

Supervisor Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Ganges Township Hall located at the corner of 119<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 64<sup>th</sup> St. Board members present by roll call attendance: Yonkers, Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins. Absent: Looman.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to accept the agenda dated 8/11/09 with the addition of item 11.F. Pier Cove Signs. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

Ann Gray, 1974 Blue Star Hwy	07/29/09	Interest in Planning Commission position
Phil Badra, 2230 Lakeshore Dr.	08/04/09	Interest in Planning Commission position

**Public Comments :** None

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 7/14/09 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 7/31/09 as follows:

General Fund	\$443,635.45
Road Fund	46,550.75
Ambulance Fund	47,587.46
Fire Fund	84,037.08
First Responders Checking	39,731.97
Building Admin.	32,446.81
 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	 \$ 694,007.52

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

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 8/11/09 as presented, from the following funds: General Fund - \$15,058.80; Fire Fund - \$4,379.47; First Responder Fund - \$2,734.41; Building Admin. Fund - \$751.41; Ambulance Fund - \$971.97. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the invoice from MCY Systems for 79.95 for a cartridge for the hall copier. Motion carried with Yonkers abstaining due to business conflict.

Looman will be attending the Allegan Conservation District Annual Meeting & Tour on 08/28/09 at the Allegan Township Hall.

Looman and Yonkers will be attending the Wind Energy Resource Zone Board Public Hearing on 08/31/09 in Scottsville, MI.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Fire Chief Doug Compton was absent due to being on-scene for a search/rescue call.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, submitted a written report of 20 runs for the month. Continuing Education will be on Saturday for 3 credit hours. Lakeshore Dr will be temporarily blocked from Glenn to M89 and also M89 from Lakeshore Dr. to Blue Star Highway for a short time on Saturday for the Relay for Life cycle ride.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee will meet in September.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report with 6 permits issued for a valuation of \$41,596.00, 19 inspections and no land divisions.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, reported 3 burials in the past 2 days with 2 of them occurring simultaneously. All went fine.

Sally Howard, Planning Commission Chair, was absent. A written report will be sent to the Board.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, was absent.

Jane Nally, Library Representative, provided an update of the Library's activities and presented checkout statistics for July..

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, distributed a newsletter and provided an update on the new Animal Shelter to be built, asked for input regarding a millage for a new jail, and welcomed Jackie DeZwaan to the Allegan County Planning Commission.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Hutchins moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the bid from Michigan Paving and Materials in the amount of \$68,596.00 for chip, seal and fog coat 121<sup>st</sup> Avenue from Blue Star Highway west to the end, and also to approve the corresponding quote from Allegan County Road Commission for \$15,000.00 for the clearing and sod removal, with invoices to be paid when received. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to retain Michigan Township Services for Zoning Administration for the 2009/2010 fiscal year at a cost of \$48.00/hour. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Yonkers moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the ballot ~~working~~ **wording** for the Zoning Referendum as follows: "Should parcel # 03-07-005-008-00 be rezoned from the Residential/Agricultural District to the Commercial District? Yes No ". Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to schedule the zoning referendum ballot question for the election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to offer contracts to Diana VanDenBrink and Kyla Bare for Planning Commission Recording Secretary services for the 2009/2010 fiscal year at a cost of \$35.00/meeting attendance and \$100.00 for final approved minutes. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Yonkers seconded, to approve the quote from Hurst for Jaws of Life rescue tools at a cost of \$18,142.00. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the quote from C. Slagter Construction, Wayland, MI, dated 8/7/09, for resetting the Guardrail at the 121<sup>st</sup> Ave. road end at a cost of \$3,982.50 for 225 linear feet. Motion carried.

A request has been made to install larger signs at the property lines at Pier Cove on the beach to designate the boundaries. Yonkers will obtain estimates. The Board is in unanimous agreement to install "No Pets Allowed" signs at the beach due to increased complaints and violations.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Patti Birkes, 2344 Lakeshore, asked the Board to consider charging a fee for the use of Pier Cove Beach.

Roy Newman, 6621 121<sup>st</sup> Ave, stated Pier Cove is a public beach and shouldn't be controlled through fees.

Jim Birkes, 2344 70<sup>th</sup> St., felt the County won't remove the fees from Westside County Park without eliminating them from all County Parks. However, it was stated that the fees have been dropped at Little John Park.

Ann Gray, 1974 68<sup>th</sup> St., stated she is in favor of wind energy and hopes the Township will support it.

Reimink moved, Yonkers seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk