

Supervisor Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Ganges Township Hall located at the corner of 119<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 64<sup>th</sup> St. Board members present by roll call attendance: Yonkers, Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins, and Gooding.

Yonkers moved, Gooding seconded, to accept the agenda dated 7/10/12 with the addition of item 9.G. Library Report and 11.B. Felker Building Permit. Motion carried.

**Correspondence -**

Pier Cove Forest Homeowners Assoc.	6/18/12	Thank you for dumpster, PortaJohn, signs & patrols – Pier Cove Beach
Marie DeZwaan	6/22/12	Request to waive rezoning fee for her property on Blue Star
Beckie Gunderson	6/27/12	Request to ban fireworks during periods of dry weather
Pat Foster	No date	FOIA and letter of multiple concerns regarding zoning & ordinance issues
Mike Denny	7/3/12	Multiple concerns regarding assessing, West Side County Park, Lakeshore

**Public Comments –**

Denise Medemar, candidate for County Drain Commissioner, and Julie Cowie, candidate for County Clerk/Registrar introduced themselves and provided background information regarding their credentials.

Jane Vandenberg thanked the Board for displaying the Allegan County flag in the Township Hall.

Pedro Crespo, 2118 Lakeshore Dr, submitted a sample of a Laketown Ordinance regulating burning and voiced his concerns with the fireworks now allowed on the lakefront. He requested the Township look into tighter controls related to burning and fireworks.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 5/30/12 as presented with correction of a typo. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 6/12/12 with correction. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 6/27/12 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 6/30/12 as follows:

General Fund	\$243,022.15
Road Fund	282,806.73
Ambulance Fund	27,285.28
Fire Fund	137,270.17
First Responders Checking	55,111.09
Building Admin.	19,353.54
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 764,848.96</b>

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

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 7/10/12 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$1,741.52; Fire Fund - \$341.97; First Responder Fund - \$753.63; Ambulance Fund - \$1,135.89. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the purchase of a laptop carrying bag for the Assessor at a cost not to exceed \$100.00. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Doug Compton, Fire Chief, was absent.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Officer, reported 12 runs for the month. Coats and splints have been ordered and the “Thumper” purchase is on hold while details of getting it returned to Ganges are determined since the unit goes with the patient to the hospital. There have already been about 20 runs for this month with ½ being fires due to the dry conditions.

Hutchins, Ambulance Committee representative, reported the Fennville unit #33 is getting a new chassis so is out of service but a temporary truck is in use.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, as absent.

Gooding reported the Planning Commission met 6/26/12 with a public hearing for a proposed hard cider winery at 62<sup>nd</sup> St and 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave. The proposed entrance from 122<sup>nd</sup> was removed from the plan and it was given approval. The proposed updated Master Plan was finalized and is ready for the Township Board to review. The next regular meeting is 7/24/12.

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, for the Township Board to retain the right of final approval of the Master Plan. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins – yes; Reimink – yes; Yonkers – yes; Gooding – yes; Hebert – yes (5/0).

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, provided a newsletter and update of the Commission's activities particularly the budget and the County's financial state.

Shirley Newman, Library Representative, explained the upcoming millage proposal for the Library and provided information for the audience.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Hutchins offered the resolution, seconded by Hebert, to make and cause to be filed a petition for locating, establishing and constructing a drain or drains or any portion thereof for a municipality, for the Walker Drain. Resolution adopted by roll call vote as follows: Reimink – yes; Hutchins – yes; Yonkers – yes; Gooding – yes; Hebert – yes (5/0).

Yonkers moved, Hutchins seconded, Ganges Township will participate in the Allegan County All Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, not to issue any additional building permits to Rex Felker for the property on 62<sup>nd</sup> St. north of 122<sup>nd</sup> and the Township Attorney will get involved to determine what actions the Township can take to remove the buildings moved onto the property. Motion carried.

**Public Comments -**

Bernie McLeod, Transfer Station Manager, provided a new transfer station list of items that can be taken there. No Styrofoam can be recycled currently but he is trying to work something out.

Shirley Newman announced there will be a Chicken Barbeque at the Ganges Methodist Church on August 4<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 PM

Gooding moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Clerk