

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: Yonkers, Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins, and Looman.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to accept the agenda dated 2/10/09 as presented with the addition of item 8B – Budget Amendments, 11B – Appointment of alternate attorney firm, and 11C – Planning Commission recording secretary for work sessions. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

Jeremiah Holmes, 6465 120 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	1/30/09	Recycling of electronic devices
Tom Harrington, 6802 124 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	2/9/09	Rezoning request for PC review
Bill Nelson, ACRC	1/29/09	121 <sup>st</sup> & Lakeshore Dr culvert repair

**Public Comments** : None

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 1/13/09 with correction. Motion carried. Hutchins moved, Looman seconded, to approve the closed meeting minutes of 12/9/08 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 1/31/09 as follows:

General Fund	\$460,231.89
Road Fund	13,988.45
Ambulance Fund	54,187.36
Fire Fund	52,595.18
First Responders Checking	26,978.31
Building Admin.	37,731.27

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS \$ 607,981.19

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

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to approve the General Fund Operating Budget amendment as presented as follows: Increase Attorney Fees \$10,000.00, Increase Cemetery Sexton Expenses \$3,000.00, Decrease Contingency Fund \$13,000.00. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the First Responder Fund Operating Budget amendment as presented as follows: Increase Equipment/Uniforms \$1,500.00, Decrease Operating Supplies \$1,500.00. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 2/10/09 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$36,030.07; Fire Fund - \$6,037.14; First Responder Fund - \$1,451.37; Building Admin. Fund - \$1,767.29; Ambulance Fund - \$916.95. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the invoice from MCY Systems as presented. Motion carried with Yonkers abstaining due to conflict.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the attendance of the Board of Review members at 2009 Board of Review Training at one of the two closest locations at a cost of \$85.00 each. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Fire Chief Doug Compton reported 2 structure fires and 2 standbys. The fluorescent lights at Station 2 need to be replaced.

Hutchins moved, Looman seconded, to approve the estimate from Countryside Electric, 625 Pine Hill Dr., dated 1/7/09 for \$917.28 to replace the four existing fluorescent lights with six 8' lights at Station 2. Motion carried.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, submitted a written report of 14 runs for January and reported South Haven is holding Continuing Education classes with some of the Ganges First Responders attending.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee will meet in March.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report with 3 permits issued, 15 inspections and no land divisions

Jim Birkes, Planning Commissioner, submitted a written report of the Commission's activities. Officers for the current year are Sally Howard - Chair, Dawn Soltysiak – Vice-chair, and Jackie DeZwaan – Secretary. Work continues on the commercial and industrial uses.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, reported one burial for January during the extreme weather and snow plowing and blowing were required.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported an increase is necessary for tire disposal. Car tires will cost \$6.00 and truck tires will cost \$12.00 to drop off. Bernie McLeod will send an updated list of prices for the Transfer Station so they can be put on the website.

Jane Nally, Library Representative, was absent.

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, was absent.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Yonkers will revise the Cost Recovery Ordinance and forward it to the Board and Fire Department for review.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Tasha Smalley, Zoning Administrator, reviewed the request for a Joint Overlay District for Hutchins Lake with Clyde Township. Since Smalley feels both Clyde and Ganges Zoning Ordinances are very similar in restrictions, the Board found no reason to take action at this time.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to appoint Scholten Fant, Grand Haven, as an additional legal service for the Township. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Hebert seconded, to contract with Kyla Bare as the Recording Secretary for the Planning Commission work sessions at the current rate. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jim Keag, 2086 66<sup>th</sup> St, questioned adding another attorney service feeling it will add delays and expense.

Don Karaus, 2025 Brookhill Dr, also voiced concern about two attorney firms reviewing the rezoning requests for ToDo LLC and Blacks.

Ed Reimink, 6438 119<sup>th</sup> Ave, asked how this year's road projects/maintenance would be paid since the Road Fund balance is only around \$14,000.00 and asked if homeowners can pay for their own dust control. Hebert will follow up with ACRC but stated without the Road millage, projects will be cut back significantly.

Don Karaus, 2025 Brookhill Dr, asked for clarification on the culvert on Lakeshore Drive and 121<sup>st</sup> to be replaced by the County.

Bernie McLeod, Transfer Station manager, reported he is collecting electronic equipment for Jeremiah Holmes to support his recycling efforts.

Looman moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk