

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: Looman, Yonkers, Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins. Absent: None.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to accept the agenda dated 12/08/09 as presented. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

Jackie DeZwaan, 2259 68 <sup>th</sup> St	12/02/09	Sutherland PUD process concerns
Paul Hourihan, 2193 Lakeshore Dr	12/07/09 email	Opposition to Wind & Woods drain district
Robert Lembeck, 6952 Lakeshore Ct	12/02/09 email	Opposition to Wind & Woods drain district
James & Patricia Howard, 6963 Lakeshore Ct	11/20/09	Opposition to Wind & Woods drain district
Judy Leslie, 6969 Lakeshore Ct	(no date)	Opposition to Wind & Woods drain district
W. Johnson/R. Siddell, 6957 Lakeshore Ct	12/01/09 email	Opposition to Wind & Woods drain district
Kathleen Miedema, 6981 Lakeshore Ct	12/02/09	Opposition to Wind & Woods drain district
Ronald Stewart, 6948 Lakeshore Ct	11/30/09	Opposition to Wind & Woods drain district
Susan Pierson, 6944 Lakeshore Ct	11/29/09	Opposition to Wind & Woods drain district
Cari Bausone, 6964 Lakeshore Ct	11/30/09	Authorization for Don Karaus to act as her representative

**Public Comments:**

Dexter Gauntlet, 2289 Lakeshore Dr, asked for explanation of the drainage district process to be completed.

William Johnson, 6957 Lakeshore Ct, asked which drain district was being discussed. Hebert stated the recent meeting was for the M89 & Lakeshore Dr drainage district. A new drain district was being considered for Wind & Woods and surrounding properties.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 11/10/09 with corrections. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 11/30/09 as follows:

General Fund	\$430,737.08
Road Fund	38,520.57
Ambulance Fund	43,793.55
Fire Fund	58,523.55
First Responders Checking	8,514.21
Building Admin.	34,397.74
 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	 \$ 614,486.70

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

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 12/08/09 as presented, from the following funds: General Fund - \$89,342.96; Fire Fund - \$2,712.22; First Responder Fund - \$1,429.08; Building Admin. Fund - \$2,240.66; Ambulance Fund - \$971.97; Road Fund - \$95,803.79. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Fire Chief Doug Compton reported 7 calls for the month with 2 assists with South Haven and 1 with Saugatuck. A Mass Casualty trailer from Allegan County Medical Control is currently being kept in Station 1 to used for service to the west side of the County. The Board is in full agreement and happy to store the trailer for the County. It is understood that Ganges EMS employees can use their personal vehicles in an emergency to transport the trailer to a scene under the direction of Allegan County Medical Control.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, submitted a written report of 12 runs for the month. Continuing Education classes were held and the First Responders received the H1N1 vaccinations. Another continuing education class is scheduled for next month. Additional safety vests need to be ordered for the new personnel as well as extras to be kept on the vehicles as required.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee will meet on 12/10/09.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report with 7 permits issued for a valuation of \$457,000, 14 inspections and no land divisions.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, was absent. The tree trimming at Plummerville and the tree removal on Cedar Street were both completed.

Sally Howard, Planning Commission Chair, was absent but submitted a written report recapping the PC's preliminary review of the Sutherland PUD at the October meeting and the process that was completed. Barry Gooding reported there was no new business discussed at the November meeting and a final check on the draft zoning ordinance was done.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported all is running well. Bernie McLeod, Manager, reported the E-waste shed has been built and provided two proposals for pickup charges for E-waste. The Board's recommendation after review is to contract with Valley City, Grand Rapids but agreed to have the Transfer Station committee make the final determination.

Library – no representative was in attendance.

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, discussed the County's purchase of the former Haworth property in Allegan for the new Sheriff's office and jail. The Sheriff's office can be relocated within a few months with a possible millage proposal for the jail appearing on the November 2010 ballot.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to go into a closed session for the following reasons:

- (1) To consult with the attorneys regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with the pending litigation filed by John D. & Mary E. Tilton, and Harold A. & Suzanne B. Stege, Trustees of the Harold A. Stege Trust against Ganges Township, for the reason that an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the Township; and
- (2) To discuss a written opinion by legal counsel pertaining to the above-referenced pending litigation.

Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Looman – yes; Yonkers – yes; Reimink – yes; Hutchins – yes; Hebert – yes (5/0).

The Board proceeded to the back office at 7:40 PM.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to adjourn the closed session at 8:25 PM. Motion carried. Hebert resumed the regular meeting.

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, the following: Having received a favorable decision from the Michigan Court of Appeals on the various legal issues involved, in the case between Ganges Township, the Tiltons and Steges, regarding the 121<sup>st</sup> Avenue public beach, that the Township continue to aggressively pursue this action on remand to the Circuit Court, for the purpose of protecting the public's right to continue to use this public beach for beach-related uses. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to retain Olson, Bzdok and Howard for legal services in the remand from the Court of Appeals on the 121<sup>st</sup> Avenue issue. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the rezoning of parcel # 03-07-005-057-00 from the Residential/Agricultural zoning classification to the Residential PUD zoning classification. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins – yes; Reimink – yes; Yonkers – yes; Looman – yes; Hebert – yes (5/0).

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to reappoint Sally Howard and Jackie DeZwaan to the Planning Commission for three (3) year terms expiring 12/30/12. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to adopt the Heritage Route Resolution as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Looman – yes; Yonkers – yes; Reimink – yes; Hebert – yes; Hutchins – yes (5/0).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

William Johnson, 6957 Lakeshore Ct, asked why the Board didn't notify property owners of the Wind & Waters drain district.

Barry Gooding, 2235 66<sup>th</sup> St, stated the Planning Commission has canceled the meeting in December.

John Johnson, Allegan County Health Department, attended the meeting in case of issues with the Sutherland PUD but was happy the Board understood the only item to be approved at this time was the rezoning for the PUD.

Looman moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

