

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: Looman, Yonkers, Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to accept the agenda dated 04/11/06 with the revision of item 10B – Hall purchases, and the addition of 11F – Cemetery Signs. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Susan Pierson, 6944 Lakeshore Ct	03/25/06	Master plan concerns
Linda Wilcox, 6274 122 nd Ave.	03/16/06	Plan. Comm. concerns
Dale & Grace Kramer, 2143 Lakeshore	04/06/06	Support of 121 st road end public use
Neil VanLeeuwen	03/22/06	Support of 121 st road end public use
Paul Mosier	04/06/06	Support of 121 st road end public use
Glenda Forsten	04/05/06	Support of 121 st road end public use
Marge Sheldon, 2059 Lakeshore	04/05/06	Support of 121 st road end public use
Dave Johnson, 2745 Henry Lane	04/09/06	Support of 121 st road end public use
Evelyn Fisher, 6789 Main St	04/09/06	Support of 121 st road end public use
Robert Soltysiak, 6322 113 th Ave.	04/07/06	Plan. Comm concerns
Phil Badra, 2230 Lakeshore Dr.	04/03/06	Interest in Citizen Planner Adv. Course
Nancy Endres, 1060 E. 82 nd	04/08/06	Selling of Taylor Cemetery lot to twp.
Andrew Mulder, Cunningham Dalman PC	03/20/06	Opposition to 121st proposed suit (Added 5/9/06)

Public Comments:

Gail Kaplan, 2030 Lakeshore, stated a mailing was done to over 900 residents asking for support to allow 121st road end to be used as a public beach. Comments from responses were presented.

Rose Jackson, 6940 121st Ave, supports the use of 121st road end as a beach, as it has been for many years.

Don Karaus Sr, 1672 Lakeshore, stated 121st road end has always been open and used during his lifetime, he wants the historic use restored.

Looman moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 03/14/06 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 03/31/06 as follows:

General Fund	\$413,118.81
Road Fund	490,814.89
Ambulance Fund	76,181.56
Fire Fund Checking	234,058.31
First Responders Checking	36,895.48
Building Admin.	54,867.60
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$1,305,636.65

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

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 04/11/06 as presented by the Clerk from the following funds: General Fund - \$25,450.52; Fire Fund - \$8,663.48; First Responder Fund - \$5,998.99; Building Admin. Fund - \$3,771.52; Ambulance Fund - \$815.40. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the invoice from Apex Software for the maintenance renewal for \$195.00. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton, reported he has talked to the ISO but there is no information one way or the other. The firefighters continue checking addresses and streets for accessibility.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, was absent but submitted a written report of 14 runs for the month.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee next meets in June.

The Assessor, Doug Darling, was absent.

Paul Shamblin, Zoning Official, was absent but submitted a written report.

Ganges Township Board

FINAL APPROVED

Minutes of 04/11/06

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, reported 1 land division for the month and he has obtained all of the hours needed for re-certification as Building Official.

Ken Sargent, Cemetery Sexton, was absent. Assistant Holton has begun the cleanup of Loomis Cemetery which was quite overgrown.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve cemetery improvements at all four cemeteries, including signs, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Hutchins seconded, to repurchase Taylor Lot # 370, position 3 only, at the purchase price from Nancy Matteson Ellis, owner. Motion carried.

Barry Gooding, Planning Commission Chair, provided an overview of the 3/28/06 regular meeting. A joint Township Board & Planning Commission meeting will be on 4/12/06 at the Hall at 7 PM to discuss the Master Plan and the regular meeting will be 04/25/06.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to authorize Planning Commissioners, Board or Review and Zoning Board of Appeals members to attend the Citizen Planner advanced program in Lansing on June 21-22 at a cost of \$160.00 for the 2 days. Motion carried.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported Ganges is the top user of the recycling bins.

Marge Shelden, Library representative, provided a written report and provided circulation figures.

Dave Babbitt, County Commissioner, was absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board discussed the need for a new fire truck for Station 2 to replace the 1986 but will hold on ordering until after the August Primary election with the millage proposals.

The Board reviewed a list of items for the hall offices including second phone line, fax/internet capabilities, mail box, posting board and authorized the Clerk to proceed.

The Board reviewed the current millages and revenues raised versus the expenses of the funds and tentatively agreed to request ¾ mil for the Fire Department for 2 years, .3 mil for Ambulance for 2 years and a renewal of the 2 mils for the Road Fund for 4 years. Yonkers will prepare the ballot language for attorney review prior to the next meeting.

Hutchins moved, Yonkers seconded, to authorize the First Responder Unit to purchase new Air Bags for the Jaws of Life equipment at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to join the Friends of 121st Avenue Beach and Laurie Beninghoff & Gail Kaplan, as a plaintiff in the lawsuit regarding the 121st Ave. road end, and to hire the firm of Olson, Bzdok & Howard, Traverse City, to represent the township, both without incurring legal fees. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Looman – Yes; Yonkers – Yes; Hebert – Yes; Reimink – Yes; Hutchins – No (4/1).

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to authorize John Hebert, Supervisor, to act on the Board's behalf. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Rhonda Hall, GABA Secretary, presented a proposal for a park in Glenn, requesting the Township lease the property due to the liability insurance and non-profit status of the Township. Hebert will forward to the attorney for feedback and Yonkers will forward on to the insurance company for their review.

Hutchins moved, Looman seconded, to accept the bid from Southwestern Michigan Dust Contorl, Bloomingdale, MI, dated 03/28/06, for three (3) applications of salt brine for the summer of 2006, at a cost of \$31,500.00. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins – Yes; Reimink – Yes; Hebert – Yes; Yonkers – Yes, Looman – Yes (5/0).

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the recommended Gravel Road program for 2006 from the Allegan County Road Commission, dated 3/15/06, to include 64th St. from M89 south to 122nd Ave., 65th St. from 118th Ave. south to 116th Ave., and 116th Ave. from 65th St. east to 64th St. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to approve the Ganges Township Private Road/Street Construction Permit Application form as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Phil Badra, 2230 70th St, voiced his opposition to the Board participating in the 121st Ave. road end suit.

Neil VanLeeuwen, 119th Ave., voiced his support of the Board participating in the 121st Ave. road end suit but is disappointed the Board will not share the legal cost.

Bob Simonds, 2318 70th St, feels the public should be informed about the need for a new fire truck.

Ed Reimink, 6438 119th Ave., asked about the burning of buildings by the Fire Department if requested by a property owner. Hebert talked to the Attorney who sees no problem with it but advised the township check with the risk management area.

Ron Bellenger, 38 W 21st St, Holland, asked when the blight violations on 62nd will be resolved. He is trying to ~~see~~ **sell** property and the area is an eyesore.

Don Karas Sr., 1672 70th St., suggested the Township request bore samples at the property proposed for the park in Glenn. He's concerned about contamination from the existing underground tanks.

Looman moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk