

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

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to approve the agenda dated 01/08/08 with the deletion of items 10-A – Fire Station signs and 11-A through 11-F – Zoning Ordinance amendments. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Suzanne Holton, 2219 Blue Goose Dr. 12/12/07 Resignation from First Responder Unit

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to accept the resignation of Suzanne Holton from the Ganges First Responder Unit with regret. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Jeff Farnsworth introduced himself as a Republican candidate for State Representative and provided information about his ideas.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 12/11/07 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 12/31/07 as follows:

General Fund	\$403,736.51
Road Fund	134,861.28
Ambulance Fund	69,141.16
Fire Fund	11,896.67
First Responders	27,396.69
Building Admin.	45,776.96
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 692,809.27

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

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve a temporary loan of \$30,000.00 from the General Fund to the Fire Fund to be repaid during the 2008/2009 fiscal year, with the clerk and treasurer transferring funds as needed for operating costs. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 1/08/08 as presented by the Clerk as follows: General Fund - \$15,984.85; Fire Fund - \$14,949.02; First Responder Fund - \$5,693.23; Ambulance Fund - \$865.05; Building Fund - \$2,349.72. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton was absent. Zecklin reported the ISO information has all been resubmitted.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, reported 13 runs for the month. CPR recertification and TB testing are scheduled for 1/15/08 at 6:00 PM. A request was made to purchase a laptop and software for maintaining the First Responder runs and reporting requirements with the ability to take it on-scene.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee reviewed preliminary information for the new contract which appears will have a 6% increase which would be approximately \$52.00/month.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted written reports of both December’s activity and the 2007 building permit summary. Building activity and permit valuations have dropped considerably with only 13 new residences being built.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, reported 1 burial in December and the basic lot and burial information for Plummerville Cemetery has been loaded into the computer software for the 5 zones the township has maintained.

Barry Gooding, Planning Commission Chair, reported the Commission had 1 meeting on 12/12/07 and has submitted a recommendation to the Board for a new planner. A special township board meeting will be held on 1/17/08 at 7:00 PM with the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals members and Brenda Moore, LSL Planning, Inc. for further information.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported they will meet on 1/10/08. The Transfer Station manager is requesting a second dumpster for recycling due to the volume.

Yonkers moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the request for a second recycling dumpster at the transfer station at a cost of \$400.00 per emptying, to be split evenly between the 3 townships. Motion carried.

Jane Nally provided an update on the Fennville Library.

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner was absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Hebert announced an appeal of a Planning Commission decision on the Batey/Keag PUD has been filed at Circuit Court.

The Board will attend the Area 4 Allegan County Road Commission meeting on 1/29/08 to discuss the resurfacing program which uses the 1 mil county road millage.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marsha Maslanka, 1811 – 66th St, introduced Bob Genetski, a Republican candidate for State Representative. Mr. Genetski expressed his views on problems in Michigan.

Looman moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk