

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

Public Comments:

Bob Simonds, 2318 Lakeshore Dr, announced the Pier Cove Ravine bridge was damaged during the recent storms and the area is closed for now.

Jim Birkes, 2244 70th St, stated he felt it was improper for Township Board members to go to The Local Observer with allegations regarding his actions as Planning Commission chair and requested an agenda item be added for the Board to discuss his actions. Yonkers stated she was not the source of the article though was contacted for comment by the reporter and said nothing disparaging towards Birkes. Looman was not in attendance for comment nor was the reporter. The Board chose not to discuss it further.

Roy Newman, 6621 121st Ave., provided a correction to the Baker property address referenced in the May minutes.

Susan Pierson, 6944 Lakeshore Ct, commended the Board for having a variety of representation on the Planning Commission and also commented on the concern for additional well contamination in the Baker area.

Frank Alfieri, 2394 Lakeshore Dr, announced the Allegan County Health Dept. has posted Pier Cove Beach and West Side County Park with notices to stay out of the water due to elevated levels of contamination after the recent storms.

Todd Boorsma, Republican candidate for the 88th District State Representative, introduced himself and provided background information.

Supervisor Hebert opened the Public Hearing for the Proposed Millage Rates and Budgets for the 2008/2009 Fiscal Year at 7:20 PM. Hebert explained the rates to be levied, and asked for questions and comments though none were received.

Hebert then reviewed the proposed 2008/2009 General Fund, Fire Fund, Road Fund, Ambulance Fund, First Responder Fund, and Building Administration Fund budgets, with no public comments or questions received.

Hebert closed the Millage Rate and Budget public hearing and opened the regular meeting.

Reimink moved, Yonkers seconded, to accept the agenda dated 06/10/08 as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Neil VanLeeuwen, 6751 119th Ave 5/28/08 Support for Baker Rezoning and 121st resolution

Robert Soltysiak, 6322 113th Ave, submitted a letter 6/10/08 which will be recognized at the next regular meeting since it was received after the meeting information was distributed.

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 05/13/08 with the Baker property address correction and a date correction, both on page 2. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of 05/28/08 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 05/31/08 as follows:

General Fund	\$454,359.62
Road Fund	136,683.24
Ambulance Fund	47,031.45
Fire Fund	85,097.58
First Responders Checking	67,335.22
Building Admin.	47,615.06
 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	 \$ 838,122.17

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

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to approve an operating budget amendment to the General Fund as follows: Increase Legal Fees \$2,000.00, increase Cemetery Expenses \$1,000.00, Decrease Contingency \$3,000.00. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve an operating budget amendment to the First Responder Fund as follows: Increase Education

\$200.00; Decrease Contracted Services \$200.00. Motion carried.

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FINAL APPROVED

Minutes of 06/10/08

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 06/10/08 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$25,238.71; Fire Fund - \$1,638.34; First Responder Fund - \$1,188.86; Building Admin. Fund - \$845.93; Ambulance Fund - \$916.95; Road Fund - \$9,000.00. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the bill from Broe's mowing service for \$1,310.00 as presented. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton, reported things have been quiet.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, reported call activity for was 4 runs for the month.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee will meet next week.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report which included a request for a salary increase for the 2008/2009 fiscal year.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, reported all is fine at the cemeteries.

Jim Birkes, Planning Commission Chair, provided a written report of the Commission's meetings in May.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, was absent.

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, was absent but Marilyn Jessup provided a current newsletter reviewing current activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the 2nd roadside mowing proposal from J. Jablonski & Sons, Inc. at a price of \$2,250.00. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to approve the 121st Road End sign wording as presented. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to adopt Ordinance No. 40, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to permit wineries as a special land use in the Res/Ag and Ag zoning districts, as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins – Yes; Reimink – Yes; Hebert – Yes; Yonkers – Yes, Looman – Absent (4/0/1).

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to adopt Ordinance No. 41, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to rezone parcel 0307-005-003-00, located at 6810 124th Ave., from Res/Ag to Commercial, as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Yonkers – Yes; Reimink – Yes; Hutchins – Yes; Hebert – Yes; Looman – Absent (4/0/1).

Hebert moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the request for abandonment of South Main St. bordered by lots 72 & 73, and Ann St. bordered by lots 64, 65, 68 & 69 in the plat for "The Village of Pier Cove" in Section 5 of Ganges Township. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Alfieri, 2394 Lakeshore Dr, announced the memorial services for Bob Johnson, former Chair and member of the Planning Commission would be Wed. at 1:00 PM

Betty Tilton, ~~2050~~ **2060** Lake Michigan Dr., asked the status of the proposed improvements at the 121st road end.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk