

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

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to approve the agenda dated 03/11/08 with the addition of item 11D – 2008 Gravel Road Program and 11E – Sylvan Shores Community Septic System. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

Robert Soltysiak, 6322 113 <sup>th</sup> Ave	03/10/08	Support for Planning Commission Recording Secretary
Steve McNeal, Chair Allegan County Comm.	03/11/08	Invitation to County Jail informational meeting

**Public Comments - None**

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 02/12/08 as presented. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 2/16/08 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 02/29/08 as follows:

General Fund	\$430,812.30
Road Fund	135,799.39
Ambulance Fund	97,557.19
Fire Fund	75,533.68
First Responders	16,937.13
Building Admin.	44,916.80

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 801,556.49
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Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to accept the Treasurer=s report as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Looman seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 3/11/08 as presented by the Clerk as follows: General Fund - \$20,611.83; Fire Fund - \$5,745.21; First Responder Fund - \$1,825.74; Ambulance Fund - \$865.05; Building Fund - \$1,859.57. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to approve the invoice from Jim Lytle for website hosting, domain name renewal and maintenance for \$295.00. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Fire Chief Doug Compton was absent. Safety Officer Zecklin reported 1 fire assist and 1 accident for the month.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, reported 12 runs for the month. The EMS Expo is 4/23 – 4/27 in Grand Rapids.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the attendance of First Responders at the EMS Expo, 4/23-4/27 in Grand Rapids including the cost of lodging if attending two or more consecutive days. Motion carried.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee met and he received the new ambulance service agreement from American Medical Response (AMR), effective 4/1/08 – 4/1/11.

Yonkers moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the contract with American Medical Response (AMR) dated 3/4/08 as presented. Motion carried.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report of the month’s activity.

Looman moved, Yonkers seconded, to approve the training request from Al Ellingsen for the Spring conference, 4/7 – 4/10 in Lansing for an approximate cost of \$180.00. Motion carried.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, reported on an accident on Blue Star Highway at the entrance to Taylor Cemetery which resulted in a damaged headstone and pole. An ad requesting mowing bids will be put in the 3/20/08 paper with bids to be reviewed at the April meeting.

Jim Birkes, Planning Commission Chair, was absent.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported the snow removal at the Transfer Station was done well and all is going well.

Jane Nally, Fennville Library representative, was absent.

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, provided his newsletter and an update on the County Jail issue.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board reviewed the request from the Michigan Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society regarding the use of Pier Cove Park as a rest stop for their fund raising bike ride on Sat, 5/31/08. Due to the safety issues, parking constraints and close proximity of West Side County Park, the Board is opposed to the use of Pier Cove.

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to reappoint Barry Gooding, 2235 66<sup>th</sup> St., to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year term, expiring 02/02/2011. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the bid from Southwestern Michigan Dust Control dated 2/26/08, for three (3) applications of dust control at the price of \$9,000.00/application for the summer 2008 season. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the proposed Community Septic System for Sylvan Shores as submitted by Bob Maes, Bay Shores Land Company. The Board is opposed to any involvement in owning or operating the wastewater system.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Michael O'Brien, an organic farmer with locations in Saugatuck Township and Ganges, introduced himself to the Board and audience members.

Looman moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk