

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: Looman, Yonkers, Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins. Absent: None.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to accept the agenda dated 1/12/10 as presented with the addition of Item 10.A – Pier Cove Parking update. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Robert Soltysiak, 6322 113 th Ave.	12/1/09	Regarding ZBA Alternate position opening
Vernon Bolks, Zeeland, MI	12/31/09	Concerns with property taxes

Public Comments:

Judge Baillergeon, Allegan County District Court, provided an update of the Allegan County Court system, including the new Mental Health Court funded through grants received by the Allegan County Sheriff's Department and the Allegan City Police Department. Judge Baillergeon also held District Court onsite at the Saugatuck School for actual cases for the students to observe. Cases involve offenses the students can relate to such as vandalism, drunk driving, drug charges, etc. and the program has been very well received.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to hold the review of the 12/8/09 closed meeting minutes until the 02/9/10 meeting. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 12/08/09 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 12/31/09 as follows:

General Fund	\$353,011.87
Road Fund	17,726.28
Ambulance Fund	37,291.38
Fire Fund	71,981.38
First Responders Checking	19,087.56
Building Admin.	33,483.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 532,581.40

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

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to approve the operating budget amendment to the First Responders Fund 2009/2010 as follows: increase Education line item by \$1,000.00, decrease Equipment/Uniforms line item by \$1,000.00. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 1/12/10 as presented, from the following funds: General Fund - \$24,968.73; Fire Fund - \$11,222.97; First Responder Fund - \$9,226.23; Building Admin. Fund - \$4,561.61; Ambulance Fund - \$971.97. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the Board of Review members to attend the MTA 2010 Board of Review Training session at a cost of \$85.00/person. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton was absent. The Department is reviewing the Operating Procedures and Bylaws for possible revision.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, submitted a written report of 9 runs for the month. Five individuals are taking the Medical First Responder course in Saugatuck.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee met on 12/10/09 and submitted the quarterly report. Call volume remains the same and all is working well.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report with 14 permits issued for a valuation of \$1,103,655, 22 inspections and no land divisions.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, reported one burial 01/02/10 and another to be 01/13/10, both at Taylor Cemetery, so plowing was required.

Sally Howard, Planning Commission Chair, was absent. The Planning Commission's December meeting was canceled since there was no business to discuss.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported the next meeting is 01/14/10. Manlius Township has put a tentative price list together for recycling electronic items which will be reviewed at the meeting.

Library – no representative was in attendance.

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, was absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hebert and Hutchins met with the Road Commission and Sheriff's Department for their recommendations to resolve the ongoing parking problems at Pier Cove Beach. They suggest we adopt an ordinance that will allow the Township to issue parking violations through a reserve officer of the Sheriff's Department at a cost of \$16/hour and a 4 hour shift, beginning with the busy summer holiday weekends. They also suggested the rental units along Lakeshore should obtain season passes for County Park to provide to their guests to encourage the use of that facility.

NEW BUSINESS

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to increase the guidelines for poverty exemption for 2010 to 50% above the Federal level. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the applications of Cheryl Sackett, 1213 68th St, and JoAnn Russo, 1904 66th St, to become Ganges Township First Responders, effective 1/12/10. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bernie McLeod, Transfer Station Manager, will be switching to a new cell phone plan since the existing contract is expiring.

Bob Simonds, 2318 Lakeshore Dr, reported there have been break-ins in the Pier Cove area last week with items stolen and homes damaged.

Russ Nally, 2254 Oak Ave, expressed difficulties in resolving a land division issue pertaining to taxation.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk