

**GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 12, 2012**

FINAL APPROVED

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 Gooding.

Public Comments –

John Brush, candidate for Allegan County Drain Commissioner, introduced himself and provided a review of his background and experience.

Jane Vandenberg, 1910 Lakeshore inquired about the Allegan County Flag and asked for an acknowledgment in the May minutes.

Ric Curtis, 2264 Lakeshore Drive, thanked the Board for the recent upgrades at Pier Cove Beach including the porta potti, dumpster and Sheriff Patrol.

Supervisor Hebert opened the Public Hearing for the Proposed Millage Rates and Budgets for the 2012/2013 Fiscal Year at 7:05 PM. Hebert explained the rates to be levied, and asked for questions and comments though none were received.

Hebert then reviewed the proposed 2012/2013 General Fund, Fire Fund, Road Fund, Ambulance Fund, First Responder Fund, and Building Administration Fund budgets. No questions were raised by the audience members.

~~Delete: Harvey Buschor, 2126 Lakeshore, announced the access used through his property would no longer be available to the Fire Department for beach emergencies.~~

Hebert moved, Gooding seconded, to close the public hearing at 7:15 PM. Motion carried.

Hebert opened the regular meeting.

Reimink moved, Yonkers seconded, to accept the agenda dated 6/12/12 as presented with the addition of 15.D. Summer Newsletter and changing 13.E from County Commissioner report to Transfer Station report. Motion carried.

Correspondence - None

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 5/09/12 as presented with the addition to acknowledge the Allegan County Flag donation from Marge Shelden. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 5/31/12 as follows:

General Fund	\$278,501.89
Road Fund	282,734.80
Ambulance Fund	28,403.73
Fire Fund	149,834.01
First Responders Checking	61,117.93
Building Admin.	23,672.00
 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	 \$ 824,264.36

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

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 6/12/12 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$22,474.06; Fire Fund - \$3,428.68; First Responder Fund - \$1,108.89; Building Admin. Fund - \$7,615.00; Ambulance Fund - \$1,135.89. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to approve the postage bill for Absentee Ballot processing for \$265.00. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the attendance of the Planning Commissioners at the MTA seminar for Planning & Zoning in Battle Creek on 8/7/12. Motion carried. Phil Badra and Jackie DeZwaan plan on attending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton was absent. The Fire Department has T Shirts for sale to support the Relay for Life cancer fundraiser. The cost is \$15.00.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, submitted a written report of 11 runs for May. The new coats and splints are on order. They have assisted with 3 or 4 structure fires in Casco.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, reported no burials for the month. There is a tree limb down at Loomis Cemetery that will have to be pulled down the rest of the way and cut up.

Barry Gooding reported the Plan. Comm. met on 5/22/12 and finished the Master Plan review. The next meeting is 6/26/12.

Gooding reported the Manlius contract for recycling may last for another 1.5 yrs. Crushed concrete was put down for the dumpster at the Transfer Station but it has been suggested to pour a concrete pad instead. The Station Manager is having problems with tires being dropped off.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to accept the bid from R. Smith & Sons for \$17,680.00 for the 2012 Gravel Road program. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to accept the bid from Highway Maintenance and Construction for approximately \$23,500.00/mile. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the proposal from BS&A for the newest version of the Equalizer Assessing and Equalizer Tax software for a total cost of \$6,300.00. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vicki Amberg, 7018 114th Ave, asked w3ho put the barrier up at the end of 114th Ave. and Pier Road and voiced concern that it needs to be able to be opened up for emergency access. She also has plat maps to give to the Township regarding changes the County is making to the plat in the area.

Ron Colsen, Wildflower Lane, asked what is going to be done with the Glenn Beach. Hebert informed him the Board has reviewed the property and will be obtaining surveys for the public beach area and Pier Road. Also signage will be looked into.

Gooding moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Clerk
Ganges Township