

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 Looman.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to accept the agenda dated 07/08/08 as presented with the addition of Item 11A – Firefighter application. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Jim Keag, 2086 66th St 6/26/08 Concerns regarding the PC & Chair

Public Comments:

Jim Keag, 2086 66th St, stated the tapes from the PC meeting of 5/15/08 have blank sections on one of the tapes. Yonkers commented that 3 members of the public had copied them but she will check with the PC recording secretary and find out their condition prior to the public access. Yonkers stated Mr. Newman had copied them and he said his tapes were fine. It was later determined that Mr. Newman did not copy the 5/15/08 tapes, he had copied other meeting's tapes at that time.

Jerry Schorle, 2152 68th St, presented the Board with petitions containing 294 signatures from residents regarding the Master Plan and proposed Zoning Ordinance modifications.

Don Karaus, 2025 Brookhill, presented an opinion from Geoff Moffat, Urban Planning Consultant regarding the Baker Rezoning request.

Harry Pindell, Theresa Wiley, Susan Pierson, and Phil Badra all made comments regarding recent Planning Commission activities and Susan Pierson read a letter from Susan Smith, 6247 122nd Ave.

Becky Rininger, County Drain Commissioner, provided an update on the Symons drain on 114th which the Township petitioned to be checked back in 2004. Three property owners have agreed to the work required and three have denied easements. The Board will discuss this topic at the August meeting.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 06/10/08 with an address correction for Tilttons on page 2. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Looman seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 06/26/08 with a correction to the Assessor's contract amount. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 07/01/08 as presented. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to approve the closed session minutes of 07/01/08 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 06/30/08 as follows:

General Fund	\$455,845.27
Road Fund	127,908.06
Ambulance Fund	46,348.82
Fire Fund	76,243.37
First Responders Checking	62,782.99
Building Admin.	35,543.94
 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	 \$ 804,672.45

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

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 07/08/08 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$5,819.35; Fire Fund - \$5,916.41; First Responder Fund - \$243.51; Ambulance Fund - \$916.95. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton, was absent.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, was absent but provided a written report of 6 runs for the month.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee met in July and provided the Ambulance Board Report for 6/12/08..

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report of the month's activities – 4 permits, 15 inspections, no land divisions.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, was absent.

Jim Birkes, Planning Commission Chair, provided a written report of the Commission's meetings in June.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported the next meeting is 7/10/08. Transfer Station Manager Bernie McLeod provided an update on the recycle dumpsters and a problem with them being returned not completely empty. **Addition: Manlius Township will address this since they are the party named in the agreement.**

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, was absent but provided a current newsletter reviewing current activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hebert provided an update on the 121st Road End lawsuit regarding the recent request for a stay filed by Tiltons.

NEW BUSINESS

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to approve the application from Daniel Achterhof, 2244 63rd St., as a Ganges Firefighter and First Responder, effective 7/8/08. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Karas, 2025 Brookhill, inquired about the status of the ISO review for the fire department.

Rick Vorel, 2315 Forest Trail Circle, commented on the zoning ordinance discussions the Planning Commission has had.

Betty Tilton, 2060 Lake Michigan Dr, requested the sign proposed and approved by the Board be installed at the 121st Road End to help regulate the area.

John Tilton, 2060 Lake Michigan Dr, expanded upon Hebert's update regarding the request for a stay at the 121st Road End and the ruling.

Teresa Wiley, 6633 121st Ave, thanked Hebert for the follow up on a parking issue at the 114th Ave road end.

Laurie Benninghoff, 2056 Lakeshore Dr, read an email she received regarding the 121st road end.

Diana Decker, 1705 Lake Michigan Dr, inquired about multiple zones proposed in the new zoning ordinance and would like to see growth in Ganges Township promoted.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk