

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 04/15/08 with the replacement of item 10.D. for the Planning Commission Recording Secretary position and addition of 11F – August millage proposals. Motion carried.

Correspondence None

Public Comments - None

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 03/11/08 as presented. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 3/14/08 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 03/31/08 as follows:

General Fund	\$459,437.92
Road Fund	136,136.48
Ambulance Fund	45,596.24
Fire Fund	91,681.94
First Responders	74,783.38
Building Admin.	45,465.83
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 853,101.79

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

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve an Operating Budget amendment to the Fire Fund as follows: Increase Contracted Services \$500.00, Social Security \$1,000.00, Transportation \$2,500.00; Decrease Building/Land Improvement \$4,000.00. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve an Operating Budget amendment to the General Fund as follows: Increase Attorney/Legal fees \$5,000.00, Cemetery expenses \$1,000.00, Zoning Board of Appeals \$1,000.00, Insurance \$1,400.00; Decrease Contingency \$8,400.00. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 4/15/08 as presented by the Clerk as follows: General Fund - \$23,518.46; Fire Fund - \$14,252.02; First Responder Fund - \$5,777.77; Ambulance Fund - \$865.05; Building Fund - \$2,817.85. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton was absent. Hutchins reported all was fine.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, was absent but submitted a written report of 12 runs for the month. The EMS Expo is 4/23 – 4/27 in Grand Rapids.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee last met in March and call reports on are file with the Clerk.

Yonkers moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the contract with American Medical Response (AMR) dated 3/4/08 as presented. Motion carried.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report of the month’s activity including one land division at 114th and 66th.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, requested a policy for the removal of the Veterans’ flags at the cemeteries.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to remove the individual flags in November after Veterans Day when the large flags are removed from the flagpoles. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the request from Don & Delores Karaus dated 4/7/08 to transfer cemetery lot #20 in Taylor Cemetery, all four positions, to John & Laura Kopacz. Motion carried.

Jim Birkes, Planning Commission Chair, submitted a written report of the PC’s public hearings for a rezoning request and a zoning ordinance amendment for wineries which the Township’s attorney has revised and resubmitted to the PC for review at their May meeting.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported the recycling continues to do well.

Jane Nally, Fennville Library representative, was absent.

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, was absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to accept the bid from Great Lakes Pre-Owned Fire Apparatus, dated 2/23/08, for the 1986 Ford fire truck in "as is" condition in the amount of \$3,711.99. Motion carried.

Looman moved, Reimink seconded, to accept the bid from John & AJ Broe, dated 4/4/08, for mowing services at a total cost for all five (5) locations of \$550.00 each mow. Motion carried.

Hebert announced that all parties have submitted appeals in the 121st Ave. lawsuits based upon Judge Kolenda's ruling.

NEW BUSINESS

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to approve the bid from Tim Erlandson Construction, South Haven, for \$980.00 to remove and replace the steps on the North side of the Township Hall for the office entrance. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to re-appoint Barry Gooding, 2235 66th St, to the Planning Commission, for a three (3) year term expiring on 4/23/2011. Motion carried.

The Pier Cove Beach/Budget meeting will be scheduled for the end of May and a of the Summer Newsletter will be reviewed at the May meeting. Articles are to be submitted to Yonkers the first week of May.

The Board agreed to ask for renewals of the Ambulance millage (0.30) and Fire millage (0.75) for two (2) years. Yonkers will prepare the proposals for review at the May meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marge Shelden, 2059 Lakeshore, asked to have the Fennville Library information included in the summer newsletter.

Theresa Wiley, 6633 121st Ave, voiced her disappointment that the Board was not going to ask for a Road Millage.

Roy Newman, 6621 121st Ave, presented a letter to the Board regarding the rezoning request for the Baker parcel that the Ganges PC denied and the Allegan County PC disagreed with.

Jackie DeZwaan, 2259 68th, stated her concern about the road funding also and inquired about the County recycling program paid with a fee on the property tax bills.

Looman moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk