

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.

Reimink moved, Gooding seconded, to accept the agenda dated 2/14/12 as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence -

Schuyler Suydam, Lake Mich Shore Assoc 1/24/12 Agreement to share cost of eliminating County Park entry fees

Public Comments –

Jeff McCray, Burnham & Flower Insurance, asked the Township to reconsider the decision made to change insurance providers.

Tom Benson, 6074 Mallard, requested the Board consider a nuisance lighting ordinance to prevent neighbors from shining outside lights into other people’s homes.

Suzanne Holton, 2219 Blue Goose, supported Benson’s request particularly since there is a problem with an individual on Mallard that keeps abusing this issue. A letter was submitted to the Board.

Gary Korman, 2226 Blue Goose, also commented on the same problem and submitted a letter to the Board.

Harold Santefort, 2239 Blue Goose, repeated the problem, stating it’s escalating and getting worse. He also submitted a letter to the Board.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 1/10/12 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 1/31/12 as follows:

General Fund	\$234,261.29
Road Fund	127,399.96
Ambulance Fund	48,887.07
Fire Fund	91,712.92
First Responders Checking	25,599.18
Building Admin.	19,341.08
 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	 \$ 547,201.50

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

Hebert moved, Gooding seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 2/14/12 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$29,026.68; Fire Fund - \$4,919.12; First Responder Fund - \$1,933.12; Building Fund - \$6,037.00; Ambulance Fund - \$1,081.80. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Fire Department submitted a written report of 5 calls for the month, 1 assist to South Haven.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Officer, reported 9 runs for the month, TB testing was completed and 6 people will be attending a Gas line/Pipeline Safety program.

Gary Holton reported there were no burials for the month. The replacement post has been installed on the Walker Road property.

Gooding reported the Planning Commission met 1/24/12 and elected the same officers as last year. Two private road applications were approved; both are located off of Lakeshore Dr. The next meeting is Wednesday, 2/29/12 (rescheduled due to the election on 2/28/12) which will be a public hearing for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

Commissioner Jessup was absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hebert reported they are contacting people and have interviewed one candidate for the Assessor position.

NEW BUSINESS

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to approve the Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses for the Glenn School PTA to conduct a raffle as a fundraiser as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins – yes; Reimink – yes; Yonkers – yes; Gooding – yes; Hebert – yes (5/0).

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the resolution supporting the Development of a New Passenger Rail Station in Fennville, as presented. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the Proposal from Fitzgerald Henne & Associates, Inc. for engineering for the proposed Walker Drain, at a cost of \$2,985.00. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Gooding seconded, to approve the application of Landon Rewa, 1442 68th St, as a Ganges Township Firefighter effective 2/14/12. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to reimburse Rewa for the cost of training and mileage to Firefighter training. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to accept the Guidelines for Poverty Exemption as presented. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to re-appoint Doug Welsch and Susan Pierson to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year term, with a term expiration date of 1/4/15. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to accept the Planning Commission's proposal to allow residential uses in the Industrial district. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve payment of the 2nd road side mowing at a cost of \$2,104.60. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Tom Benson, 6074 Mallard, thanked the Board for addressing the need for lighting restrictions.

John Kluessendorf, 6074 Mallard, also appreciated the response to their lighting problems.

Harold Santefort, 2239 Blue Goose, suggested the Board check with the City of Fennville regarding lighting ordinances.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Clerk