GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2007

Supervisor Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 accept the agenda dated 10/9/07 with the addition of items 9J. Assessor report on personal property Tax. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Neil VanLeeuwen, 119th Ave. 9/23/07 Concerns regarding employee/independent contractor position

Public Comments

Jane Vandenberg, 1910 Lakeshore Dr., asked that the south drive of Plummerville Cemetery be trimmed.

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 9/11/07with correction to the library millage. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 9/30/07 as follows:

General Fund	\$472,630.51
Road Fund	273,519.85
Ambulance Fund	66,836.68
Fire Fund	113,122.07
First Responders	36,707.30
Building Admin.	43,679.62

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS \$ 1,006,496.03

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

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 10/09/07 as presented by the Clerk as follows: General Fund - \$16,398.21; Fire Fund - \$162,480.01; First Responder Fund - \$7,505.53; Ambulance Fund - \$865.05; Building Fund - \$3,031.00; Road Fund - \$113,630.65. Motion carried.

Looman reported that 116th Ave. between 60th and 62nd Aves. is in bad shape and needs gravel

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton brought the new Fire Truck to the meeting for everyone to see. The firefighters are currently receiving training on the truck which will be placed in service in a couple of weeks. Truck 15 is in for brake work and Truck 47 needs an onboard air compressor. Finish Master has been contacted to clean the mold problem at Station 1 caused by the leaking roof. McKellips Construction will be contacted for the necessary repairs.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, reported 9 runs for the month. The budgeted equipment items, air bags, are in and training has been completed.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance building's new roof is completed, the ceiling tiles have been repaired and no mold was found in the building. AMR will be providing a new 3 year contract, most likely with a 6% per year increase, which will become effective April, 2008. Call volume remains steady.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report. Hutchins noted that the mailing address for the June property violation should be 1561 not 1557 as shown. Yonkers will notify Ellingsen for the correction. A dangerous building hearing is scheduled for 11/15/07.

Ken Sargent, Sexton and Gary Holton, Assistant Sexton, were absent. Yonkers reported the new cemetery software has been received and training will be scheduled over the phone. The Board discussed switching the Cemetery Sexton and Asst. Sexton positions between Sargent and Holton with Holton becoming the Sexton and main contact. It will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

Barry Gooding, Planning Commission Chair, reported the regular meeting on 09/25/07 was called to order and adjourned immediately due to a power outage at the hall and was rescheduled for 10/10/07.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported the next meeting is 10/11/07.

Mary Hill, the new Fennville Library Director, introduced herself and reported the new budget has been approved and the current focus in to

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increase the number of books at the library.

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, provided his newsletter covering issues in the County and reported on the Conservation Tour he and Terry Looman attended, traveling to multiple points in the County.

A proposal was received to audit a sampling of Personal Property taxes within the township. Hebert will follow up with Doug Darling for further discussion at next month's meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Yonkers will obtain the fee schedules of surrounding townships for zoning, plan reviews, and building to review at next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - none

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Betty Tilton, 2069 Lake Michigan Dr. asked what the status of the 121st road end maintenance was and also stated they have photos and videos of people violating the ingress/egress ruling of the road end and asked who they should be given to. Hebert replied to turn them over the to Township Board.

Marge Shelden, 2059 Lakeshore Dr., asked what the status of the 121st lawsuit was. Hebert replied a visiting judge had been appointed but he hasn't heard anything else. She also asked the status of the cemetery records. Yonkers responded the software is in but all data needs to be loaded.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk