

Supervisor Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:05 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: Looman, Yonkers, Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to accept the agenda dated 07/11/06 with addition of item 11F – Agricultural Destination grant for Casco Township. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

Bonnie Dreos	07/04/06	Opposition to limited access at 121 <sup>st</sup> road end & park fees
Heritage Trail Advisory Board	06/12/06	Request for sign costs for Allegan County Heritage Trail

Looman moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the cost of \$500.00 for increased interpretive signage along the Allegan County Heritage Trail. Motion carried.

Robert Soltysiak, 6322 113 <sup>th</sup> Ave	06/22/06	Comments regarding Master Plan – Future Land Use Plan
Neil VanLeeuwen, 6751 119 <sup>th</sup> Ave	07/02/06	Response to Soltysiak letter in paper, comments to Board
Neil VanLeeuwen, 6751 119 <sup>th</sup> Ave	07/05/06	121 <sup>st</sup> road end issues
Allegan County Road Commission	07/06/06	County Primary Resurfacing Millage Renewal
Michael O'Connor/Sally Howard, Campit	07/07/06	First Responder thank you

**Public Comments:**

Ron Bellenger, Holland, expressed appreciation of the property cleanup on 62<sup>nd</sup> St. near 112<sup>th</sup>.

Gail Kaplan, 2030 Lakeshore Dr., a plaintiff in the suit regarding the 121<sup>st</sup> road end asked the township to reconsider supporting the lawsuit financially as well as being named as a plaintiff.

Jane VanDenBerg, 1910 Lakeshore Dr., asked if the Board would take action on the 121<sup>st</sup> road end financial support tonight.

Margaret Williams, 6584 120<sup>th</sup>, inquired about the township’s limitations regarding lawful expenditures and the lawsuit.

Bridget Kammenzind, 6732 121<sup>st</sup> Ave, asked numerous questions regarding attorney/client privilege and asked who paid the maintenance on 121<sup>st</sup>.

Jerry Schorle, 2152 68<sup>th</sup> St, requested a copy of an attorney letter previously distributed to the public.

Dawn Soltysiak, 6322 113<sup>th</sup> Ave, stated she thought all correspondence was public record, including letters from and to attorneys.

Don Karaus, 2025 Brookhill Dr., requested a copy of the attorney’s definition of attorney/client privilege and feels a written document should be distributed to support the Board’s action.

Bob Simonds, 2218 70<sup>th</sup> St, reported numerous problems at Pier Cove Beach regarding damaged signs, parking problems, and over abundance of cars.

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 06/13/06 with grammar correction on page 1 and typo correction on page3. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Looman seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 06/29/06 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 06/30/06 as follows:

General Fund	\$384,337.94
Road Fund	539,901.21
Ambulance Fund	83,148.86
Fire Fund	235,817.41
First Responders	25,291.21
Building Admin.	55,410.40
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,323,907.03</b>

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

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 07/11/06 as amended by the Clerk from the following funds: General Fund - \$2,568.78; Fire Fund - \$229.89; First Responder Fund - \$175.00; Ambulance Fund - \$815.40. Motion carried.

Looman moved, Hebert seconded, to approve having Janice TenHarmsel, 2377 68<sup>th</sup> St., clean the township hall as needed. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Fire Chief Doug Compton, was absent.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, reported 11 calls, the new HeartStart and pagers are on order and the other defibrillator will be upgraded.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee would not meet until September.

Ken Sargent, Cemetery Sexton, was absent. Assistant Holton and Yonkers will meet at Hutchins Cemetery with Mr. Crane to review marker damage and trimming requirements.

Barry Gooding, Planning Commission Chair, reported the Planning Commission had a preliminary site plan review for Cottage Homes, a private road review was tabled due to lack of information, the special meeting will be 7/13/06 and the regular meeting is 7/25/06.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported the new building is in place and wiring is being completed.

Marge Shelden, Library representative, reported on the summer activities for the kids and also provided circulation figures.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the contract with Darling Appraisal Services, 1243 22<sup>nd</sup> St, Allegan, for assessing services for the 2006/2007 fiscal year as presented. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Looman seconded, to approve the contract with Lee Coltson Inc., 523 N. Elizabeth St, Bellevue, for Enforcement Officer services for the 2006/2007 fiscal year, as presented. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the contract with Michigan Township Services, Inc., 111 Grand St, Allegan, for Zoning Administrator services for the 2006/2007 fiscal year, as presented. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Yonkers seconded, to adopt the Resolution to Indemnify Township Officers and Employees as presented. Resolution adopted by roll call vote as follows: Looman – Yes; Yonkers – Yes; Reimink – Yes; Hutchins – Yes; Hebert – Yes (5/0).

Yonkers moved, Hebert seconded, to support Casco Township's application to the Julian Stille Grant program through the Michigan USDA, for an agricultural destination grant of \$50,000.00 for marketing purposes to promote agri-tourism, with no financial commitment. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments were provided by 14 members of the audience regarding 121<sup>st</sup>, the proposed Master Plan, staff hours at the hall, the Allegan County Heritage Trail funding, Pier Cove Beach garbage problems and introductions of people running for office in the upcoming election.

Looman moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk