculture for review.

Yonkers moved, Hebert seconded, to establish \$150.00 as the fee for a new Private Road review to be submitted with the application.

NEW BUSINESS

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the Site Plan modifications to the Saugatuck Weekends, Inc. Westwood Outdoor Resort project (adjacent to Campit Campground), dated 01/31/06, as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Reimink – yes; Hutchins – yes; Yonkers – yes; Looman – yes; Hebert – no (4/1).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ron Bellenger, 1219 62nd St, asked why the blight complaints take so long to resolve.

Theresa Wiley, 6633 121st Ave, asked about the Department of Agriculture and the Right to Farm regarding mineral mining and also asked what hours the Township Hall will be open once completed.

Rob Soltysiak, 6322 113th Ave, is pleased the Mineral Mining Ordinance amendment is being sent to the Department of Agriculture.

Jackie DeZwaan, 2259 68th St, reported there are sections in Taylor Cemetery where there are no lot markers on the south side.

Ann Gray, 1974 68th St, stated there used to be records for Loomis Cemetery when she was the Clerk.

Ed Reimink, 6438 119th Ave, asked about the results of the Allegan County Road meeting.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

