

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: Looman, Yonkers, Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to accept the agenda dated 12/13/05 with the addition of Item 10.D – Geerlings Mineral Mining and Item 11.E – Snowplow for Fire Department truck. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Robert Soltysiak, 6322 113 th Ave	12/07/05	Interest in serving on ZBA
John Lindahl, 6002 Cedar St.	12/13/05	Lake Improvement Board concern with bids

Public Comments:

None.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 11/08/05 with corrections. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to approve the closed meeting minutes of 10/11/05, called to order at 7:36 P.M., as presented. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the closed meeting minutes of 10/11/05, called to order at 8:10 P.M., as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 11/30/05 as follows:

General Fund	\$396,880.44
Road Fund	294,913.79
Ambulance Fund	48,803.02
Fire Fund Checking	207,734.36
First Responders Checking	42,659.28
Building Admin.	52,837.90
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$1,043,828.79

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

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 12/13/05 as presented by the Clerk from the following funds: General Fund - \$15,770.32; Fire Fund - \$5,112.94; First Responder Fund - \$301.74; Building Admin. Fund - \$2,842.58; Ambulance Fund - \$909.59; Road Fund - \$376.87. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to approve the bill from MCY Systems for \$239.97 for printer and copier cartridges as presented. Motion carried with Yonkers abstaining due to business conflict.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Compton was absent. Ken Zecklin, Safety Officer , provided an update on current activities and reported the required paperwork has been received by ISO.

Zecklin provided a First Responder written summary for the month of 11 runs and announced the CPR and HeartStart recertification, as required every 2 years, should be scheduled in January.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee met 12/08/05. The call volume remains steady but hasn't increased.

The Assessor, Doug Darling, reported the field work is ahead of schedule and the Board of Review went smoothly today (12/13/05). The Saturday hours he is at the hall are getting busier.

Paul Shamblin, Zoning Official, submitted a written report.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report of 28 inspections and 4 land divisions for the month.

Ken Sargent, Cemetery Sexton, was absent. Gary Holton, the assistant sexton, is beginning to work with Ken. Hebert will send a letter to Sargent asking him to contact Holton for all cemetery concerns for cross-training.

Ed Reimink, Planning Commission Chair, reported the Commission will meet with McKenna & Associates on 12/14 to continue work on the Land Use Plan and proposed land use map and a public hearing is scheduled for 12/27/05 for Metallurgic High Vac's expansion.

Looman moved, Hutchins seconded, to approved the attendance of Al Ellingsen, Building Official, at the BOCM Mid Winter Conference on 1/17 and 1/18 in Grand Rapids at a cost of \$150.00 for the registration. Motion carried.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported the Transfer Station will be closed on Christmas and New Years (both Sundays) but it will be open on the following Mondays. The next meeting will be 1/10/06. Hebert will contact the Attorney about developing a contract for the Transfer Station.

Marge Shelden, Library representative, was absent, but provided a written report.

Dave Babbitt, County Commissioner, reported the Commission adopted the new budget, the Citizen Planner program has been scheduled from 2/2 thru 3/30/06, and the County will start charging a daily use fee at the County Parks by the carload, with people that walk in being exempt.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to adopt the Litter Ordinance #24, dated 12/13/05 as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Looman – Yes; Yonkers – Yes; Reimink – Yes; Hutchins – Yes; Hebert – Yes (5/0).

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to adopt the Vehicle Storage and Repair Ordinance #23, dated 12/13/05 as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Yonkers – Yes; Reimink – Yes; Hutchins – ~~Yes~~ **NO**; Looman – Yes; Hebert – Yes (5/0).

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to adopt the Social Security Number Privacy Policy, dated 11/28/05, as presented. Motion carried.

Hebert reported the Geerlings Mineral Mining case has been dismissed at the Township's request. Hebert will submit a request to Fulton Sheen to request the Attorney General's opinion.

NEW BUSINESS

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to accept the resignation of Ron Bellenger from the Planning Commission effective 12/31/05 with regret. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to accept the resignation of Michael O'Connor from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective 12/31/05 with regret. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to re-appoint Doug Welsch, 6130 122nd Ave, to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term 1/4/06 through 1/4/09. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to appoint Kirby Gooding, 2236 66th St, to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the remaining term 1/1/06 thru 02/02/08. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to appoint Sally Howard, 6632 118th Ave, to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term 1/4/06 through 1/4/09. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to appoint Dawn Soltysiak, 6322 113th Ave, to the Planning Commission for the remaining term 1/1/06 through 2/2/08. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved Hutchins seconded, to authorize the Fire Department to purchase and have installed a 9'2" Boss V Plow on Truck 23 at a cost of \$4,710.00 by Stu's Welding, Holland, MI. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Looman seconded, to authorize Ed Reimink, 6438 119th Ave, to plow snow at the Township Hall at the rate of \$75.00/time at his discretion. Motion carried.

Hebert announced the Allegan County Road Commission district meeting for Ganges will be held on 1/12/06 and asked if one trustee and another Board member would plan on attending.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Karaus, 2025 Brookhill Dr, stated the deed was issued in error for the Kopacz/Karaus land split and it is being corrected.

Bob Simonds, 2318 Lakeshore Dr, inquired about the surveying at Plummerville Cemetery and asked if maps were available.

Ganges Township Board

FINAL APPROVED

Minutes of 12/13/05

Ed Reimink, 6438 119th Ave, asked about the deadlines to submit projects to the Road Commission since the 119th project didn't get done this year. He also suggested people with emergency services accessibility problems should be sent a notice by certified mail to prove they were notified.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk