

Supervisor Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 08/09/06 with addition of item 11E – Town hall parking lot and 11F – Road Millage. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Neil VanLeeuwen, 6751 119 th Ave	07/2006	Concerns regarding independent contractors/employees
Thomas & Linda Wilcox, 6274 122 nd Ave	07/07/06	Concerns regarding spot zones
Rob Soltysiak, 6322 113 th Ave	07/07/06	Concerns regarding spot zones
Bob Simonds, 2318 Lakeshore Dr	07/28/06	Concerns regarding parking at Pier Cove Beach
Schuyler Suydam, 2032 Lake Michigan Dr	07/27/06	Concerns with 121 st road end

Public Comments:

Mel Davis, 2184 66th St, questioned Hebert about his trucking situation and where it stands.
Marge Shelden, 2059 Lakeshore, expressed gratitude for the quick response from AMR and 911.
John Gottlick, 2342 Lakeshore, Bob Simonds, 2318 Lakeshore, Celeste Tetters, 2289 Lakeshore and Don Karas Sr, 1672 70th, all voiced complaints regarding the current Pier Cove Beach problems, including dogs, lack of bathroom facilities, overcrowding, garbage and parking.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 07/11/06 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 07/31/06 as follows:

General Fund	\$400,004.17
Road Fund	541,905.50
Ambulance Fund	82,645.36
Fire Fund	225,153.63
First Responders	25,255.01
Building Admin.	56,856.65
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$1,331,820.32

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

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 08/09/06 as presented by the Clerk from the following funds: General Fund - \$18,506.05; Fire Fund - \$724.64; First Responder Fund - \$3,234.26; Building Fund - \$3,307.16; Ambulance Fund - \$815.40. Motion carried.

Looman moved, Hebert seconded, to approve payment to Dawn Soltysiak for Land Use Plan clerical work of 15 hrs at \$10.00/hr. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the attendance of all Planning Commissioners at the MAP workshop in Grand Haven on 9/12/06 at a cost of \$65.00/person. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the attendance of all Township Board members at the MTA Fall District conference at a cost of \$70.00/person. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton, was absent.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, reported 16 calls, the HeartStart is on order and the new pagers have been received. The Bloodbourne Pathogens training will be held on 9/3/06 and the CPR re-certification will be scheduled soon.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee would not meet until September.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report.

Ken Sargent, Cemetery Sexton, was absent. Yonkers reported a large tree at Loomis that should be removed. Yonkers will call Consumers Energy since it is in the overhead wires.

Barry Gooding, Planning Commission Chair, reported the Planning Commission had 2 meetings and the Cottage Homes project was approved. The ZBA met on 7/18/06 and approved 2 requests and denied one. The next meeting of the PC will be on 8/22/06 and the PC has suspended the work session meetings for now.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported the new building is in place, wiring is being completed and a fuel increase is expected for the container removal/emptying.

Marge Shelden, Library representative, reported the summer activities at the library have ended and the next programs will begin after school starts.

County Commissioner Dave Babbitt was absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to accept the bid from R. Smith & Sons for the gravel program for \$20,450.00 and to authorize the clerk & treasurer to pay invoices as they are received up to that amount without further Board action. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the Tower Lease between Ganges Township and I-2000 Inc. as presented. Motion carried with Yonkers abstaining due to business conflict.

NEW BUSINESS

Hutchins moved, Yonkers seconded, to waive the attorney client privilege on the letter from the township attorney dated 7/13/06 which discusses attorney-client privileged documents and to make copies of the letter available to the public. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to authorize the Planning Commission to distribute the Draft Master Plan, dated 6/20/06, as presented to the Board, to the adjacent communities and required parties. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Looman seconded, to accept the bid from Keag's HVAC & Equipment Co., Fennville, dated 08/08/06, quote # 8084, to install central air conditioning at the Township Hall at a cost of \$2,600.00. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to accept the bid from MCY Systems, Fennville, dated 07/10/06, for computer hardware and software for the Township Hall at a cost of \$2,285.00. Motion carried with Yonkers abstaining due to business conflict.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to purchase a used Minolta Magicolor 3100 DN color laser printer and supplies from Darling Appraisal Service, Allegan, at a cost of \$900.00. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Looman seconded, to accept the bid from Broe's X-Cavating, Fennville, dated 7/25/06, quote #2024, for Hall parking lot work, including both sections labeled A & B on the sketch, with crushed concrete, at a total job cost of \$5,335.50. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Looman seconded, to approve a millage proposal for the November General Election, for the Road Fund for 1.5 mills for 4 years, 2007-2010 inclusive. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jane Nally, 6550 122nd Ave, asked if 114th Avenue was a county or township road.

Marge Shelden, 2059 Lakeshore Dr, asked when a sound amplification system would be available.

Rob Soltysiak, 6322 113th Ave, asked why the Board had no additional questions for the Planning Commission regarding spot zoning and the attorney's interpretation.

Dan Sutherland, 2223 Lakeshore Dr, voiced concern over the township losing revenues due to property sales being down and possible lower sale prices.

Looman moved, Hebert seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk