

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: Looman, Yonkers, Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins. Absent: None.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to accept the agenda dated 9/08/09 with the addition of item 11.B. Hughes' Land Division and 11.C. First Responder application. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Jane Nally, 6550 122nd Ave 09/07/09 Resignation letter from the Fennville District Library – retiring

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to accept the resignation of Jane Nally from the Fennville District Library Board effective 09/30/09 with regret. Motion carried.

John Hutchins, 1650 Blue Star Hwy 09/07/09 Interest in the Fennville District Library Board – Ganges Representative

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to appoint John Hutchins, 1650 Blue Star Hwy, as a Ganges Representative on the Fennville District Library Board. Motion carried.

Public Comments : Seventeen (17) audience members had concerns and questions with the Pier Cove Beach Park, particularly the parking problems, safety and visibility issues, brush overgrowth along the road, trespassing on private property, pets and signage. All are in agreement the problems continue to worsen with the Westside County Park admittance fee in effect.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 8/11/09 as presented with correction to a typo on page 2. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 8/31/09 as follows:

General Fund	\$436,788.29
Road Fund	46,580.40
Ambulance Fund	46,646.06
Fire Fund	79,712.43
First Responders Checking	37,023.54
Building Admin.	33,641.99
 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	 \$ 680,392.71

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

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 9/08/09 as presented, from the following funds: General Fund - \$20,946.30; Fire Fund - \$2,523.09; First Responder Fund - \$1,935.90; Building Admin. Fund - \$1,993.30; Road Fund - \$8,120.46; Ambulance Fund - \$971.97. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton reported the Fire Dept responded to an assist on a house fire in South Haven, there is still no word from ISO, the annual truck tests will begin this month, and they are beginning a review of the Bylaws.

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to suspend Corey Kernodle's salary as Training Officer for a personal Leave of Absence until further notice. Motion carried.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, submitted a written report of 12 runs for the month.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee will meet Thursday, 09/10/09.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report with 3 permits issued for a valuation of \$26,500.00, 16 inspections and no land divisions.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to approve Al Ellingsen's attendance at the Fall Conference for Building Officials, 10/6-10/9/09, to attain 18 credits towards his license renewal at an approximate cost of \$240.00. Motion carried.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, reported no burials for the month. He's working with MSU Extension on safe herbicides for brush.

Sally Howard, Planning Commission Chair, reported a draft of the proposed Zoning Ordinance is close to complete and would like the Board to submit their individual written questions or comments back to the Planning Commission for review.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported all is running well. Bernie McLeod, Manager, reported that electronics will not be accepted after April 2010 due to certification requirements. Other municipalities do accept them at a cost of \$10-20 depending on the item. Jane Nally, Library Representative, provided an update of the Library's activities including the replacement of lights and insulation for energy efficiency and the new roof should be done soon. Officers will be elected at the end of September for the new fiscal year. The Board thanked Jane for her 25 years of service.

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, was absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS

The Board is in agreement to look into the creation of a Parking Violations Bureau for the Township, particularly for Pier Cove Beach Park.

No decision was made on the request for a Land Division variance for the Hughes property at 1776 Blue Star Hwy. Hebert will request further information.

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the application of Lisa Perrin, 2122 62nd St, to the Ganges Township First Responder Unit, effective 09/08/09. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Three residents voiced additional concerns including: the parking and use of Pier Cove Beach, suggesting volunteer constables, adopting a fee which would be higher than the County Park, extending the no parking area, automatic combining of adjacent parcels by the Assessor, and proposed semi-truck zoning ordinance changes.

Looman moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk