

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: Looman, Yonkers, Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to accept the agenda dated 05/09/06 with the revision of item 7 to include the minutes of the 04/12/06 special meeting, and the addition of 11E – Tax Abatement Application Fee. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

Robert Sliwoski	4/10/06	Request to keep 121 <sup>st</sup> Road end open for beach
Tim Brennan	4/10/06	Request to keep 121 <sup>st</sup> Road end open for beach
Cannady/VanTil	4/11/06	Request to keep 121 <sup>st</sup> Road end open for beach
Laurie Benninghoff	4/12/06	Letter regarding Ganges Twp participation in 121 <sup>st</sup> complaint
Michael O'Connor	4/19/06	Joint Board/Plan Comm Master Plan meeting comments

**Public Comments:**

Sharon Hutchins, 6326 118<sup>th</sup> Ave., inquired if there was a driveway or road at Hutchins Cemetery.

John Tilton, 2060 Lake Michigan Dr., asked why the letter from Mr. Mulder of Cunningham Dalman PC dated 3/20/06 was not listed as correspondence in the April meeting minutes. The letter was received by the Board but was considered part of the support material for the agenda item, not general correspondence. Yonkers will add the letter as correspondence in the April final minutes.

Don Karaus Jr., 2025 Brookhill Dr., asked about agenda item 11B – Community Sewer System Ordinance and whether the township was drafting one.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 04/11/06 with addition of Mr. Mulder’s letter under correspondence. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Looman seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 04/12/06 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 04/30/06 as follows:

General Fund	\$398,722.74
Road Fund	524,604.56
Ambulance Fund	80,674.12
Fire Fund Checking	234,313.66
First Responders Checking	31,016.39
Building Admin.	56,608.45
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,325,939.92</b>

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

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 05/09/06 as presented by the Clerk from the following funds: General Fund - \$17,563.58; Fire Fund - \$628.73; First Responder Fund - \$604.49; Building Admin. Fund - \$3,231.43; Ambulance Fund - \$815.40. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the invoice from McKellips Construction for the roof completion for \$10,000.00. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the invoice from MCY Systems for miscellaneous computer services for \$235.40. Motion carried with Yonkers abstaining due to business conflict.

Yonkers moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the attendance of four Commissioners to the Michigan Zoning Enabling workshop in Grand Rapids, 5/15/06, at a cost of \$360.00. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Fire Chief Doug Compton, was absent.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, submitted a written report of 7 runs for the month and provided information on the new CPR standards which will go into effect the end of June. The oldest HeartStart defibrillator will need to be replaced at a cost of \$2,500.00 since it cannot be upgraded and the newer one will be upgraded for a cost of \$100.00.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee next meets in June.

The Assessor, Doug Darling, was absent.

Paul Shamblin, Zoning Official, was absent but submitted a written enforcement report and none for zoning issues.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, reported no land divisions for the month and 6 permits were issued. A Dangerous Building Hearing is scheduled for 06/08/06 at 4:00 PM for Morse and Miller.

Ken Sargent, Cemetery Sexton, was absent. Assistant Holton has completed most of the spring cleanup of all 4 cemeteries. The signs are being installed and the veteran flags will be placed by Ron Bellenger during the next 10 days.

Barry Gooding, Planning Commission Chair, provided an overview of the 4/25/06 regular meeting with 2 private road applications approved for Smallegan and Colsen. A special meeting is scheduled for 5/17/06 and the regular meeting is 5/23/06. The Planning Commission requested approval for the attorney to attend a meeting for a question/answer session. The Board directed the Planning Commission to compile a list of questions to send to the attorney first.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported the next meeting will be in June.

Marge Shelden, Library representative, reported on the success of the Children's Safari, the upcoming play by the 3-5<sup>th</sup> graders and the volunteer group "Friends of the Library". She also provided circulation figures.

Dave Babbitt, County Commissioner, was absent.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the ballot language for the proposed Fire Protection Millage of 0.75 mills for 2 years (2007 and 2008). Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the ballot language for the proposed Ambulance Millage renewal of 0.30 mills for 2 years (2007 and 2008). Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to approve the ballot language for the proposed Road Millage renewal of 2 mills for 4 years (2007-2010). Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to adopt Ordinance #26, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, as presented with an effective date of eight (8) days after publication. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins – yes; Reimink – yes; Hebert – yes; Yonkers – no; Looman – yes (4/1).

**NEW BUSINESS**

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve a variance to Ordinance #20, Anti-Noise & Public Nuisance, for a private family party on June 10, 2006, from 7:00 PM to 1:00 AM, for noise due to a band, per conditions presented 05/09/06. Motion carried.

The Board received a proposed Community Sewer System Ordinance from the attorney for review. The Board does not feel it's necessary at this time.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to adopt the resolution presented by the Allegan County Drain Commissioner to perform maintenance on the Ganges Drain at an approximate cost of \$2,928.00. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Reimink – yes; Hebert – yes; Yonkers – yes; Looman – yes; Hutchins – yes (5/0).

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to establish the Tax Abatement Application Fee at \$1,000.00 with a deposit of \$500.00 due at the time of application and the balance due upon decision. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Harvey Busscher, 2126 Lakeshore Dr., voiced concerns about a new septic system that is being installed at West Side County Park.

Mel Davis, 2184 66<sup>th</sup> St., asked what the status of his violation was. He thought he had complied with the request of the Zoning Administrator. He doesn't understand why there is a problem.

Jackie DeZwaan, 2259 68<sup>th</sup> St, inquired about the clean out of the Ganges Drain.

Michael O'Connor, 6635 118<sup>th</sup> Ave, commented the Transfer Station has been improved and is in nice shape.

Sharon Hutchins, 6326 118<sup>th</sup> Ave, complimented the hall remodeling.

Bob DeZwaan, 2259 68<sup>th</sup> St., voiced concern about the possibility of the front lights in the ground being hit by lawnmowers or equipment.

Looman moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk