

**GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2004**

FINAL APPROVED

Supervisor Petek called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Ganges Township Hall, corner of 119th Avenue and 64th Street. Board members present: Petek, Yonkers, Reimink, Looman, Hutchins. Absent: None.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented as follows:

Bob & Christine Firmiss	10/26/04	Opposition to Campit expansion
Aaron Plummer, 6918 120 th	11/02/04	Land division refund request
John Hebert, 2107 68 th St	11/3/04	Fire Dept/Reimink review of Private Road Ordinance
Bill Nelson, Allegan Cty Road Comm	10/19/04	Primary Road designations and proposed changes

Public Comments:

Don Maslanka, 6711 118th Ave, asked if the traffic volume would be reduced if 62nd became a primary road. Hutchins responded the traffic patterns would not be rerouted since 118th is a Class A road and 62nd north of 118th is not.

Hutchins moved, Petek seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 10/08/04 as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried.

Petek moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of 10/12/04 as presented by the Clerk. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 10/31/04 as follows:

General Fund	\$353,182.09
Road Fund	211,918.10
Ambulance Fund	43,830.49
Fire Fund Checking	199,243.28
First Responders Checking	28,058.63
Building Admin.	31,387.29
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 867,619.88

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

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 11/09/04 as presented by the Clerk from the following funds: General Fund - \$18,649.91; Fire Fund - \$6,098.70; First Responder Fund - \$526.15; Building Administration Fund - \$3,409.85; Ambulance Fund - \$791.65; Road Fund - \$10,974.00. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Aaron Plummer=s request to be refunded the cost of a second land division fee. This was caused by the review of two different division requests months apart, both completed by the Zoning Administrator. A refund will not be granted.

Petek moved, Yonkers seconded, to authorize John Hebert to attend the MTA=s New Officials training at Calvin College in Grand Rapids on 12/17/04 at a cost of \$130.00. Motion carried.

Petek moved, Looman seconded, to authorize any Board member to attend the Community Leaders meeting on 11/17/04 at a fee of \$10.00 for the Township. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Compton was absent but wished to thank Ed Reimink for his time to meet with the Fire Department regarding the Proposed Private Road Ordinance Amendment.

Petek moved, Yonkers seconded, to authorize the Fire Department to purchase the 1999 Ford Chassis from the First Responder Unit at a cost of \$10,000.00. Motion carried.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Officer, submitted a monthly report of 12 runs. The Rescue Body transfer to the new truck chassis should be done in 2 weeks. There are 3 people taking the First Responder training course. The ISO process continues, the tanker shuttle test was passed and Saugatuck, South Haven and Fennville are all signed up for mutual aid, with Clyde about ready to go.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee will not have a meeting until December.

The Assessor, Doug Darling, was absent but submitted a written report.

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Minutes of 11/09/04

Al Ellingsen, Zoning Administrator, submitted a written report and has 2 public hearings scheduled for the Planning Commission on 11/30, one for Huntree Nursery=s expansion and one for the Saugatuck Weekends hotel project. There are also 2 ZBA hearings scheduled for 12/2/04. Mr. Geerlings has requested a formal hearing regarding his civil infraction. The Board is in unanimous support of following through with the violation.

Ken Sargent, Cemetery Sexton, was absent.

Don Karaus, Planning Commission Chairperson, requested approval to change the regular meeting of the Planning Commission from 11/23 to 11/30/04 and reported the Citizen Planner course will have make up sessions for those who were unable to attend all evenings. Karaus also provided the Land Use Survey with comments to the Board

Petek moved, Reimink seconded, to authorize the Planning Commission to change the regular meeting from 11/23/04 to 11/30/04 due to the notice requirements for the Public Hearing. Motion carried.

Marge Shelden, Library representative reported there is a new drop box at the library for drop offs from a vehicle and the new reading room and genealogy room are both open.

Dave Babbitt, County Commissioner, provided an update on the Commission=s activities and gave a generous thank you to Supervisor Petek for her service to the community.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported the committee met on 10/14/04. It appears that only Ganges is interested in the tire clean up project. Looman stated we need to keep the total number under 200 tires or a permit will be necessary. Hutchins suggested we hold the cleanup in Ganges Township and hire someone to oversee it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Soltysiaks vs. Ganges Township - hearing date is 1/21/04 at 3:30 PM.

Hutson & Matsock Property Donation - Petek has received Mr. Matsock=s Quit Claim deed and is waiting for Ms. Hutson=s. She will arrange to get the deeds recorded at Allegan.

The request for bids for the Grass/Brush Jeep has been sent to the paper for publishing and letters have been sent to the vendors supplied by the Fire Dept.

Hutchins moved, Looman seconded to approve the 2004 Winter Newsletter as presented. Motion carried.

Petek tabled items 10.E and 10.F. as there is no new information and she suggested these items be held until Mr. Hebert took over as Supervisor.

Petek called a 10 minute recess at 8:00 PM and called the meeting back to order at 8:10 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

Petek moved, Yonkers seconded, to authorize to pay employee Doug Compton or employee Ed Reimink for snow plowing services for the 2004/21005 winter season for the following rates: \$80.00 per time for Fire Station 1, \$25.00 per time for Fire Station 2, \$60.00 per time for a full lot snow plowing for the Township Hall, and \$30.00 per time for a front half only plowing for the Township Hall. Motion carried.

Don Karaus and Terry Looman reported the Land Use Plan draft is a month or 2 away from being complete and they would like to wait until December for discussion regarding outside assistance.

Petek moved, Yonkers seconded, that the Ganges Township Board of Trustees grant a variance to parent parcel 0307-008-029-00 and 0307-008-028-00 from the Land Division Ordinance No. 15 Section VII, Subsection D which allows a greater depth to width ratio to applicant Jeffrey Brown, as Trustee of the Wheaton Trust, c/o Attorney Harold Schuitmaker of 181 W. Michigan Avenue, Suite #1, Paw Paw, MI 49079, per the letter of request dated 10/28/04. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Looman - Yes; Yonkers - Yes; Petek - Yes; Reimink - Yes; Hutchins - Yes (5/0).

Petek reviewed the letter from Attorney McKown dated 10/28/04 regarding the 121st Avenue public road end at Lake Michigan. A policy should be established between the Road Commission and the Township. Mr. Tilton thanked Petek for the follow up.

The Board and public thanked Supervisor Petek for her many years of service and dedication to the Township.

Petek adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk