

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.

Yonkers moved, Gooding seconded, to approve the agenda dated 04/15/14 as presented with the addition of items 10.D. – Library Report and 12.C. – Land Division Appeal for parcel # 03-07-030-026-00. Motion carried.

Bob Genetski, State Representative 80th District, provided a legislative and budget update from Lansing.

Correspondence - None

Public Comments

John Pinkster, Life EMS, expressed his company’s interest in providing ambulance service to the Fennville area and submitted a proposal to the Board.

Marsha Perry, 6248 Blue Star Highway, encouraged Township employees and community members to attend the MIPlace free training sessions being offered regarding planning and zoning.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 3/11/14 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 3/31/14 as follows:

General Fund	\$229,448.00
Road Fund	239,667.73
Ambulance Fund	64,510.23
Fire Fund	190,261.86
First Responders Checking	14,408.31
 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	 \$ 738,296.13

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

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 04/15/14 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$40,492.38; Fire Fund - \$17,376.80; First Responder Fund - \$6,924.13. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, submitted a written report of 11 runs for the First Responder Unit in March.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, reported no burials for March. The front regulation sign at Taylor is rotted and the Board is in agreement not to replace it since there is another sign near the trash barrel. Two tree tops broke off in Plummerville Cemetery but have been removed and the Private Property signs at Pier Cove on the beach are missing. The posts are still there but the signs are gone. The post for the “Ingress/Egress” sign at the 121st road end was broken over the winter and the post will need to be replaced.

Yonkers moved, Hebert seconded, to replace the 2 signs at Pier Cove. Motion carried.

Barry Gooding reported the Plan. Comm. met 3/25/14 with a review of the Kismet Bakery site plan. A public hearing will be held on 4/22/14 for proposed Zoning Ordinance changes and the Commission is looking into winery licenses in the Commercial district.

Gooding reported the entrance drive at the Transfer Station needs to be widened to 2 lanes and Air Waste will become the new vendor for recycling due to a better price than Chef Container. The next meeting is 7/10/14.

Shirley Newman reported the Library is having a Library Card drive, a Book Sale is scheduled for 4/17 – 4/19, and the summer reading program will start up as soon as school is out.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No further information has been received from DLD, Inc. for a Household Hazardous Waste Collection day.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to apply gravel to 120th Avenue and 116th Avenue from 62nd Street to 64th Street at an approximate cost of \$20,000.00. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Hebert seconded, to resurface 116th Avenue from 68th Street to 66th Street with 2' paved shoulders, at an

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approximate cost of \$140,000.00; and to Chip seal & fog coat 120th Avenue from 66th Street to 64th Street and 64th Street from 113th Avenue to 115th Avenue at an approximate cost of \$60,500.00. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to authorize up to \$5,000.00 to rent an excavator for the Road Commission's use to clean out roadside ditches. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to enter into a one year contract with AMR Ambulance service with competitive bids obtained from all parties interested this fall. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Gooding – yes; Yonkers – yes; Reimink – yes; Hutchins – yes; Hebert – yes (5/0).

Gooding moved, Yonkers seconded to accept the bid from Broe's Landscaping for Town hall and Cemetery mowing, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Yonkers seconded, to relax the 4:1 standard ration for land divisions for Parcel # 03-07-030-026-00, 1479 71st Street, as requested by Joan David, Trustee of John A. David's estate. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Erik Penuebeter and Mari Reijmerink, 1776 68th St, both voiced several concerns regarding the proposed zoning ordinance changes and the effect on home based businesses, particularly food services.

Gooding moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Clerk
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