

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.

Yonkers moved, Gooding seconded, to approve the agenda dated 01/14/14 as presented with the addition of item 12.B – AMR Contract renewal. Motion carried.

County Commissioner Tom Jessup provided an update of recent issues. The County received a \$400,000 grant for use at West Side County Park and approved \$100,000 to review County job descriptions. There is an open house on 2/20/14 for public officials to tour the new jail from 2-7:00 PM.

Bob Genetski, State Representative, gave an overview of the State’s progress over the past year and reported Thursday evening with the Governor’s State of the State address.

Correspondence -

Kathleen Schwegel, Susan Borland 12/18/13 Interest in household hazardous waste collection

Public Comments – None

Hutchins moved, Gooding seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 12/10/13 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 12/31/13 as follows:

General Fund	\$135,094.43
Road Fund	35,755.69
Ambulance Fund	16,922.20
Fire Fund	87,899.19
First Responders Checking	24,914.19
 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	 \$ 300,475.70

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

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 01/14/14 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$32,511.91; Fire Fund - \$12,058.00; First Responder Fund - \$6,870.93; Ambulance Fund - \$1,192.68; Road Fund - \$51,926.32. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the agreement and invoice for aerial imaging at a cost of \$2,318.49. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Doug Compton, Fire Chief, was absent.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, reported 14 First Responder runs for December. There was a trailer fire on 64th on the Nykerk property resulting in a total loss. Additional jackets need to be ordered for new responders.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, reported 2 burials and 1 cremation in December. The property checks are difficult to complete with all of the snow and harsh weather but everything appears to be in order.

Barry Gooding reported the Plan. Comm. did not meet in December but will have the regular meeting on 1/28.

Shirley Newman, Library Representative, reported the new Director started around Christmas time. New fees are in effect for replacing books if lost or damaged.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Ben Williams, Allegan County Recycling/Solid Waste Coordinator, provided a presentation of services the Township could participate in. Since all of the services other than household hazardous materials and tires are provided by the Township through the Transfer Station, it does not appear to be cost-justified at this time. The Board agrees it would be best to contract with an outside firm to conduct a collection in unison with surrounding communities once or twice a year. Medications can be dropped off at the Saugatuck/Douglas Police Department for disposal.

Hutchins moved, Yonkers seconded, to adopt the AMR contract as proposed. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins – yes; Reimink – yes; Yonkers – yes; Gooding – yes; Hebert – yes (5/0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Teresa Warren, 1722 68th St, voiced concern with the lack of a method to dispose of hazardous waste in Ganges Township and requested the Board resolve the problem, particularly for the agricultural businesses.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Clerk
Ganges Township