

**GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2011**

FINAL APPROVED

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 Gooding.

Public Comments - None

Supervisor Hebert opened the Public Hearing for the Proposed Millage Rates and Budgets for the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year at 7:05 PM. Hebert explained the rates to be levied, and asked for questions and comments though none were received.

Hebert then reviewed the proposed 2011/2012 General Fund, Fire Fund, Road Fund, Ambulance Fund, First Responder Fund, and Building Administration Fund budgets. Mr. Tilton and Mr. Suydam had questions about the attorney fees and contingency amounts budgeted.

Harvey Busscher, 2126 Lakeshore, announced the access used through his property would no longer be available to the Fire Department for beach emergencies.

Hebert moved, Gooding seconded, to close the public hearing at 7:18 PM. Motion carried.

Hebert opened the regular meeting.

Reimink moved, Yonkers seconded, to accept the agenda dated 6/14/11 as presented with the addition of 15.D. Fire Department Dismissal and 15.E. Planning Commission appointment. Motion carried.

Correspondence -

Malcolm MacLeod, Pier Cove Forest	6/6/11	Request for maintenance of 123 rd Avenue
Charlie Hancock, 6843 123 rd Ave	6/6/11	Interest in serving on Planning Commission
Bob Maes, Bay Shores Land Company	5/19/11	Request for resurfacing Creekwood road

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 5/10/11 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 5/25/11 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 5/31/11 as follows:

General Fund	\$312,790.23
Road Fund	12,519.09
Ambulance Fund	29,860.64
Fire Fund	99,798.50
First Responders Checking	50,097.48
Building Admin.	26,135.37
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 531,201.31

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

Hebert moved, Gooding seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 6/14/11 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$19,293.91; Fire Fund - \$5,734.46; First Responder Fund - \$1,660.21; Building Admin. Fund - \$10,750.77; Ambulance Fund - \$1,081.80. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the mileage reimbursement from Luke Blanchard for Firefighter II classes, Wayland, MI, for \$2,124.00. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton reported a lot of activity due the recent storm with power outages, the tower down and trees down. The Fire Department Pancake Breakfast is on 6/26/11.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, submitted a written report of 13 runs for May.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report of 13 permits issued, 22 inspections performed and no land divisions.

Dick Hutchins, Ambulance Committee, reported AMR is hoping to purchase a Carbon Monoxide Monitor, and IV Gun and a CPR Machine ("Thumper"), for the Fennville area. Donations are welcome.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, reported no burials for the month, the weekly Township property inspections were completed, and there was no damage at the cemeteries from the recent storm.

Barry Gooding reported the Plan. Comm. finalized the site plan for the Woodshop in Glenn and is working on Zoning Ordinance changes/corrections. The next meeting will be 6/28/11.

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, provided an update on the reduction in County Commissions and the consolidation that will take effect in 2012.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Margaret Williams was not in attendance to participate in the Dangerous Building hearing for the building at 6584 120th Ave.

Gooding moved, Yonkers seconded, to proceed with legal action against Margaret Williams to force the cleanup/repair of her building at 6584 120th Ave., per the conditions agreed to at the 10/27/10 hearing, through the Court system. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to approve the cost for the 2nd roadside mowing of \$1,069.73. Motion carried.

Hebert will contact the Drain Commissioner to schedule a date for the Wind & Woods Drain information meeting when Ms. Bausone and Mr. Busscher can both attend.

Yonkers moved, Hutchins seconded, to dismiss Mike Hopp from the Ganges Township Fire Department and First Responders Unit, in based upon Policy #001, Conditions of Employment, Item C. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to appoint Charles Hancock, 6843 123rd Ave, to the Planning Commission with a term expiration date of 4/23/14. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jackie DeZwaan, 2259 68th St, inquired if a grant could be obtained by AMR for the additional equipment and also reported the County Commission adopted an ordinance to establish a County Planning Commission. The municipalities are encouraged to submit ideas for what activities they expect the County Planning Commission to perform.

Harvey Busscher, 2126 Lakeshore Dr, voiced disagreement with the water testing done at the Lake Michigan beaches, mainly that the results aren't posted and Spanish versions weren't included when they were posted.

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Clerk
Ganges Township