

**GANGES TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2007**

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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: Looman, Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins, Yonkers.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to accept the agenda dated 05/09/07 as presented with the addition of 11E – Assessor computer. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Robert Johnson, 2295 Lakeshore Dr	Rec'd 04/17/07	Support of aggressive enforcement of ordinances
Sidona Hunsberger 2301 62 nd St.	05/06/07	Interest in Library Representative position
Ronda Hall, 6691 120 th Ave	05/08/07	Plan. Comm. Recording Secretary interest

Public Comments

Jane VanDenBerg, 1910 Lakeshore Dr, happy with Town Hall building improvements.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 4/10/07 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 4/30/07 as follows:

General Fund	\$450,356.21
Road Fund	268,199.58
Ambulance Fund	111,179.12
Fire Fund	248,127.37
First Responders	2,874.61
Building Admin.	41,632.89
 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	 \$1,127,369.78

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

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 05/9/07 as presented by the Clerk, from the following funds: General Fund - \$22,748.62; Fire Fund - \$1,885.39; First Responder Fund - \$224.56; Building Fund - \$2,903.81; Ambulance Fund - \$839.87. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton was absent. The chassis for the new fire truck has been delayed approximately one month due to production exhaust system changes.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, submitted a written report of 13 calls for April. AMR donated a "Stair Chair" for the First Responder vehicle, Truck 21, at no cost to the township.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Board's next meeting is in June.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report of 8 permits issued, 19 inspections and one land division. He completed 17 hours of credit at the BOCM spring conference in Lansing and is documenting two dangerous buildings.

Ken Sargent, Cemetery Sexton, submitted a written report of an overgrown shrub at Taylor Cemetery and some headstones that are damaged and can probably be repaired by Phil Sargent if the Board would like. Gary Holton, Asst. Sexton reported a hole in the roof of the storage shed at Taylor. The Board will follow up on 5/24 after the Pier Cove Park review. Ron Bellenger will be placing the Veteran flags in all cemeteries again this year prior to Memorial Day.

Barry Gooding, Planning Commission Chair, reported two meetings were held in April and the Planning Commission asked the Zoning Administrator for an update on the past two years of activity of approvals granted. The regular meeting will be held on 5/22/07 and the special meeting will be 5/30/07.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported there is quite a bit of displaced gravel due to the snowplowing so an increase may be required in the budget for next year for gravel.

Marge Sheldon, Library representative, reported her term will end 6/30/07 and provided circulation figures. The Board has two potential candidates for the position and will make an appointment at the June meeting.

County Commissioner Tom Jessup was absent.

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Minutes of 04/10/07

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Yonkers moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the cutting down of the large tree at Loomis at a maximum of \$800.00, not to include wood or stump removal. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Hutchins moved, Yonkers seconded, to approve the Noise Variance request from Charles Bielik, 2264 63rd St, for Saturday, 06/02/07, between the hours of 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM, for music for a Graduation party. Motion carried. Yonkers will send notice to the Allegan County Sheriff Department along with the application as approved.

Hebert obtained legal direction regarding the towing of vehicles at Pier Cove Beach. The Township has no jurisdiction so cannot have illegally parked vehicles towed.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to accept the resignation of Kevin Poolman from the Ganges Township Fire Department effective 5/9/07 with regret. Motion carried.

A draft of the 2007 summer newsletter will be approved at the 6/12/06 meeting. All articles are to be turned into the Clerk the week before the meeting.

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded, to accept the bid dated 5/8/07 for a computer for the Assessor from MCY Systems at a cost of \$1,831.00 and \$75.00 additional for Norton AntiVirus. Motion carried with Yonkers abstaining due to business conflict.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mel Richards, 1748 Morning Glory, informed the Board of a proposed Plat change for Lakewood Beach.

Jane VanDenBerg, 1910 Lakeshore Dr, asked if members provide written reports when they've attended seminars and conferences and also how someone knows when the Building Official has made an inspection.

Marge Shelden, 2059 Lakeshore Dr., asked about the trimming at Pier Cove and what the current status of the 121st suit was.

Diana Decker, 1705 Lake Michigan Dr., suggested items for the newsletter including burn permits, leash law, and noise ordinance and inquired about the Black River Watershed review. She is also pleased the township took over 121st Avenue road end and suggested a concession stand at West Side County Park.

Looman moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk