

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: Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins, Looman, Yonkers.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to accept the agenda with the addition of approval of 7/12/05 special meeting minutes, Item 11.D. Township Hall bids, and a change to 12.F. to discuss the sale of Money's Mushroom farm. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Gail Kaplan, 2030 Lakeshore Dr	07/05/05	121 st Road End concerns
Helen Lander, 1834 Morning Glory Ln	07/06/05	Lake Michigan Frontage Ordinance support
Rosemary Lanzendorf, 2250 Lakeshore Dr	07/12/05	Lake Michigan Frontage Ordinance support
Dawn Soltysiak, 6322 113 th Ave	07/13/05	Planning Commission opening
Janet Schroeder, 6944 Lakeshore Ct	07/26/05	Lake Michigan Frontage Ordinance support
Rich Vorel, 2315 Forest Trail Circle	07/28/05	Lake Michigan Frontage Ordinance support
Phillip Badra, 2230 Lakeshore Dr	08/02/05	Lake Michigan Frontage & Private Road Ordinance support
Amanda Haverdink, Sheridan Law Offices	08/05/05	Money's Mushroom Farm purchase
Sara Davis, 1816 Morning Glory Ln	08/05/05	Lake Michigan Frontage Ordinance support
Leslie Bouwman, 1844 Morning Glory	08/05/05	Lake Michigan Frontage Ordinance support
Nancy Bruce, 1836 Morning Glory Ln	08/05/05	Lake Michigan Frontage Ordinance support
Frank Alfieri, Pres. Lake Michigan Shore Assn.	08/09/05	Lake Michigan Frontage Ordinance support

Blaine Koops, Allegan County Sheriff provided an overview and printed information regarding the ALLCOPS program and a brief update on the proposed jail. He conducted a question and answer session with the audience and explained the position the Sheriff's Department is in with the 121st Avenue road end.

Public Comments:

Marge Shelden, 2059 Lakeshore Dr, stated there are petitions with 921 signatures to be presented to the Allegan County Road Commission at their meeting on 8/17/05 at 9:00 AM. The petition requests the 121st Avenue road end be allowed to be used as a beach for picnicking and sunbathing.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 07/12/05 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 07/12/05 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 07/31/05 as follows:

General Fund	\$416,586.71
Road Fund	412,096.07
Ambulance Fund	51,363.90
Fire Fund Checking	215,852.77
First Responders Checking	51,423.13
Building Admin.	30,205.49
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$1,177,528.07

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

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 08/09/05 as presented by the Clerk from the following funds: General Fund - \$14,771.45; Fire Fund - \$942.25; First Responder Fund - \$241.02; Building Admin. Fund - \$2,692.47; Ambulance Fund - \$815.40. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the attendance of all Board members at the MTA Fall District meeting at a cost of \$65.00 each. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Looman seconded, to approve the fee of \$20.00 for the Township for Township officials to attend the Land Information Services presentation on 10/31/05. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Compton was absent. Hebert reported the Fire Department would like to purchase a posi rear end for the grass jeep at an approximate cost of \$500.00 plus labor. An estimate of the total cost will be submitted to the Board. A 25' telescoping flagpole will be ordered for Station 1 at an approximate cost of \$300.00.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Officer, reported 22 runs for the month. The new coats will be ordered as per the budget.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee did not meet.

The Assessor, Doug Darling, submitted a written report with an update on the W. E. Smith Tax Tribunal and the Michigan Gas Utilities appeal. A sales study of residential properties indicates an increase of 13% in the residential class for 2006.

Paul Shamblin, Zoning Administrator, was absent but submitted a written report to the Board regarding current violations.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report.

Ken Sargent, Cemetery Sexton, was absent.

Terry Looman reported the Planning Commission would like to meet with Katie Kaufman, McKenna & Associates, to review the Land Use Plan draft. Ms. Kaufman reviewed the current plan, feels it is quite thorough and has suggestions for the Planning Commission regarding future land use.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to authorize the Planning Commission to meet with McKenna & Associates on 09/14/05. Motion carried.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported the provider for the dumpsters remained the same and Ganges is the top user of the recycling dumpster.

Marge Shelden, Library representative, presented a written and oral report on current circulation figures and asked any old letters, memorabilia, correspondence be donated to the Genealogy Room.

Dave Babbitt, County Commissioner, was absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to accept the bid of \$1,750.95 from Ken Zecklin, 6865 121st Ave., for the 2001 John Deere F525 Riding Front Mount Mower with 48" deck, dated 07/25/05. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Looman seconded, to accept the bid of \$1,503.00 from Richard Compton, 1213 – 68th St., for the 1988 GMC 1 Ton Utility Truck, dated 08/11/05. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to hire Gary Holton, 2236 Blue Goose Dr., as Assistant Cemetery Sexton at a rate of \$15.00/hour. Motion carried.

The Board agreed to advertise for bids for the Township Hall remodeling in the Allegan County News, The Flashes and The Holland Sentinel with the sealed bids to be reviewed at the October 11th regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to adopt Article VII-F, Private Road Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance as approved by the Ganges Planning Commission on 06/28/05, and approved by the Allegan County Planning Commission on 08/08/05, with clarification and correction of typo on 08/09/05. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Looman – Yes; Yonkers – Yes; Hutchins – Yes; Reimink – Yes; Hebert – Yes (5/0).

Yonkers moved, Hebert seconded, to adopt the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for Article IIA, Section 2A.2(a) to reference Article VII-F Private Road Amendment, and Article IIA, Section 2A.3, stipulating one dwelling per single parcel of land, as approved by the Ganges Planning Commission on 06/28/05, and approved by the Allegan County Planning Commission on 08/08/05, as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins – Yes; Reimink – Yes; Yonkers – Yes; Looman – Yes; Hebert – Yes (5/0).

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to adopt Article IIA, Section 2A.7 Lake Michigan Frontage and Lot Use Restrictions Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance as approved by the Ganges Planning Commission on 07/26/05, and approved by the Allegan County Planning Commission on 08/08/05, as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Reimink – Yes; Yonkers – Yes; Looman – Yes; Hutchins – Yes; Hebert – Yes (5/0).

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to appoint Jackie DeZwaan, 2259 68th St., to the Ganges Township Planning Commission for the remainder of the term vacated by Scott Bruursema, expiring 12/03/06. Motion carried.

Amanda Haverdink, Sheridan Law Offices, reported a company is purchasing the former Money's Mushroom Farm with the intention of re-opening as a reduced scale mushroom farm without the compost production operation. Ms. Haverdink inquired about a reassessment of the building and land as only about 50% of the building will be required.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hebert announced the 1st public hearing for the Hutchins Lake Special Assessment District will be held on 08/19/05 at the Clyde Township Hall, and the Allegan County Road Commission has installed a new lock on the gate at 121st Ave. Only the Road Commission and Ganges Fire Department have keys. Also, Mr. Donald Trull, property owner of the parcel north of Pier Cove Beach, has given the Township permission to replace the snow fence on his property which keeps the visitors from walking on the hillside and eroding the bank.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barry Gooding, 2235 66th St., discouraged the Board from spending money on the improvements to the Township Hall. He also voiced concerns about the amount of paper/debris blowing out of refuse trucks along the roads.

Michael O'Connor, 6635 118th Ave., stated Saugatuck Weekends is working with Comcast to continue the cable and internet services to the Campit Campground. He asked residents in the area to contact the campground if they were interested in these services.

Bruce Grams, 6012 122nd Ave., voiced concern about the erosion and low water levels at the 59th St. public boat launch on Hutchins Lake and said it is in need of repair/improvements before boats can be removed from the lake in the fall. He inquired about the possibility of Ganges funds being used to help with the cost.

Linda Wilcox, 6274 122nd Ave., stated she is aware of a house being remodeled without proper permits and asked who the contact person is for follow up.

Frank Alfieri, 2394 Lakeshore Dr., expressed his gratitude at the passing of the Zoning Ordinance amendments, particularly the Lake Michigan Frontage and Lot Use Restrictions.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk