

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, Looman, Yonkers.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to accept the agenda dated 10/11/05 with the addition of Item 10. Zoning Administration/Enforcement issues and the renumbering of items 10-13 to 11-14. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Al & Sally Koning, 1298 Fabun Rd.	09/15/05	Fabun Road turnaround opposition
Neil Van Leeuwen, 6751 119 th Ave.	09/21/05	121 st Road end
Kathleen Schwegel, 6385 120 th Ave.	09/29/05	Public sewer and water opposition

Public Comments:

Diana Decker, 128C Elizabeth, Saugatuck, asked to have Neil Van Leeuwen’s letter read. Correspondence received is acknowledged but not read due to time but Hebert responded a copy of the letter is available from the Clerk.

Marge Sheldon, 2059 Lakeshore Dr, asked why the Supervisor did not appoint a deputy. It is required for the Clerk and Treasurer but optional for the Supervisor.

Bob Simonds, 2318 70th Ave., reported ATV’s are riding on the beach at night from 114th Ave to 123rd (Pier Cove).

Ed Reimink, 6438 119th Ave., asked if the Board passed a resolution regarding ATV’s on the beach. The resolution is only for township property, not private property.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 09/13/05 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 09/30/05 as follows:

General Fund	\$411,443.01
Road Fund	404,584.70
Ambulance Fund	50,137.88
Fire Fund Checking	217,616.96
First Responders Checking	51,590.36
Building Admin.	52,755.94
 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	 \$1,188,128.85

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

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 10/11/05 as presented by the Clerk from the following funds: General Fund - \$14,807.83; Fire Fund - \$8,898.03; First Responder Fund - \$6,147.46; Building Admin. Fund - \$2,954.04; Ambulance Fund - \$815.40; Road Fund - \$15,395.06. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the bill from Gall’s for jackets for the First Responder Unit at a cost of \$2,208.10 as budgeted. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Yonkers seconded, to upgrade the Life & Accident policy with Burnham & Flower Agency, Kalamazoo, to Plan 1 at a cost of \$990.00 per year. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the bill from MCY Systems for computer software updates and system repair for \$217.89 . Motion carried with Yonkers abstaining due to business ownership conflict.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Compton was absent. Minutes from the Fire Dept. and First Responder meetings were provided.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Officer, provided a written report for the month.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance did not meet during the month.

The Assessor, Doug Darling, was absent.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report of 22 inspections and no land divisions for the month.

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FINAL APPROVED

Minutes of 10/11/05

Ken Sargent, Cemetery Sexton, was absent. Sargent, Looman, Yonkers & Holton met with Mitchell Surveys at Plummerville Cemetery. Zone 4 will be re-surveyed and marked. Taylor Cemetery is getting overgrown in areas, mainly in the old section to the north. Gary Holton, Assistant Sexton, will do the trimming and cleanup. The damaged headstone reported by Aaron Plummer was repaired.

Ed Reimink, Planning Commission Chair, reported the Commission met with McKenna & Associates, planning consultant in a special meeting and the committee met to refine the plan. A public hearing is scheduled for 10/25/05 for discussion on Article 7.3A. A plat book is to be obtained a cost not to exceed \$150.00.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported there was a dumpster fire at the Transfer Station on Sunday, 10/9/05, which made it apparent phone service is necessary at the Station.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to authorize the purchase of a cell phone for Bernie McLeod, Transfer Station Manager, with the cost to be split between Clyde, Manlius and Ganges Townships. Motion carried.

Marge Shelden, Library representative, presented a written and oral report on current circulation figures and reported sales of \$350.00 at the Goose Festival book sale.

Dave Babbitt, County Commissioner, was absent.

Looman moved, Hebert seconded, for the Board to go into Closed Session for discussion of Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement issues with Paul Shamblin and the Township Attorney. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Looman – Yes; Yonkers – Yes; Hebert – Yes; Reimink – Yes; Hutchins – Yes (5/0).

Hebert recessed the regular meeting at 7:33 P.M. The meeting was called back to order at 8:07 P.M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, for the Board to go into Closed Session for discussion of the Geerlings Mineral Mining case with the Township Attorney. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins – Yes; Reimink – Yes; Hebert – Yes; Yonkers – Yes; Looman – Yes (5/0).

Hebert recessed the regular meeting at 8:10 P.M. The meeting was called back to order at 8:27 P.M.

Yonkers moved, Hebert seconded, to authorize the Township Attorney to contact Mr. Geerlings Defense Counsel and proceed as suggested. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Looman – Yes; Yonkers – Yes; Hebert – Yes; Reimink – Yes; Hutchins – Yes (5/0).

Township Attorney Roxanne Seeber suggested the Township replace the current Blight Elimination ordinance with two new ones; one for litter and one for vehicle storage and presented the Board with samples from Mason, Sherman and Lockport townships. The Board members will review the suggestions and provide their comments to Hebert.

Looman moved, Yonkers seconded, to adopt the Ganges Township Purchasing and Bid Policy dated 09/30/05 as presented. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to adopt the Ganges Township Electronic Recordings of Township Meetings Policy dated 09/28/05 as presented. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to adopt the Ganges Township Anti-Noise and Public Nuisance Variance Application dated 09/30/05 as presented. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to adopt the Ganges Township Personnel Policy Manual dated 10/05/05 as amended. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Hebert seconded, to contract with McKenna Associates, Kalamazoo, to assist the Planning Commission in completing the Land Use Plan update at a maximum cost of \$10,000.00. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Reimink – Yes; Yonkers – Yes; Looman – Yes; Hutchins – Yes; Hebert – Yes (5/0).

The Board opened the sealed bids for the Township Hall remodeling project. Bids received as follows:

09/30/05	KMH Construction Services, Lawton	\$ 37,735.98
09/29/05	McKellips Construction, Fennville	49,390.50
10/03/05	Van Eck Construction, Holland	57,484.00
10/03/05	Greg Waldron Builder, Fennville	70,498.27
10/03/05	Breuker Plumbing & Heating, Holland	825.00

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The Board scheduled a special meeting on 10/18/05 at 6:30 P.M. to review the bids and make a determination.

NEW BUSINESS

Richard Walker, 2109 66th St., has resigned from the Fire Department and the Board accepted his resignation with regret.

Hebert provided an update on the Allegan County Road Commission's Public Hearing regarding the construction of a turnaround at the end of Fabun Road. The Board is concerned about the lack of support from the residents on Fabun Road, the opposition voiced at the meeting, as well as the future implications and development that could occur if the project is completed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael O'Connor, 6635 118th Ave., suggested the Board send a letter to the Allegan County Road Commission that states the Board is not in favor.

Ed Reimink, 6438 119th Ave., voiced concern about the availability of water for the Fire Department now that the mushroom plant is closed and asked if zoning ordinance amendments need to go to the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Linda Wilcox, 6274 122nd Ave., asked if there were environmental issues relating to the township hall remodeling, such as asbestos.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk