

Supervisor Hebert 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 by roll call attendance: Looman, Yonkers, Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to accept the agenda dated 11/08/05 with the revision to Item 7 to include 10/19/05 Minutes and Item 11.B – 2005 Winter Newsletter. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Robert Johnson, 2295 Lakeshore	10/06/05	Fabun Rd. project - opposition
Rob & Dawn Soltysiak, 6322 113 th Ave.	10/10/05	Fabun Rd. project - opposition
Petition group to ACRC	10/12/05 (Rec'd)	Fabun Rd. project - opposition
Greg Waldron, 6694 121 st Ave.	10/27/05	Township Hall remodeling concerns

Public Comments:

Rob Soltysiak, 6322 113th Ave., asked for the status of the Allegan County Road Commission's project at the end of Fabun Road. Hebert reported he believes the project is on hold due to individuals' legal actions.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 10/11/05 as presented. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 10/19/05 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 10/31/05 as follows:

General Fund	\$392,164.54
Road Fund	379,762.62
Ambulance Fund	49,357.27
Fire Fund Checking	208,946.42
First Responders Checking	43,526.20
Building Admin.	54,194.92
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$1,128,388.62

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

Reimink acknowledged receipt of a donation to the Fire Department from the Sunshine Club.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to authorize the Treasurer to pay the refund to Michigan Gas Utilities (Aquila) for the tax tribunal settlement in the amount of \$7,622.61. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins – yes; Reimink – yes; Yonkers – yes; Looman – yes; Hebert – yes (5/0).

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 11//05 as presented by the Clerk from the following funds: General Fund - \$15,790.06; Fire Fund - \$2,286.00; First Responder Fund - \$693.47; Building Admin. Fund - \$2,803.23; Ambulance Fund - \$815.40; Road Fund - \$86,526.37. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the \$10,000.00 down payment to McKellips Construction Company per the proposal dated 11/07/05, for the remodeling of the Township Hall. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins – yes; Reimink – yes; Yonkers – yes; Looman – yes; Hebert – yes (5/0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Compton was absent due to attendance at a R.I.T. meeting. Minutes from the Fire Dept. and First Responder meetings were provided.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Officer, provided a written summary for the month of 13 runs and reported the Fire Dept. is beginning to check roads and private drives for accessibility by EMS vehicles. It appears ½ the places checked so far are not passable.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance will meet in January, 2006.

The Assessor, Doug Darling, was absent.

Paul Shamblin, Zoning Official, submitted a written report.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report of 26 inspections and 2 land divisions for the month.

Ganges Township Board

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Minutes of 11/08/05

Ken Sargent, Cemetery Sexton, was absent. Assistant Sexton Holton has done some trimming and brush removal at Taylor Cemetery. An article will be included in the newsletter to ask people to maintain graves.

Ed Reimink, Planning Commission Chair, reported the Commission met with McKenna & Associates on 10/12 to continue work on the Land Use Plan update and the next regular meeting will be 11/22/05.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported the cell phone has been purchased for Bernie McLeod, Transfer Station Manager, with the cost to be split between Clyde, Manlius and Ganges Townships. There have been no developments regarding the mutual liability issue but Clyde Township does have insurance to cover the Transfer Station.

Marge Sheldon, Library representative, presented a written and oral report on current circulation figures and reported the Library received a donation from the estate of Pat Hall, former Ganges Library representative and resident, for \$559,000.00 which has been placed in long term investments.

Dave Babbitt, County Commissioner, was absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to adopt the Freedom of Information Act policy as presented, to be effective 11/08/05. Motion carried.

The Board is in agreement to submit the Mason Township Litter Ordinance and Vehicle Storage and Repair Ordinance to the township attorney for revisions for Ganges Township.

Hebert reported that Jason Conklin has resigned from the Fire Department and all equipment has been returned.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board agreed to adapt the MTA suggested policy for Social Security Privacy.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to approve the Winter 2005 Newsletter as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jane VanDenBerg, 1910 Lakeshore Dr., inquired about the number of hours Al Ellingsen provided to Ganges Township since an article in a paper stated he works 30/week for Saugatuck.

Dawn Soltysiak, 6322 113th Ave., asked who owned the Transfer Station and if the Township is liable for injuries occurring there. Hutchins stated maybe Ganges and Manlius should have a contract with Clyde to share equally in the costs of operation and let Clyde assume the liability.

Robert DeZwaan, 2256 68th St., asked if the proposed Litter Ordinance would limit the amount of wood stored on property for firewood based on size of the pile.

Bob Simonds, 2318 70th St., asked about the ISO status and the accessibility problems the Fire Department was finding.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk