

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: Yonkers, Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins, and Looman.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to accept the agenda dated 09/09/08 as presented with the addition of item 11.E. – Outdoor Entertainment permit for Porkapalooza, 10/4/08. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Paul Hourihan, 2193 Lakeshore Dr.	9/2/08	Thank you to First Responder Unit
Marge Sheldon, 2059 Lakeshore Dr.	08/25/08	Report of 121 st Clean-Up Project
Jerry Kollig, 2108 Lakeshore Dr.	09/04/08	Parking suggestions – Pier Cove, County Park, 121 st
Neil VanLeeuwen	08/19/08	Fire Dept Conflict of Interest retraction
Michael O'Connor/Sally Howard		Thank you to First Responder Unit at Campit Campground

Public Comments:

Kevin Cronin, Circuit Court Judge Candidate, provided background information regarding his qualifications for the position.

Jane Nally, 6550 122nd Ave, had questions about Mr. Kollig’s correspondence regarding parking at the parks.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 08/12/08 with a typo correction on page 2 (thank should be thanked). Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Looman seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 08/27/08 as presented. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to approve the closed meeting minutes of 08/27/08 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 08/31/08 as follows:

General Fund	\$454,520.56
Road Fund	119,313.92
Ambulance Fund	44,657.46
Fire Fund	63,449.94
First Responders Checking	54,917.92
Building Admin.	35,453.79
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 772,313.59

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

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 09/09/08 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$25,870.93; Fire Fund - \$3,740.58; First Responder Fund - \$2,313.24; Building Admin. Fund - \$2,244.43; Ambulance Fund - \$916.95; Road Fund - \$26,222.35. Motion carried.

Looman moved, Yonkers seconded, to approve the Building Official’s request to attend the Code Officials training for credit hours required for certification, Oct 7-10, at an approximate cost of \$240.00 – ¼ share split between 4 townships. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton, was absent. Hebert reported the ISO testing has to be redone since video tapes will not be accepted.

Reimink moved, Yonkers seconded, to accept the bid dated 9/8/08 from Richard Nowak, 1344 68th St, to repair the bathroom at Station 2 damaged due to a plumbing pipe leak, at an estimated cost of \$2,922.04. Motion carried.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, was absent.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee will meet on 9/11/08.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report of the month’s activities and has received notice that two dangerous building violations are to be resolved before the time limit.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, completed trimming a large tree along the drive at Taylor Cemetery and also the east end of the cemetery to assist with mowing. The large tree branch at Plummerville has been removed with no damage done to the old headstones.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to adopt new burial rates effective 10/01/08, to match the grave opening expense incurred by the Township, of \$320.00 weekday regular burial, \$470.00 for Saturday regular burial, and \$615.00 for Sunday regular burial. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the bid from Custom Brush Clearing, RDJ Services, LLC, Zeeland, MI, dated 9/3/08, to clear all brush and lower tree limbs facing the cemetery on the south property line of Plummerville Cemetery to a height matching the west line, and the north entrance, at a cost of \$1,050.00. Motion carried.

Jim Birkes, Planning Commission Chair, was absent but provided a written report of the Commission's meetings in August which was presented by Vice Chairman Gooding.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, stated there has been some theft of recyclables at the station.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the bill of \$540.49 from Manlius Township which represents 1/3 share of the recyclable dumpster for January – April, 2008. Motion carried.

Jane Nally, Library Representative, provided a review of the library's activities including the 2007/2008 budget and August circulation figures. A new library director was hired, Robert VanderVusse, and also a children's librarian, Carmen Coyers.

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, was absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Hebert provided MTA's response to the Fire Department vs. Board member issue regarding potential conflict of interest. Care will be given to exclude Hebert from wage or salary issues.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to authorize Hebert to coordinate with Duane Brown to open the gate at the 121st road end so Mr. Brown can remove his two 40' poles which washed down to the beach. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the purchase of a new computer for the treasurer from MCY Systems at a cost of \$1,378.79. Motion carried with Yonkers abstaining due to business conflict of interest.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to amend the motion to accept Ronda Hall's resignation to extend her services through October if needed. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the Outdoor Entertainment permit request from Amy Cook representing Porkapalooza, LLC, for the Porkapalooza 2008 event to be held on 10/4/08, 12:00 PM – 12:00 AM, at the Red Horse Ranch, on 62nd St, north of 122nd Ave., as presented. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Looman moved, Yonkers seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk