

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 Looman.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to accept the agenda dated 5/12/09 with additions: 11.B – Zoning Ordinance Amendment for the Black and ToDo LLC properties; 11.C. – Allegan County Stimulus fund projects; 11.D. – Event permit requests from Fenn Valley and Apple Blossom Wedding Chapel. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Jim Birkes, 2344 Lakeshore Dr	4/15/09	Resignation from Planning Commission
Dawn Soltysiak, 6322 113 th Ave	4/15/09 (email)	Resignation from Planning Commission

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to accept the resignations from Jim Birkes and Dawn Soltysiak from the Ganges Township Planning Commission with regret. Motion carried.

Ross Wightman, 1209 66 th St.	5/10/09	Letter of Interest for Planning Commission opening
120 th Ave Property Owners	4/16/09 (Rec'd)	Request for No Salt Brine application on their road
Roper/Dykstra Landscaping, Hamilton		Request for access thru 121 st road end gate.
Dept. of Agriculture	04/30/09	Geerlings swine finishing facility approval (1501 62 nd St)
Martina Hitsman, Ganges United Methodist		Camp-out for the Homeless, 6/12 – 6/13, notification

Public Comments :

Andy Murch, 2384 Lakeshore, Fritz Royce, 144 Lakeshore, Rob Soltysiak, 6322 113th Ave, and Rick Vorel, 2315 Forest Trail Circle, all praised and thanked Jim Birkes and Dawn Soltysiak for their service on the Planning Commission and asked the Board to select replacements carefully.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 4/14/09 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 4/30/09 as follows:

General Fund	\$465,515.46
Road Fund	14,018.26
Ambulance Fund	80,792.47
Fire Fund	97,971.48
First Responders Checking	14,507.39
Building Admin.	39,095.08
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 711,900.14

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

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to adopt the First Responder Fund operating budget amendment as presented: Decrease Office Supplies \$200.00; Decrease Operating Supplies \$1,500.00; Decrease Contracted Services \$1,000.00; Decrease Education \$850.00; Increase Equipment/Uniforms \$3,550.00. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to adopt the Fire Fund operating budget amendment as presented: Decrease Building/Land Improvement \$600.00; Increase Education \$600.00. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Looman seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 5/12/09 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$19,029.18; Fire Fund - \$5,146.75; First Responder Fund - \$1,167.46; Building Admin. Fund - \$909.27; Ambulance Fund - \$971.97. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton was absent. An estimate for the Station 2 driveway was submitted but will be held until the 2009/2010 budget is prepared.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, submitted a written report of 12 runs for the month.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee will meet in June.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report with 5 permits issued for a valuation of \$354,000.00, 20 inspections and no land divisions.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, reported 1 cremation burial for April. Ron Bellenger and Don Karaus put up the veteran flags and significant brush cleanup and headstone re-setting has taken place at Hutchins Cemetery with a lot of help from Albert Crane. Phil Sargent is interested in repairing the older damaged headstones in the cemeteries.

Sally Howard, Planning Commission Chair, submitted a written report of the Commission's activities in April. Howard provided an update on the status of the Zoning Ordinance review by area and a summary of Bill Hintz's conversation with the Planning Commission at the 4/28/09 meeting.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, suggested residents take their electronics to the transfer station for disposal since they are picked up there for free.

Jane Nally, Library Representative, was absent.

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, provided his monthly newsletter and discussed the park fees, jail issues and budget concerns

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The new location of the proposed Consumers Energy substation is on the west side of 64th St. north of 122nd Ave. on the Nykerk property. Hebert will send the Township's requests for consideration to Consumers Energy.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to adopt Ordinance # 44 – Ganges Township Emergency Services Cost Recovery Ordinance as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins – Yes; Reimink – Yes; Yonkers – Yes; Looman – Yes; Hebert – Yes (5/0).

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to adopt the Ganges Township Cost Recovery Fee Schedule as amended. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Hutchins moved, Looman seconded, to participate in the 2nd roadside mowing for the Summer 2009 season. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to adopt Ordinance # 43 – Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Parcel # 03-07-021-015-00 (Black) and # 03-07-005-008-00 (ToDo LLC) from Residential/Agricultural to Commercial. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Looman – Yes; Yonkers – Yes; Reimink – Yes; Hutchins – Yes; Hebert – Yes (5/0).

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to approve the Outdoor Entertainment permit for Apple Blossom Wedding Chapel and Gardens, 2337 63rd St, for June 6, 2009, 6:00 PM – 12:00 AM, as requested. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to approve the Outdoor Entertainment permits for Fenn Valley Vineyards, 6130 – 122nd Ave, for June 27, 2009 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM, and August 1, 2009, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM, as requested. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rob Soltysiak, 6322 112th Ave, and Carmen Behn, 2276 68th St, both voiced their displeasure with the ToDo LLC rezoning and recent Board decisions.

Daphne Fairbanks, 2343 Lakeshore, requested the Master Plan be available on the website.

Looman moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk