

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, Yonkers, Hebert, Reimink, Hutchins.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to accept the agenda dated 01/09/07 with addition of 9.I. – Commissioner Jessup update. Motion carried.

Correspondence - NONE

Public Comments: NONE

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 12/12/06 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 12/31/06 as follows:

General Fund	\$401,498.44
Road Fund	91,338.34
Ambulance Fund	80,218.27
Fire Fund	217,977.62
First Responders	14,307.95
Building Admin.	41,161.67
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 846,502.29

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

Looman moved, Reimink seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 01/09/07 as presented by the Clerk, from the following funds: General Fund - \$16,903.67; Fire Fund - \$8,764.27; First Responder Fund - \$5,704.65; Building Fund - \$2,249.43; Ambulance Fund - \$815.40. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the bill from Public Safety Center for \$443.29 for extrication gloves for the Fire Department. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton was absent. Hebert reported 1 house fire and 1 assist for South Haven. Saugatuck Fire District has a used air compressor available for sale for filling the SCBA tanks.

Yonkers moved, Hutchins seconded, to purchase the air compressor from Saugatuck Fire District at a cost of \$2,200.00 to be used to fill the SCBA tanks. Motion carried.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, submitted a written report of 8 runs for December. The new HeartStart unit is in service and it has a heart monitor on it. The Fennville AMR station is getting a newer truck and will be training the First Responders on the layout of supplies and equipment contained on it. Hawkshead Golf Course is purchasing a HeartStart unit and would like a fire department to use it during the winter months.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee met in December. Bids for a new flat roof on the AMR building will be opened at the March meeting. Property constraints and roof water runoff prohibits installing a pitched roof.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report.

Ken Sargent, Cemetery Sexton, was absent. Holton reported the evergreens have been moved at Plummerville (four smaller ones) and the large dead tree at Loomis is scheduled to be taken down 1/10/07.

Barry Gooding, Planning Commission Chair, reported three public hearings were held on 12/20/07 for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for the Zoning Enabling Act changes, Migratory Housing, and Communications Towers. A special meeting is scheduled for 01/16/07 to continue work on the PUD ordinance amendment and the Master Plan and a public hearing is scheduled for the regular meeting on 1/23/07 for a preliminary review of a PUD. A public hearing will probably be scheduled for 2/27/07 for the Master Plan.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported the committee will meet on Friday, 1/12/07. Manlius Township is relocation a recycle dumpster from their town hall to 130th Ave and there is concern over the possibility of household trash being dumped there also.

Jane Nally, Library representative, provided a verbal update on the Library's activities, including tryouts for children for Cinderella, getting curtains for the stage downstairs and possibly purchasing property to increase the parking lot.

County Commissioner Tom Jessup provided survey cards for the Board and audience to gather input about several issues the Commission is looking into.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hebert provided an update on the 121st road end case. Jurisdiction has been transferred from Allegan County Road Commission to Ganges Township and the pre-trial hearing was 12/14/06 to set dates for motions, briefs, etc. The first possible trial date is 6/4/07. A rough draft Unimproved Public Right of Way Ordinance was sent on to the attorney. The Board is in agreement to leave the "ingress/egress" sign up at 121st until ordinances, enforcement capabilities and litigation issues settle down.

Hebert also reported that the Stege Circuit Court appeal of the ZBA's granting of a variance to the Ryders was heard on 12/19/06 with Judge Beach affirming the ZBA decision.

The Board has agreed not to change the Land Division Ordinance wording relevant to leases. Yonkers will issue a letter to the Planning Commission to notify them.

NEW BUSINESS

Hebert will contact Bruce LaBrie of the Road Commission regarding the flashing light at 114th Avenue and Blue Star Highway to determine whose jurisdiction it falls under. It is currently being funded by the Glenn School and a request was made to have the Township assume the expense.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Hebert announced the Road Commission will be meeting with Ganges, Casco, Lee and Clyde Townships on 1/11/06 to approve the County's road project for the area in 2007.

Sue Poolman, 7021 114th Ave, voiced concern about the intersection of 114th Ave. and 68th St. that was changed to redirect traffic however cars are still cutting the corner using the former merge/yield lane.

Michael O'Connor, 6635 118th Ave, asked for clarification on the funding of the 121st lawsuit. The Township is not providing financial support for the original suit filed with the Friends of 121st Avenue, but the Township's insurance company is providing legal services for the countersuit filed against the Township under the errors and omissions coverage. It is the understanding of the Board that 121st will not be a public park but will remain a public right of way with the prior uses being allowed.

Jane Nally, 6550 122nd Ave, asked what the impact will be on Pier Cove Beach if the County continues to charge fees at Westside County Park.

Bob Simonds, 2318 Lakeshore, asked what the status of the ISO rating for the Fire Department is. All documentation was resubmitted and the Fire Department is waiting for the determination. Saugatuck's review took a total of 2 years to complete.

Don Karas, 2025 Brookhill, voiced concern that the 121st Ave. road end would be available for water testing, access for maintenance, etc. as it has been in the past.

Dick Hutchins, Trustee, asked about the status of the notification letters to owners of inaccessible properties for emergency services. The attorney is reviewing the letter and they will be sent out shortly.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk