

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, and Looman.

Reimink moved, Yonkers seconded, to accept the agenda dated 12/14/10 as presented with the addition of Item 11.G –ZBA Decision of 11/17/10. Motion carried.

Correspondence - None

Public Comments : None

Hutchins moved, Looman seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 11/9/10 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 11/30/10 as follows:

General Fund	\$295,819.77
Road Fund	12,503.57
Ambulance Fund	35,225.38
Fire Fund	17,239.54
First Responders Checking	18,004.10
Building Admin.	25,918.11

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS \$ 404,710.47

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

Reimink moved, Looman seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 12/14/10 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$26,174.97; Fire Fund - \$9,583.87; First Responder Fund - \$1,966.20; Building Admin. Fund - \$1,828.68; Ambulance Fund - \$1,030.29. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Hebert seconded, to approve the proposal from Hy-Tec Heating & Cooling, Fennville, MI, for \$2,100.00, dated 12/10/10, to replace the heater at Station 2. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the Continuing Education bill from John Hoffman, West Olive, for \$180.00, dated 12/13/10; and to authorize an ongoing monthly billing of \$180.00 for Hoffman for continuing education classes. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Hebert seconded, to approve Jackie DeZwaan’s attendance at the New Economy 101 workshop on 1/31/11, at a cost of \$55.00 plus mileage. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton, reported things were running smoothly. Two fireproof file cabinets will be ordered for the Station 1 office. Estimates are being put together for a kitchen area and floor replacement.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, submitted a written report of 5 runs for November, the new lights on Truck 21 are installed and very bright, and Air Care will be completing a practice landing 5/7/11 for a training session at Station 1. People are welcome to attend and observe.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee met 12/9/10. It appears the new contract will reflect a 5%/year increase for 3 years, the same as the previous contracts have been. Call volume remains steady with no changes expected.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report of 5 permits issued for a valuation of \$210,000, 16 inspections completed, no land divisions and follow-ups on the Dangerous Building citation at the end of Fabun Rd.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, reported the veteran flags have been removed and there were no burials for the month. The guard rail at Pier Cove was repaired and the new steps are completed at Pier Cove.

Sally Howard, Planning Commission Chair, reported the Commission held the regular meeting and public hearing on 12/7/10 at the Glenn Community Center. The public suggested a few minor changes which have been incorporated and the Zoning Ordinance Amendment was approved by the Commission and is being forwarded to the Allegan County Planning Commission for their review.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported the reflective Transfer Station road signs on 48th-St. **M89** were removed. Manlius and Clyde townships are contacting MDOT to have them replaced.

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, was absent.

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FINAL APPROVED

Minutes of

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to increase the insurance coverage for zoning issues from \$100,000/incident to \$500,000/incident at an increased cost of \$500.00/year. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to reappoint James Loew, Judy Jensen, and Phil Badra to the Board of Review, all with a term expiration date of 12/31/12. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to appoint Roy Newman, 6621 121st Ave, as an Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals, with a term expiration of 12/14/13. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to reappoint Ross Wightman to the Planning Commission with a term expiration date of 12/30/13. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Reimink seconded, to accept the resignation letter of Al Ellingsen from Land Division Coordinator and Deputy Zoning Administrator effective 12/31/10, with regret. Motion carried.

Hutchins moved, Yonkers seconded, to appoint Michigan Township Services, Inc., Allegan, MI, to perform the duties of Land Division Coordinator and Deputy Zoning Administration effective ~~4/4/12~~ 1/1/11. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roy Newman, 6621 121st Ave, thanked the Board for the appointment as the Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate.

Bob Simonds, 2318 70th St, reported there is an erosion problem on the curve at Pier Cove Beach. Red flags have been placed in the area and the Road Commission has been putting in fill. Watch driving in the area.

Jim Birkes, 2344 70th St, asked why most of the variances requested in our township are approved without consideration of the ordinances, and whether the hardship is self-imposed or not. Is this right?

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Clerk
Ganges Township