

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, and Gooding.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to accept the agenda dated 4/10/12 with the addition of New Business items 11.A Westside County Park discussion, 11.B Mute Swan control program for Hutchins Lake, and 11.C. Sheriff's Deputy for Pier Cove Park patrol. Motion carried.

**Correspondence -**

Audrey Hart, Sylvia's Place, Allegan March 2012 Request for contribution  
Pete Palazzolo, email 03/16/12 Complaint of burning plastic and rubber

**Public Comments –**

Numerous people spoke up in opposition to the proposed plan for improvements at West Side County Park, including an overnight campground with 25-35 sites, that was presented at a County meeting by Kevin Ricco, County Parks & Recreation department. Objections centered around zoning issues, security, noise and lighting problems, the necessity for a full-time onsite manager, lack of community support and the financial feasibility of the project.

Commissioners Jessup and Burns were present and provided an update on the project and said it will be discussed further with more details available at a meeting on Thursday, 4/12/12 at 1 PM. The public was urged to attend and bring their concerns to that meeting.

Hutchins moved, Gooding seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 3/13/12 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 3/31/12 as follows:

General Fund	\$261,887.02
Road Fund	262,564.55
Ambulance Fund	73,758.67
Fire Fund	152,163.06
First Responders Checking	22,229.21
Building Admin.	19,346.07
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 791,948.58</b>

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

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 4/10/12 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$14,514.07; Fire Fund - \$9,675.18; First Responder Fund - \$4,006.29; Building Fund - \$370.00; Ambulance Fund - \$1,081.80. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Doug Compton, Fire Chief, was absent but provided a report of 8 runs for the month.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve Andrew Cook, 5807 124<sup>th</sup> Ave, as a Ganges Township Fire Fighter and First Responder. Effective 04/10/12. Motion carried.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Officer, reported 17 runs for the month. The Department is looking for additional First Responders.

Gary Holton reported all is fine at the cemeteries and township properties.

Yonkers moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the transfer of the remaining positions in Taylor Cemetery lot #104 from Nicolas Clark to Noreen & Barry Gooding, 2235 66<sup>th</sup> St. Motion carried with Barry Gooding abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Shirley Newman provided an update on the Fennville District Library and current circulation statistics.

Gooding reported the Planning Commission met 3/27/12 and worked on the Master Plan review as required. The next meeting is 4/24/12.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Yonkers moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the estimate of \$139,106.25 for replacing the Clyde Drain culvert crossing 60<sup>th</sup> Street, 1,230' south of 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue, with the cost to be shared equally with Clyde Township. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board is agreement not to rezone the property at West Side County Park to accommodate the proposed improvements by the County Parks Department.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to adopt the resolution for the Mute Swan Management and Control Program. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Gooding – yes; Yonkers – yes; Reimink – yes; Hutchins – yes; Hebert – yes (5/0).

The Township will contract with the Allegan County Sheriff Department for Pier Cove Park deputy coverage for weekends and holidays throughout the summer.

**Public Comments** - None

Gooding moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Clerk