

Supervisor Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Ganges Township Hall, 1904 64th St. Board members present by roll call attendance: Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins, Yonkers, absent: Looman.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to accept the agenda dated 08/14/07 as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Jerry Hill, 2000 Plummer Lane	7/16/07	Regarding 121 st legal bills
Robert Soltysiak, 6322 113 th	8/6/07	Opposition to Township's position on 121 st
Saugatuck Weekends, 118 th Ave	8/13/07	Response to noise complaint

Public Comments

Jerry Hill, 2000 Plummer Lane, reported he has maintained activity counts at Pier Cove Beach and County Park and presented the figures to the board. He suggested a sign be installed at Pier Cove listing the amenities at County Park and he is disappointed with the sign at County Park.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 7/10/07 with corrections. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 7/31/07 as follows:

General Fund	\$482,485.45
Road Fund	271,444.10
Ambulance Fund	68,055.66
Fire Fund	118,420.17
First Responders	40,637.56
Building Admin.	41,890.40
 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	 \$1,022,933.34

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

Hutchins moved, Hebert seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 08/14/07 as presented by the Clerk, from the following funds: General Fund - \$24,101.38; Fire Fund - \$3,379.83; First Responder Fund - \$1,265.50; Ambulance Fund - \$865.05; Building Fund - \$4,355.45. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the attendance of all board members at the MTA Fall District meeting at a cost of \$75.00 per person. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug was absent. The new fire truck could be done next month and the department is looking into a live burn training session. Also there are some houses the department is working on for controlled burns.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, was absent but submitted a written report. There has been an increase in accidents due to the construction on I-196.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Board's next meeting is in September.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report.

Gary Holton, Assistant Cemetery Sexton, was present. Sessions Lawn Service reported a large limb or tree is down at Taylor Cemetery.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to purchase a cemetery management program from Pontem Software at a maximum cost of \$2,500.00. Motion carried.

Barry Gooding, Planning Commission Chair, provided an update on the recent Planning Commission meetings and the ZBA hearings. Several committees have been formed to work on zoning ordinance changes.

Yonkers moved, Hutchins seconded, to authorize the Planning Commission to schedule a third meeting in August and only one in September. Motion carried.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, was absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to authorize Hebert to submit the US army Corps/DEQ application for 121st Avenue road end maintenance along with the required fees. Motion carried.

Hebert reported the NFPA fire code is too cumbersome for our township to adopt but the International Fire Code seems to be more applicable.

NEW BUSINESS

Yonkers moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the application of Jose Fernandez, 6983 114th Ave, as a Ganges Township Firefighter, effective 8/14/07. Motion carried.

Hebert provided an update regarding the Cedar Street Park on Hutchins Lake and the recent activity. The Board will review the area next spring during the annual Park meeting and determine if any improvements should be made.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Tilton, 2060 Lake Michigan Dr, asked what type of maintenance was planned for 121st. Hebert responded the sand would be pushed back for emergency vehicle access and a wider gate would be installed.

Betty Tilton, 2060 Lake Michigan Dr, asked if the gate would keep out ATV's. It will be similar to what's currently there, just wider.

Five residents voiced complaints and concerns regarding the \$5.00 parking charge at County Park and the negative impact it's having on Pier Cove by increasing activity with no facilities or safe parking.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk