

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 3/10/09 as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence

John Miller, Pokagon Band Tribal Council 2/6/09 Request notification for openings on boards or commissions

Public Comments :

Mike McCormick, 6876 121st Ave, voiced concern with land usage on 121st Ave, particularly the many unlicensed trailers, the deterioration of the road, water and possible contamination issues.

Bob DeZwaan, 2259 68th St, asked what the recent inspection along Blue Star Highway near Huntree Nursery and their house was for and whether it involved the Allegan County Drain Commission.

Looman moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 2/10/09 with correction. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 2/28/09 as follows:

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| General Fund | \$466,485.20 |
| Road Fund | 14,000.33 |
| Ambulance Fund | 75,936.45 |
| Fire Fund | 102,951.57 |
| First Responders Checking | 25,462.70 |
| Building Admin. | 38,860.60 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | \$ 723,696.85 |

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 3/10/09 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$23,201.11; Fire Fund - \$4,458.58; First Responder Fund - \$1,124.68; Building Admin. Fund - \$2,736.80; Ambulance Fund - \$916.95. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the attendance of any Planning Commission or Township Board member at the MTS – Allegan, for the Planning & Zoning Enabling Acts at a cost of \$35.00 each. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton was absent. A proposal from Breathing Air Systems was submitted but tabled for further information.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, submitted a written report of 17 runs for February and provided the information for this year’s EMS Expo with continuing education credits available for attendees.

Yonkers moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the attendance of First Responders at the EMS Expo in Grand Rapids, April 16-19, at a maximum cost of \$125.00/day per person, plus lodging for anybody attending 2 consecutive days. Motion carried.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee will meet in March.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report with 3 permits issued, 12 inspections and no land divisions.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, reported 1 burial for February. Debris/litter pickup will begin with the snow melt and warmer weather.

Sally Howard, Planning Commission Chair, and Jackie DeZwaan, Secretary, reported 2 meetings were held in February; one for the zoning ordinance work session and 2 public hearings at the regular meeting, both requests for wireless antennas. The public hearings were both tabled for further information from the applicants. Howard has received an electronic rough draft from the planner which she is updating and will forward to Yonkers for printing for the Board and Planning Commission.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, provided an updated price list for the Transfer Station and reported the manager is trying to arrange for onsite electronics drop off in conjunction with the Allegan County program.

Jane Nally, Library Representative, was absent.

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, provided his monthly newsletter and thanked new State Representative Bob Genetski for his work on the stimulus fund projects from our area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

An updated Cost Recovery Ordinance was provided and will be sent to the attorney with minor questions.

The Board had solicited input from the residents in the winter newsletter regarding participation in the County Recycling program at a cost of \$25.00/year per household. Only 79 responded with 44 in favor and 35 opposed. The Board agreed there is not enough interest at this time to warrant participation.

NEW BUSINESS

Hebert reported Mr. Keag has filed an appeal of his FOIA lawsuit, which was dismissed in Circuit Court, to the State Court of Appeals, resulting in continuing legal fees for the township.

New Planning Commission ByLaws were distributed and will be sent to the Planning Commission for review and adoption.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to adopt Ordinance 42 – Ordinance to Confirm the Establishment of a Planning Commission with Zoning Authority, as amended, to be effective on date of publication. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Looman – Yes; Yonkers – Yes; Reimink – Yes; Hutchins – Yes; Hebert – Yes (5/0).

Zoning Board of Appeals ByLaws were presented and will be forwarded to the Zoning Administrator for ZBA review at their next scheduled meeting.

Hutchins moved, Yonkers seconded, to approve two (2) salt brine applications on gravel roads for the 2009 summer season at a cost of \$9,000.00 each. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Looman seconded, to approve the proposal from Allegan County Land Information Services for the 2009 Allegan County Aerial Imagery Acquisition Project at a cost of \$1,890.00. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob DeZwaan, 2259 68th St, asked if funds were necessary for the water situation near Huntree Nursery, whether grant funds were available for the Fire Department's Air System, and whether the 121st Ave. apparent trucking business had received any approvals from the Planning Commission. Yonkers will contact the Enforcement Officer regarding 6818 121st Ave. for review.

Bob Genetski, State Representative, provided an update on many of the state's issues including unemployment claim processing problems due to large volume and stimulus dollars to be distributed in Michigan.

Looman moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk