

Supervisor Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Ganges Township Hall, 1904 64th St. Board members present by roll call attendance: Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins, Yonkers, Looman.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the agenda dated 05/13/08 with the addition of item 11.D. Fenn Valley Winery request for approval of outdoor entertainment. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Jim Birkes, 2344 70 th St	4/24/2008	Baker rezoning request comments
Baker Family	rec'd 4/15/08	Request to approve Baker rezoning request
(12) Ganges Residents	no date	Baker rezoning opposition
Susan Pierson, 6944 Lakeshore Ct	5/6/08	Baker rezoning opposition

Public Comments

Don Karaus, 2025 Brookhill, announced the Memorial Day recognition of Veterans on 5/26/08 with an approximate time of 11:30 at Taylor Cemetery and 12:00 at Plummerville.

Many audience members voiced concerns regarding the Baker request for rezoning from Ag/Res to Commercial; 12 in opposition and 3 in support. A letter from Andrew & Lana Murch, 2384 Lakeshore Dr and additional form letters with names were presented to the board also.

Looman moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 04/15/08 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 04/30/08 as follows:

General Fund	\$439,381.37
Road Fund	136,439.81
Ambulance Fund	44,882.50
Fire Fund	81,309.99
First Responders	69,077.89
Building Admin.	47,318.08
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 818,409.64

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

Reimink moved, Looman seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 5/13/08 as presented by the Clerk as follows: General Fund - \$19,697.22; Fire Fund - \$3,835.00; First Responder Fund - \$1,873.14; Ambulance Fund - \$916.95; Building Fund - \$2,956.52. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Hebert seconded to approve the cost for the Planning Commissioners to attend the Planning Enabling Act and Zoning Enabling Act seminar to be held 6/4/08 in Grand Rapids and 6/10/08 in Kalamazoo at a cost of \$100.00 per person. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Hebert seconded to approve the cost for the Van Buren Conservation District's sessions for the Black and Paw Paw River Watersheds to be held on 5/22 and 6/19/08 at a cost of \$5.00 per session per person. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton and Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, were present but were called out on a run during the meeting. They will be meeting with the Board for the budget work session on 05/28/08.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee did not have a meeting.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report of the month's activity and provided updates on the dangerous buildings which have been cited.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, reported the Veterans flags were put out by Ron Bellenger and all else was fine.

Jim Birkes, Planning Commission Chair, submitted a written report of the PC's meetings of 4/17/08 and 4/22/08. Birkes also submitted the 2008/2009 budget request for the Planning Commission.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported the recycling continues to do well.

Jane Nally, Fennville Library representative, was absent.

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, was absent but delivered his newsletters prior to the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hebert offered a Resolution Regarding the 121st Avenue Road End, seconded by Hutchins, to permit and regulate the Road End for beach related purposes, as well as any and all other uses permitted under the Highway By User Doctrine. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Looman – Yes; Yonkers – Yes; Reimink – Yes; Hutchins – Yes; Hebert – Yes (5/0).

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the ballot language for the proposed Fire Protection Millage renewal of 0.75 mills for 2 years (2009 and 2010). Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Yonkers seconded, to approve the ballot language for the proposed Ambulance Millage renewal of 0.30 mills for 2 years (2009 and 2010). Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Looman moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the rezoning request for parcel 0307-005-003-00, owned by Gertrude Baker Trust, ~~6624 124st Ave.~~, **6810 124TH Ave.**, from Res/Ag to Commercial. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins – Yes; Reimink – Yes; Yonkers – Yes; Looman – Yes; Hebert – No (4/1).

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to change the State Construction Code violations from a misdemeanor to a Civil Infraction. Motion carried.

Hebert will obtain a quote for the second roadside mowing for this summer.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to grant the request from Doug Welsch, Fenn Valley Vineyards and Wine Cellar, to grant a permit under Ordinance 1 – Outdoor Public Entertainment, for July 12, 2008, 4 PM – 8 PM, for an outdoor concert, all parking to be on Winery property with an attendance of 300-400. Motion carried.

Yonkers announced the candidates for the August Primary and Hebert announced the Board will meet on 5/28/08 at Taylor Cemetery at 6:00 PM for an inspection of the cemeteries, Pier Cove Beach and other parcels owned by the Township. A budget work session will follow at Station 1 with the Fire Department and First Responder Unit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Several residents voiced opinions, both pro and con, regarding the Baker rezoning and several others asked for copies of the 121st Avenue Road End resolution.

Diana Decker, 128C Elizabeth, asked who to contact with firework violations.

Jackie DeZwaan, 2259 68th, asked for clarification on the permit issued for an outhouse on the Doornbos property and inquired about the fee for rezoning.

Shelly Edgerton, candidate for State Representative, introduced herself and provided background information.

Looman moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk