

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. Absent: Looman, Yonkers. Yonkers is due to arrive shortly.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to accept the agenda with the moving of minute approval, budget amendments and approval of bills to follow the committee reports. Motion carried with Looman and Yonkers absent.

Correspondence

Theresa Wiley, 6633 121st Ave 03/10/05 Township Board concerns

Public Comments:

Theresa Wiley, 6633 121st Ave, voiced concern that the Township was not following the 10 Year Road Committee Plan dated March 1998 regarding the gravel roads.

Don Maslanka, 6711 118th Ave, asked about agenda item 11A - Planning Commission Member appointment and the status of the Campit (Saugatuck Weekends) project.

Reimink reported the balances as of 03/31/05 as follows:

General Fund	\$406,261.39
Road Fund	405,345.01
Ambulance Fund	95,487.50
Fire Fund Checking	248,714.76
First Responders Checking	17,718.81
Building Admin.	34,949.58
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$1,208,477.05

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to accept the Treasurer=s report as presented. Motion carried with Looman and Yonkers absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Compton reported several brush fires and asked people to refrain from burning since it's extremely dry. The new Grass Jeep and the DNR brush truck both need off road tires and there is some new equipment that came on the Jeep that has been removed and permission was requested to sell the items on eBay.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to authorize the Fire Department to list the unused new equipment that came with the new jeep on eBay for sale. Motion carried with Looman and Yonkers absent.

Yonkers arrived at 7:25 PM.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded to approve the purchase of 8 off road tires for the DNR Brush Truck and the Grass Jeep. Motion carried with Looman absent.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Officer, reported 9 runs for the month including 3 accidents on I-196. Continuing Education classes are being held on Sunday, 4/17/05 at 8:00 A.M. for 8 hours, which will provide 8 credit hours required for the next 3 years. Suzanne Holton and Kevin Brownlee both passed the First Responder training program and are certified to run.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee met on 3/10/05. The Fennville AMR unit is the first to receive the new 12 lead monitor which will interface with the hospital. Our First Responder HeartStart unit will tie directly into it.

The Assessor, Doug Darling, was absent but submitted a written report. Nick Glascock, Doug's assistant, was present and reported the Assessor will begin hours at the Township Hall on the 1st Saturday of each month from 10 A.M. to Noon.

Paul Shamblin, Zoning Administrator, was absent but submitted copies of violations he has been working on.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, was absent but provided a written report of 24 inspections and no land divisions.

Ken Sargent, Cemetery Sexton, was absent. Hebert reported he talked to Joanne Walker (Corky) about the Assistant Cemetery Sexton position and she is interested.

Yonkers moved, Hebert seconded, to contract with Joanne Walker, 2109 68th St, for the Assistant Cemetery Sexton position at a rate of \$10.00/hour. Motion carried with Looman absent.

Scott Bruursema, Planning Commission Chair, was absent.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, was absent. Yonkers reported the recycling program is temporarily on hold, waiting for the gravel base to be installed at the Station. The recycling bin should be available within the next couple of weeks. Manlius Township has provided a sign at the recycling bin prior site on M89 directing people to the Transfer Station.

Marge Shelden, Library representative, presented a written and oral report on the Library's new genealogy program and inquired about cemetery records from 1949 through current. Yonkers will follow up to set a time for photocopying the books.

Dave Babbitt, County Commissioner, was absent.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 03/08/05 as presented with the correction of the spelling of Phil Willson's name. Motion carried with Looman absent.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 03/15/05 as presented. Motion carries with Looman absent.

Operating budget amendments – None.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the bills dated 04/12/05 as presented from the following funds: General Fund: \$18,728.84; Fire Fund: \$11,210.53; First Responder Fund: \$5,396.65; Building Admin. Fund: \$2,536.91; Ambulance Fund: \$791.65. Motion carried with Looman absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board is in agreement to review the files at the Hall and clean out the back section of the building by 06/30/05. Yonkers needs a count of file cabinets required by all areas for centralization of records so office space can be determined. Additional discussion of remodeling the existing hall versus purchasing property and constructing a new hall followed with no action taken.

BP gas cards were obtained for the Fire Department and First Responder Unit with one to be maintained at the BP station in Fenntown, the additional cards will be kept in the Safety Deposit Box.

Hebert announced the township has the beginnings of a new website – www.gangestownship.org – which is now available to everybody. More information will be added as it becomes available.

NEW BUSINESS

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to re-appoint Barry Gooding, 2236 66th St, to the Planning Commission for a 3 year term, expiring 04/23/08. Motion carried with Looman absent.

A joint Fire Department, First Responders and Board Budget work meeting was scheduled for Thursday, 5/19/05, 7:00 P.M. at the Fire Hall.

Hebert reported he will begin drafting a policy manual for the Township. Also, the 119th Avenue road construction project may not be started this year due to **(add: Allegan County Road Commission)** personnel constraints.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Allegan County Drain Commission will be holding a meeting to review the Symons Drain (area on 114th Avenue which floods) on Wednesday, 04/27/05, 10:00 A.M. at the Ganges Township Hall.

An Open House is being on held for the Allegan County Central Dispatch Building Dedication on Thursday, 04/21/05, from 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Dedication will e at 2:30 P.M.

Hebert reported Michael O'Connor has provided him with contact information for complaints regarding the Scenic View Farms.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Diana Decker, 128C Saugatuck, asked about approval for new First Responders.

Don Maslanka, 6711 118th Ave, asked how to request copies of the Zoning Administrator's reports.

Al Emery, 1881 68th St, asked when the Land Use Survey results will be followed.

Ganges Township Board

FINAL APPROVED

Minutes of 04/12/05

Marsha Maslanka, 1811 66th St, asked about rumble strips or guard rails at the intersection of 118th Ave. and 66th St., supports a bigger township hall, and thanked the Board for the website.

Barry Gooding, 2336 66th St, agrees something needs to be done about the hall and prefers building a new one.

Jackie DeZwaan, 2259 68th St, asked if copies of the Zoning Administrator's report could be available at each meeting as in the past.

Diana Decker, suggested an article be included in the next newsletter regarding burning issues.

Ron Bellenger, 1219 62nd St, asked when the Zoning Administrator's contract was ending.

Fire Chief Compton asked about the selling of old truck 23 which is no longer in service. An ad will be placed in the paper requesting sealed bids when ready.

Hebert requested newsletter articles be submitted to Yonkers so a draft can be reviewed at the May meeting. The newsletter will be mailed with the summer tax bills and also available on the website.

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M. Motion carried with Looman absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk