

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 Looman.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to accept the agenda dated 12/9/08 as presented, with the revision to Item 7 to include review of the 11/17/08 Closed Session minutes. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Valdis Kalnins, LIS Director	11/17/08	Update of LIS projects
Michael McDuffee, Superior Environmental Corp	10/14/08	Notice of Aesthetic Impact – M89 Shell
Michael McDuffee, Superior Environmental Corp	11/12/08	Resubmission of Notice of Aesthetic Impact M89 Shell

Public Comments :

Jim Birkes, 2344 70th St, commended the audience members for coming out on a wintry evening.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 11/11/08 as presented. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 11/17/08 as presented. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to approve the closed session minutes of 11/17/08 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 11/30/08 as follows:

General Fund	\$452,710.41
Road Fund	13,954.49
Ambulance Fund	42,076.29
Fire Fund	37,901.10
First Responders Checking	39,792.13
Building Admin.	36,587.34
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 623,021.76

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

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 12/9/08 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$22,935.11; Fire Fund - \$6,165.10; First Responder Fund - \$2,500.41; Building Admin. Fund - \$790.78; Ambulance Fund - \$916.95. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to approve the final season mowing bill from AJ Broe for \$115.00. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Looman seconded, to approve the 5 year Audit Engagement Agreement from Campbell, Kusterer & Company, Bay City for the fiscal years ending 2009-2013, at a cost of \$3,600.00 per year. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton, submitted a report of 4 calls for the month including a grass fire, power pole fire, furnace fire and house fire. One meeting was held and equipment as budgeted has been ordered.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, submitted a written report of 9 runs for November.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee will meet 12/13/08.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report with 3 permits and 18 inspections for November. The owner of the property at 7140 114th Ave. has completed the minimal repairs to the building to have the Dangerous Building violation withdrawn.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, reported one burial for the month with another one scheduled. The Board authorized Holton to coordinate snow plowing at the cemeteries for burials with Septic Tank Systems at his discretion.

Jim Birkes, Planning Commission Chair, reviewed his written report of the Commission’s activity in November which included a public hearing to review two rezoning requests; one which was approved and one denied. Both have been submitted to the Allegan County Planning Commission for their review. The PC has completed the first pass of the proposed zoning ordinance information provided by the

scheduled.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative had nothing to report.

Jane Nally, Library Representative, was absent.

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, presented his District 8 newsletter and provided an update on County issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to adopt a Resolution to the Allegan County Drain Commissioner to Adopt Development Standards for Stormwater Management Systems in Respect to Design and Review, as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins – yes; Reimink – yes; Yonkers – yes; Looman – yes; Hebert – yes (5/0).

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to call a closed session, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, PA 267 of 1976, as amended, for the purpose of consulting with the Township attorney regarding litigation in the Keag/Beaty lawsuit. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Looman – yes; Yonkers – yes; Reimink – yes; Hutchins – yes; Hebert – yes (5/0).

Hebert recessed the regular meeting at 7:50 PM and the Board and attorney moved to the back room for discussion.

Hebert called the regular meeting back to order at 8:15 PM.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to accept the proposed mediated agreement for the Keag/Beaty lawsuit as presented and authorize the Township attorney to prepare the consent judgment for filing with the court. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Reimink – yes; Yonkers – yes; Looman – yes; Hutchins – yes; Hebert – yes (5/0).

NEW BUSINESS

Hebert provided a brief review of the Consumers Energy letter regarding a new substation in Ganges Township with their proposed locations. Hebert will follow up with a letter to Consumers requesting additional details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hebert announced the annual meeting with the Allegan County Road Commission is January 21 at 7:00 PM.

Yonkers announced the Ganges Township election results were able to be recounted in the recent countywide recount and thanked the inspectors for their accuracy.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Karas, 2025 Brookhill Dr., asked the Board to ensure that Consumers Energy provide details and conduct a meeting with the public regarding the substation.

Ed Reimink, 6438 119th Ave. voiced concerns with the proposed course of the new power lines and mentioned 119th Ave. follows 2 county drains.

Jim Birkes, 2344 70th St., asked the board to review the article in the August issue of Planning and Zoning News regarding the relationship of the Master Plan to zoning, by Mark Wyckoff.

Looman moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk