

Supervisor Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. at the Ganges Township Hall, 1904 64th St. Board members present by roll call attendance: Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins, Yonkers, Looman.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to accept the agenda dated 09/11/07 with the addition of items 9.I. Library report, replacement of 11.B. Plan. Comm. Proposal request and replacement of 11.E. Outdoor Entertainment ordinance fee. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Joel Timmel, 122 nd Ave.	08/22/07	Complaint about Troy's property appearance
Neil VanLeeuwen, 119 th Ave.	08/25/07	Support for sign at Pier Cove, concerns regarding employee/independent contractor issue as it pertains to the assessor
Allegan County Parks, Rec, & Tour	08/30/07	Appreciation for Heritage Trail sign support
Marge Shelden/Jane Vandenberg	09/04/07	Pier Cove & County Park use analysis, 6/10/07 – 9/3/07

Public Comments

Marge Shelden, 2059 Lakeshore Dr, asked the status of the 121st road end litigation.

Jane Vandenberg, 1910 Lakeshore Dr., asked why meetings were no longer tape recorded and asked about the infrequency of the Ambulance committee reports. Hutchins responded the statistics are compiled quarterly and provided to the clerk.

Betty Tilton, 2060 Lake Michigan Dr., asked the status of the DEQ permit for the maintenance at the 121st road end. Hebert responded it has not been applied for yet.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 8/14/07 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 8/31/07 as follows:

General Fund	\$460,624.26
Road Fund	272,498.99
Ambulance Fund	67,448.22
Fire Fund	115,739.90
First Responders	39,528.62
Building Admin.	41,216.74
 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	 \$ 997,056.73

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

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 09/11/07 as presented by the Clerk, with a transfer of the invoice for Power Hawk Tech, Inc. from the Fire Fund to the First Responder fund, as follows: General Fund - \$17,852.68; Fire Fund - \$2,616.15; First Responder Fund - \$2,490.03; Ambulance Fund - \$865.05; Building Fund - \$1,033.36. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the invoice from KZ Small Engine for \$482.13 for (3) light boxes for the first responder truck. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to approve the invoice from Countryside Electric for \$442.52 for the electrical installation of the air compressor (breathing) purchased from Saugatuck Fire District. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the invoice from McKenna and Associates for \$275.00 for PUD ordinance work. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug was absent. The new fire truck should be done soon.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, reported 22 runs for August with 6 on I-196 in a single day. The First Responder class will be 10/31 through 12/19 and the proposed cost is \$450.00 each but if more students participate the price drops. The Busscher family lent a 4 wheeler and trailer to the First Responders to transport a patient off of the beach.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Board's next meeting is 09/13/07.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report.

Ken Sargent, Sexton and Gary Holton, Assistant Sexton, were absent. The limbs at Taylor Cemetery have been removed and the shed has been finished, including the trim painting. The Board is concerned about Ken's health and the upcoming winter weather.

Barry Gooding, Planning Commission Chair, provided an update on the recent Planning Commission meetings and the ZBA hearings. Four committees were formed and have several proposed ordinance changes ready for a public hearing at the 10/23/07 Planning Commission meeting. There will be a ZBA meeting on 9/26/07.

Looman moved, Hutchins seconded, to increase the fee charged for a Planning Commission special meeting request from \$100.00 to \$1,000.00 effective 9/11/07. Motion carried.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported the Manlius recycling center has not been moved yet.

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, provided his newsletter covering issues in the County and discussed the Commission on Aging restructuring, senior transportation and the new plat books which are available.

Jane Nally introduced Sidona Hunsberger, the new Ganges library representative. The library millage will be increased from .35 mills to .49 mills this year which is within the range approved by the voters for the millage.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board will not be installing any signs at Pier Cove regarding County Park at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Hebert reported the Zoning Administrator has inquired about a contracted Engineering firm to have on retainer to consult regarding the larger developments. Hebert will look into options for this for a future meeting.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to authorize the township to submit a request for planning assistance, per the FINAL APPROVED proposal submitted by the Planning Commission, for review and updating of the zoning ordinance. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to approve First Responder Training for up to three (3) individuals, waiving the cost for those that have served more than one year of service in the township. Motion carried.

Hebert reported a family was asked to leave the public beach at WY-HO-CO park. He will provide a copy of the plat to the Allegan County Sheriff to let them know that is a township park which is open to the public.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to adopt the fee of \$100.00 to apply for an Outdoor Entertainment Ordinance permit/license as of 9/11/07. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Diana Decker, 128 Elizabeth, asked if title searches have been done on the deeds in WY-HO-CO. Hebert repeated what the plat dedication states. Ms. Decker also suggested a thank you note be sent to the Busschers for allowing use of their property and trailer.

Looman commented on the need to replace the town hall flag and also, the motion light over the front entry door is still not working.

Looman moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk