

Supervisor Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Ganges Township Hall, 1904 64th St. Board members present by roll call attendance: Looman, Yonkers, Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to accept the agenda dated 11/14/06 with additions of 10.F> I-2000 Tower update, 10.G. Future Road Projects, 11.B. New Firefighter application, and 11.C. Township Hall concerns. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Neil VanLeeuwen, 6751 119 th Ave	10/20/06	Land Division Ordinance comments
Sam Hoffman, 1584 Leon Rd.	11/03/06	121 st Road End concerns
Sally Howard, 6638 118 th Ave.	11/08/06	Planning Commission letter of interest

Public Comments:

Joe Kiss, 6720 119th Ave, voiced concerns about the timing and engineering of the 119th Ave. reconstruction, including not being able to use the road for 3 weeks due to the late start, potential water problems, and lack of oversight.

Don Karas Sr., 1672 70th St, expressed gratitude for the guard rail being re-installed on Blue Star Highway and the Board's support for the 121st road end issue.

Joe Kiss, 6720 119th Ave, also voiced his thanks to the Board for the 121st road end issue.

Sky Suydam, 2032 Lake Michigan Dr., voiced his disagreement with the Board's position on the 121st road end issue, citing problems at Pier Cove this past summer.

Joe Kiss, 6720 119th Ave, disagreed with Mr. Suydam, stating the public has lost access to too many of the road ends already.

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 10/10/06 as presented. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 11/03/06 as presented. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the special ACRC meeting minutes of 10/30/06 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 10/31/06 as follows:

General Fund	\$390,056.76
Road Fund	278,538.29
Ambulance Fund	81,200.73
Fire Fund	226,064.09
First Responders	15,617.05
Building Admin.	60,377.15
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$1,051,854.07

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

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 11/14/06 as presented by the Clerk, from the following funds: General Fund - \$27,151.07; Fire Fund - \$3,771.45; First Responder Fund - \$557.59; Building Fund - \$22,655.03; Ambulance Fund - \$815.40; Road Fund - \$67,827.30. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Looman seconded, to approve the invoice from MCY Systems for \$319.96 for laser printer and copier cartridges. Motion carried with Yonkers abstaining due to business conflict.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton reported 2 house fires and 2 assists for South Haven. Twelve new pagers were provided by Central Dispatch and the others were updated. Nowak and Andry are following up with the ISO results and will be resubmitted the tapes of the tests.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, reported 16 calls, half which were fire standbys. The new HeartStart unit should be in after Thanksgiving...

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee will not meet until December.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report.

Ken Sargent, Cemetery Sexton, was absent. Yonkers and Holton located several cemetery lots at Plummerville which are not sellable due to tree plantings and road encroachment. Several small evergreens can be relocated to preserve the lots.

Barry Gooding, Planning Commission Chair, reported the ZBA approved the variances for the I-2000 tower and the AllTel equipment building. The next meeting is 11/28/06 with a tentative date of 12/20/06 for the December meeting due to the holiday.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported the DEQ will no longer allow the burning of pallets and building materials so these items will no longer be accepted at the Transfer Station.

Marge Shelden, Library representative, provided a written and verbal update on the Library's activities. Marge's term will end on 07/01/07 and she has decided to retire from her position.

County Commissioner Dave Babbitt was absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hebert reported the Road Commission has adopted a resolution to relinquish authority of the 121st road end. The pre-trial hearing date is 12/14/06 at 10:20 AM. The township board adopted a resolution of intent to accept jurisdiction of the 121st road end on 11/03/06.

The Board reviewed several surrounding municipalities Land Division ordinances and find the language regarding leases to be the same as Ganges. Yonkers will follow up with Ellingsen and Smalley to determine if these surrounding areas are enforcing the land division in these cases.

Yonkers offered a resolution to reserve the final authority for master plan/land use plan approval by the Board. Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Looman – Yes; Yonkers – Yes; Reimink – Yes; Hutchins – Yes; Hebert – Yes (5/0).

Looman moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the contract with McKenna Associates for a maximum of \$6,250.00 to develop a PUD ordinance update for the zoning ordinance, as well as review the entire zoning ordinance. Motion carried.

Bids for the Fire Truck were received as follows:

4Guys, Meyersdale, PA	11/1/06	\$302,424.00
Wolverine Fire Apparatus, Union City, MI	11/2/06	131,338.00
Spencer Manufacturing, South Haven, MI	11/3/06	260,386.00

The bid packets were turned over to Doug Compton, Chief, for review by the Fire Department. A recommendation will be presented to the Board.

The Board authorized Hebert to work with I-2000 in the construction of the fence at Station 1 with the Township sharing or providing the cost.

NEW BUSINESS

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to reappoint Jim Birkes, 2344 70th St., to the Planning Commission with a term expiration of 12/03/09. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to reappoint Jackie DeZwaan, 2259 68th St., to the Planning Commission with a term expiration of 12/03/09. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to appoint Sally Howard, 6632 118th Ave., to the Planning Commission with a term expiration of 12/03/09. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Looman seconded, to approve the application of Daniel Diaz, 2205 66th St., for Firefighter and First Responder for Ganges Township, effective 11/14/06. Motion carried.

The Board discussed security and safety concerns. The side door to the office will be kept locked during meetings and Reimink will get estimates for expanding the side entrance step and adding railings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Karaus, 1672 70th St, stated the people with narrow driveways and private roads need to work with the township to bring them up to standards.

Joe Kiss, 6720 119th Ave., inquired about people that are interested in serving on boards and commended Hutchins for asking about

additional people.

Ganges Township Board

FINAL APPROVED

Minutes of 11/14/06

Jackie DeZwaan, 2259 68th St, asking about the ZBA opening created with Sally Howard's appointment to the Planning Commission and suggested the current alternate, Susan Pierson, be considered.

Looman moved, Hebert seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk