

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 11/10/09 with the revision to move Item 10.B. Electronics Recycling at Transfer Station up to the Transfer Station Committee Report and add the Foster FOIA appeal as Item 10.B. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Valdis Kalnins, Allegan County LIS	10/19/09	Aerial Imaging status update
Cari Bausone, 6964 Lakeshore Ct	11/4/09	Drainage issues at Wind & Woods

Public Comments:

Jerry Hill, 2000 Plummerville Lane, shared his disappointment with campaign tactics used during the recent election.

Lana Murch, 2384 Lakeshore Dr, read and submitted a letter that addressed a "Yes" group's brochure and alleged cases of sign destruction and removal and generally expressed disgust with the recent election.

Diana Decker, 1705 Lake Michigan Dr., asked who paid for the November 2009 election. The Clerk stated it was split between the County and the Township since there was a local issue on the ballot.

Patricia Birkes, 2344 Lakeshore Dr, asked about the agenda posting on the website.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 10/13/09 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 10/31/09 as follows:

General Fund	\$424,043.26
Road Fund	38,508.44
Ambulance Fund	44,751.27
Fire Fund	63,064.24
First Responders Checking	10,648.34
Building Admin.	32,082.45
 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	 \$ 613,098.00

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 11/10/09 as presented, from the following funds: General Fund - \$20,564.08; Fire Fund - \$4,663.37; First Responder Fund - \$1,767.64; Building Admin. Fund - \$915.19; Ambulance Fund - \$971.97. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the bill from MCY Systems for \$635.45 for a Minolta color laser imaging unit and toners. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton reported the trucks 15 calls, several down wires, false alarms and 2 assists with South Haven.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, submitted a written report of 14 runs for the month. Compton reported Continuing Education will be Wednesday, 11/11/09, and H1N1 shots should be available for the First Responders. The average response time for a Ganges First Responder call is 6 minutes.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee did not meet this month.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report with 1 permit issued for a valuation of \$245,000, 11 inspections and no land divisions.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, reported one burial and one cremation burial for the month.

Sally Howard, Planning Commission Chair, reported the Commission welcomed Ross Wightman and Phil Badra as new Commissioners. A public hearing was held on 10/27/09 for the Dan Sutherland PUD plan and the PC approved it as well as the Allegan County PC on 11/09/09. The November meeting date was changed from 11/24 to 11/17 due to Thanksgiving.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported all is running well. Bernie McLeod, Manager, provided an update on the E-waste situation. A building/shed needs to be constructed to store the items between pickups and the costs to the residents and townships for drop off and pickup need to be decided upon. McLeod estimates the cost to construct the building will be approximately \$600.00 to be split between the three townships.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve 1/3 of the cost to construct a structure at the Transfer Station for electronic recyclables. Motion carried.

Library – no representative was in attendance.

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, was absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board is in agreement to create a Parking Violations Bureau Ordinance to issue tickets and assess fines mainly for the Pier Cove Beach area and discuss options with the Allegan County Sheriff Department for enforcement.

Hebert offered a resolution, Reimink supported, to approve the appeal of the FOIA request submitted by Pat Foster, West Michigan News Company, denied by the Clerk, to review the ballots from the November 2008 election. Resolution adopted by roll call vote as follows: Looman – Yes; Hebert – Yes; Reimink – Yes; Hutchins – Yes; Yonkers – Abstain (4/0/1).

NEW BUSINESS

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to reappoint Susan Pierson, 6944 Lakeshore Ct, and Doug Welsch, 6130 122nd Ave, to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending date of 01/04/2012. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to approve the abandonment of the portion of South Main Street, north of Monroe Street, which lies between Lots 60 and 61, Village of Pier Cove. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Birkes, 2444 70th St, discussed the purpose of the recent zoning referendum and the irrelevance of the cost to the township.

Diana Decker, 1705 Lake Michigan Dr, asked for further clarification of the election costs. Yonkers responded most of the costs were included and identified on the List of Bills distributed at this meeting. Final cost will be available within 30 days when all invoices have been received.

Colleen Rae, Local Observer, requested a copy of the resolution passed for the Foster FOIA appeal.

Harvey Busscher, 2126 Lakeshore, expressed his continued problems with water and drainage on his property coming from both West Side County Park and the property across the street from him.

Cari Bausone, 6964 Lakeshore Ct, presented a letter, correspondence and pictures of the water problems she's experienced at her home in Wind & Woods, and asked the Board to petition the Drain Commissioner to establish a drain district.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to petition the Allegan County Drain Commission to begin the process to establish a drain district in the area of the Wind & Woods development. Motion carried.

Looman moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk