

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 08/12/08 as presented with the addition of Items 11.C – Symons Drain determination. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Barb & Jim Johnson	8/3/08 email	Glenn Beach parking – no parking signs
Ronda Hall, 6691 120 th Ave	7/8/08	Resignation from Plan Comm Rec. Secretary position
John Tilton, 2060 Lake Michigan Dr	8/10 & 8/12 emails	Ordinance enforcement – 121 st Road End
Neil VanLeeuwen, 6751 119 th Ave	8/7/08	Supervisor/Firefighter & First Responder conflict

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to accept the resignation of Ronda Hall, 6691 120th Ave., from the Planning Commission Recording Secretary position with regret. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Kathy Doornbos, Apple Blossom Chapel & Gardens, 2337 63rd St, asked if she could have an application for an Outdoor Entertainment permit reviewed at this meeting.

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to amend the agenda as approved to add item 11.D – Apple Blossom Chapel & Gardens outdoor entertainment permit. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 07/08/08 with an addition to the Transfer Station report on page 2 as follows: **Manlius Township will address this since they are the party named in the agreement.** Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 07/31/08 as follows:

General Fund	\$483,002.32
Road Fund	128,118.59
Ambulance Fund	45,504.13
Fire Fund	70,456.73
First Responders Checking	62,642.63
Building Admin.	37,384.51
 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	 \$ 827,108.91

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

Hutchins moved, Looman seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 08/12/08 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$29,753.85; Fire Fund - \$6,769.98; First Responder Fund - \$7,820.80; Ambulance Fund - \$916.95; Road Fund - \$9,000.00. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton, reported they have had 3 false alarms at the same property and requested a letter be sent to the owner. Compton has left 2 phone messages with no response. They responded to two serious accidents on I-196 and three firemen want to enroll in officer training classes.

Hutchins moved, Yonkers seconded, to approve the attendance of one firefighter at the Officer training program at a cost of \$350.00 plus mileage. Motion carried.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, reported of 12 runs for the month and the Unit is ready for the new MDOT Compliance requirements in effect 11/24/08. Discounts were available on the signs and materials required since three townships ordered together.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee will meet in September.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report of the month’s activities including 1 land division and 1 Dangerous Building notice.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, reported the headstones that were reported knocked over at Plummerville Cemetery appear to have been caused by wind and not vandalism, with no damage done. Holton suggested obtaining a bid from a brush cleanup service for the south side of Plummerville. A sign up sheet for volunteers to help cleanup the 121st Road End was circulated. Holton and Yonkers will set a date and

notify those interested.

Ganges Township Board

FINAL APPROVED

Minutes of 08/12/08

Jim Birkes, Planning Commission Chair, provided a written report of the Commission's meetings in July which included one work session to continue work on the Zoning Ordinance and a public hearing at the regular meeting on 7/22/08 for Vinterra Winery, which was approved. The Planning Commission requested approval to meet for a 2nd work session per month to accelerate the zoning ordinance project.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve a 3rd meeting per month for the Planning Commission for the next 3 months as needed, without the services of a recording secretary. Motion carried.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, received follow up from Manlius Township regarding the recycling dumpsters not being emptied completely. The dumpsters will be changed to ones with a single large compartment instead of the multiple smaller sections currently used.

Jane Nally, Library Representative, provided a review of the library's activities including the resignation of the Director, the appointment of an Interim Director, and the need for boiler repairs and water tiling needs due to seepage from the June heavy rains.

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, gave an update and provided a current newsletter reviewing Commission activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hebert provided an update on the 121st Road End lawsuit including the Tilton's recent request for another stay which is to be heard Monday, 8/18/08, according to Betty Tilton.

NEW BUSINESS

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the Noise Variance application from Maglorio Rosas, 6325 Valley Dr., on 8/30/08, from the hours of 6:00 PM to 9:00 P.M. only for live music for a family birthday party. Motion carried.

Hebert reported the parking area at the 114th Road End has been removed. The Board is agreement to have both the road end and township property at 114th Ave. and the township property on Cedar Street surveyed for future consideration of parking areas.

Yonkers moved, Hutchins seconded, not to proceed with the Symons Drain petition dated 4/13/04, due to the lack of cooperation with 50% of the affected property owners (3 out of 6). Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the outdoor entertainment permit for Apple Blossom Chapel and Gardens, 08/16/08, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM, for a wedding with DJ/music, as requested. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The township fiscal audit will be conducted on Monday, 8/18/08 at 2:00 PM at the Township Hall.

The recount of the Supervisor race as requested by Tim Capps will be conducted but a date has not been set as of this time.

The Planning Commission Recording Secretary position is available. Those interested should apply by letter to the Clerk.

The Board thanked ed the community for the renewal of the Fire and Ambulance millages at the 8/5/08 election.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Holton reported the end post on the guard rail at Pier Cove is in bad shape and needs to be replaced. The Board will also suggest the Road Commission extend the guard rail to the north approximately to the Simonds drive area to prevent parking on their property.

Looman moved, Yonkers seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk