

Supervisor Hebert 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 by roll call attendance: Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins, Looman, Yonkers.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to accept the agenda with the addition of 11H – Summer Newsletter. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Robert Johnson, 2295 70th	04/05/05	Interurban Local Bus Service request
Sgt. Dean Kapenga, Allegan Cty Sheriff	Rec'd 4/12/05	Mounted Patrol/Reserve Unit Search & Rescue support

Hutchins moved, Looman seconded, to approve payment of \$100.00 to the Allegan County Sheriff Department's Mounted Division and Reserve Units for Search and Rescue to be used to purchase GPS radio units and equipment. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Theresa Wiley, 6633 121st Ave, asked for clarification on agenda item 10A – Illegal Sand Mining.

Robert Johnson, 2295 70th, thanked the Board for hanging past Supervisor Laurie Petek's picture on the wall.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 04/12/05 as presented with the addition to the 119th Avenue update of "Allegan County Road Commission's" to clarify the personnel constraints. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to approve the Closed Meeting minutes of 03/08/05 with correction. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approved the Closed Meeting minutes of 03/15/05 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 03/15/05 as presented. Motion carries with Looman absent.

Reimink reported the balances as of 04/30/05 as follows:

General Fund	\$388,024.08
Road Fund	405,631.38
Ambulance Fund	94,746.69
Fire Fund Checking	237,649.53
First Responders Checking	12,348.98
Building Admin.	37,683.77
 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	 \$1,176,084.43

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

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to amend the 2004/2005 General Fund operating budget as follows: increase Legal Services by \$10,000.00; increase Zoning Administrator Expenses by \$500.00; decrease Contingency line item by \$10,500.00. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to amend the 2004/2005 Fire Fund operating budget as follows: increase Utilities by \$750.00; increase Equipment Repair/Maint. By \$750.00; decrease Building/Land Improve. by \$1,500.00. Motion carried.

Looman moved, Hebert seconded, to authorize payment of \$25.00 to Bridget Kammenzind for attending the Planning Commission meeting 4/26/05 as recording secretary. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve payment of \$733.33 to Code Enforcement, Inc. for April services. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 05/10/04 as presented by the Clerk from the following funds: General Fund - \$15,088.00; Fire Fund - \$14,527.23; First Responder Fund - \$376.77; Building Administration Fund - \$12,768.82; Ambulance Fund - \$815.40. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Compton was absent. Hebert reported the Fire Department would like to install additional dry hydrants in the Township and would like to open an account with Michigan Orchard Supply, South Haven.

Yonkers moved, Hebert seconded, to authorize the Fire Department/First Responder Unit to install up to 6 dry hydrants, pending approval

of the Township Attorney for property owner waivers and insurance coverage, and contact with Miss Dig on the properties involved.

Ganges Township Board

FINAL APPROVED

Minutes of 05/10/05

Motion carried.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Officer, reported 20 runs for the month and again informed there is no burning allowed at all due to the dryness. Continuing Education classes are being held in Lee Township on 6/5/05 which will provide 8 credit hours at no cost to our Township.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee did not meet.

The Assessor, Doug Darling, was absent but submitted a written report. Nick Glascock, Doug's assistant, was present and reported they have begun hours at the Township Hall on the 1st and 3rd (**corrected from 2nd**) Saturday of each month from 10 A.M. to Noon.

Paul Shamblin, Zoning Administrator, was absent but submitted a written report and copies of violations he has been working on.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, reported some of the Building Department forms are available for the website and have been forwarded on to the Clerk, and submitted a written report.

Ken Sargent, Cemetery Sexton, was absent. Ron Bellenger reported he and Michael Winfrey along with members of Boy Scout Troop 99, Hamilton, placed all of the Veteran flags in the four cemeteries this evening. Michael is the grandson of Robert and Jackie DeZwaan, and he also made 25 additional flag holders for the Veterans.

Scott Bruursema, Planning Commission Chair, submitted a written report. Looman reported a draft of the Land Use Plan should be available soon; the committee is meeting on 5/13/05.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported the recycling container is moved and in use during normal Transfer Station hours. The Clerk has a list of what's available to recycle.

Marge Shelden, Library representative, presented a written and oral report on the Library's progress.

Dave Babbitt, County Commissioner, was absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hebert provided an update on the Geerlings case. The temporary injunction was denied as of today's hearing by Judge Beach.

No action was taken on the Fire Department application due to the age of the individual.

NEW BUSINESS

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to accept the resignation of Ken and Frieda Sargent, dated 5/3/05, with regret. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to approve the proposal from Brian Sessions, Fennville, dated 5/10/05, #05-24, as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins – yes; Reimink – yes; Yonkers – yes; Looman – yes; Hebert – yes (5/0).

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the proposal from Southwest Michigan Dust Control at an estimated cost of \$30,000.00 for three (3) applications of salt brine during the summer of 2005. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Looman – yes; Yonkers – yes; Reimink – yes; Hutchins – yes, Hebert – yes (5/0).

Hutchins moved, Yonkers seconded, to approve the following roads for gravelling during summer 2005 at a cost of \$7,000.00 per mile: 116th Avenue from 62nd Street to 64th Street; 117th Avenue from Lakeshore Drive west to Lake Michigan Drive; 123rd Avenue east from Lakeshore Drive to the end. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Reimink – yes; Hutchins – yes; Looman – yes; Yonkers – yes; Hebert – yes (5/0).

The final fiscal year special meeting was scheduled for 06/30/05 at 7:00 PM at the Township Hall, to adopt the final budgets and pay the remaining bills of the fiscal year.

The annual Pier Cove Beach Park meeting was scheduled for 06/14/05 at 6:15 PM at Pier Cove Beach, immediately preceding the regular monthly meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Johnson, 2295 Lakeshore Dr, inquired about a water testing program at the Lake Michigan beaches.

Rob Soltysiak, 6322 113th Ave, inquired about the charges for the report prepared by Code Engineering for the Ciesla property regarding the sand mining volume and asked that the Board continue to support the sand mining ordinance with regards to Mr. Geerlings.

Dawn Soltysiak, 6322 113th Ave, asked the Township to submit the mining ordinance to the Department of Agriculture now since the Right to Farm Act does not set a time limit for submission after adoption.

Jackie DeZwaan, 2259 68th St, asked where the recount of the Fennville School election would be held and is it open to the public. Yonkers stated it is open for public viewing and will contact her once a location is determined.

Dawn Soltysiak, thanked the Board for the new website.

Diana Decker, Saugatuck, inquired about the status of the Fire Department selling of items on Ebay.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk