

Supervisor Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Ganges Township Hall, 1904 64<sup>th</sup> St. Board members present by roll call attendance: Looman, Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins; Yonkers – absent.

Reimink moved, Looman seconded, to accept the agenda dated 02/13/07 with replacement of item 10A. with I-2000 Tower status and replacement of item 11A – Heritage Trail presentation. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

Kent Borkovec, 1732 Morning Glory	1/23/07	Regarding I-2000 tower in Glenn
Neil VanLeeuwen, 6751 119 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	1/24/07	Previous questions about employee/independent contractor interpretation.
Terrence O'Rourke, 1732 Darling	1/27/07	Regarding I-2000 tower in Glenn

**Public Comments**

Deb Emery, 1881 Blue Star Highway, voiced concerns about the construction of 119<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the subsequent water problems they are experiencing. The Allegan County Road Commission has met with the Emerys and has promised to correct the problem in the spring. Ms. Emery hoped others could avoid this problem with future road projects.

Looman moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 1/9/07 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 1/31/07 as follows:

General Fund	\$451,151.89
Road Fund	128,517.03
Ambulance Fund	95,449.95
Fire Fund	235,592.01
First Responders	8,658.84
Building Admin.	41,202.92
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 919,369.72</b>

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

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 02/13/07 as presented by the Clerk, from the following funds: General Fund - \$16,828.74; Fire Fund - \$2,212.79; First Responder Fund - \$382.38; Building Fund - \$3,734.76; Ambulance Fund - \$815.40. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the attendance of Planning Commissioners at the Allegan County Planning Commission seminar on 3/29/07 at a cost of \$10.00 per person. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the attendance of Planning Commissioners at the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission seminars on 3/12/07 and 4/11/07 in Lawrence at a cost of \$5-10.00 per son. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Fire Chief Doug Compton reported 2 fire calls and 2 accidents. The furnace at Station 2 went out and caused a pipe to break but all repairs have been made. Compton inquired about an alarm being installed to detect a drop in temperature to prevent future problems.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to approve the purchase of miscellaneous replacement gear and fittings from Heiman Fire Equipment at a cost of \$1,870.00. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the application of Michael Hopp, 1737 65<sup>th</sup> St, as a Ganges Firefighter, effective 2/13/07. Motion carried.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, submitted a report. TB tests are on order and will be done shortly and requested authorization for attendance at the EMS Expo, which allows members to earn continuing education credits.

Hutchins moved, Looman seconded, to authorize First Responders to attend the EMS Expo in Grand Rapids on 4/18 – 4/22 at a cost of \$115.00 per day and overnight lodging if attending for consecutive days. Motion carried.

New jackets and firefighter gear will be purchased from the Fire Fund for the new members of the Fire Department, at a cost of \$130.00/each.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee will meet in March.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report.

Ken Sargent, Cemetery Sexton, was absent.

Barry Gooding, Planning Commission Chair, reported three public hearings were held on 01/23/07 for the Glenn Oaks PUD, the quarterly mining reports have been received from Ciesla and Daly, review has begun on the Draft PUD ordinance amendment from McKenna and a public hearing has been scheduled for 2/27/07 for the Master Plan. New officers are: Chair – Gooding, Vice-Chair – DeZwaan, Secretary – Birkes.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported no meeting was held.

Marge Shelden, Library representative, was absent but provided circulation figures which reported Ganges in the lead again.

County Commissioner Tom Jessup provided a summary of the survey cards he'd collected from Lee, Casco and Ganges townships, showing the #1 concern for respondents was the use of senior millage funding and #2 was Wireless communication. Jessup is working on better signage and enforcement of parking issues at West Side County Park and Pier Cove.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Hebert reviewed the status of the I-2000 Wireless tower project, explaining the Board did approve the project, signed a lease agreement and agreed to split or pay the total cost of the fence required. Hebert has tried to contact I-2000 with no response. He will send a letter requesting the project be installed or the Township will contact other providers to accomplish it.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to appoint Phil Badra, 2330 Lake Shore Dr, as a Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate, for the term of 2/13/07 through 2/13/10 (3 years). Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the layout for the Heritage Trail sign to be installed in Glenn as presented. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Looman seconded, to accept the bid from Southwestern Michigan Dust Control, Bloomingdale, for \$31,500.00 for 3 applications of dust control for 2007. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to authorize Allegan County Road Commission to request bids for the paving of 119<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Blue Star Highway to 66<sup>th</sup> Street at the same width as the recent paving of township roads, being 22' or 28'. Motion carried.

Hebert reported the Road Commission has scheduled the resurfacing of 114<sup>th</sup> Avenue from the I-196 overpass to 66<sup>th</sup> Street with the Township sharing in a minor cost. It is anticipated that 68<sup>th</sup> Street from 114<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Blue Star will be scheduled within the next 5-10 years.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the purchase of the NFPA Fire Code Book at an approximate cost of \$800.00. Motion carried.

Looman moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the purchase of a dry-erase marker board/cork board/easel combination unit at a cost of \$290.95 and a swivel caster set for \$14.00 plus shipping. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Looman seconded, to approve the Ganges Township Guidelines for Poverty Exemption (M.C.L 211.7U), as presented. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

John Tilton, 2060 Lake Michigan Dr, inquired if the 121<sup>st</sup> Lawsuit Update topic was to be discussed. Hebert responded a special meeting was held on 02/12/07 for that purpose and as a result it was removed from tonight's agenda.

Deb Emery, 1881 Blue Star Highway, asked if a streetlight could be installed at M89 and 63<sup>rd</sup> St. and if the Transfer Station could be open on at least one day a month other than Sunday due to people's religious beliefs. Looman will inquire at the next Transfer Station meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk