

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.

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to accept the agenda dated 4/14/09 as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Tom Harrington, To Do LLC, 6802 124 th Ave	4/14/09	Request for rezoning approval
Dayle Harrison, Atty, Saug, MI	4/13/09	Opposition to rezoning of To Do parcel
Jan Schroeder, 6944 Lakeshore Ct.	4/14/09	Opposition to rezoning of To Do parcel

Public Comments :

Dana Rosema, 5542 117th Ave, introduced herself as a candidate for the Fennville Schools Board of Education in the May 5, 2009 election.

Letters in opposition to the rezoning of the To Do parcel were read and submitted by the following people: Richard Weber, 2346 Lakeshore Dr, Andy Murch, 2384 Lakeshore Dr, Kathleen Olson, 2198 Lakeshore Dr, Murray Olson, 2198 Lakeshore Dr.

Comments regarding the two rezoning requests were made by the following people: Dayle Harrison, Attorney, Saugatuck, Randy Schipper, Attorney, Holland, Teresa Warren, 1722 68th St, Jackie DeZwaan, 2259 68th St, Ed Reimink, 6438 119th Ave, Richard Vorel, 2315 Forest Trail Circle, and Bob DeZwaan, 2259 68th St.

Hutchins moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 3/05/09 as presented. Motion carried.

Hebert moved, Looman seconded, to approve the Closed Session minutes of 3/05/09 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hutchins seconded, to approve the regular meeting minutes of 3/10/09 as presented. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Looman seconded, to approve the special meeting minutes of 4/1/09 as corrected. Motion carried.

Reimink reported the balances as of 3/31/09 as follows:

General Fund	\$486,646.96
Road Fund	14,009.34
Ambulance Fund	81,715.95
Fire Fund	115,146.37
First Responders Checking	24,354.97
Building Admin.	38,575.01
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 760,448.60

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

Hebert moved, Yonkers seconded, to adopt the General Fund operating budget amendment as presented: Increase Attorney & Legal Fees \$20,000.00, increase Cemetery Sexton Expenses \$2,000.00, increase Insurance \$1,200.00; Decrease Contingency \$23,200.00. Motion carried.

Reimink moved, Hebert seconded, to approve payment of the bills dated 4/14/09 as presented from the following funds: General Fund - \$21,801.07; Fire Fund - \$16,814.16; First Responder Fund - \$9,736.79; Building Admin. Fund - \$2,358.64; Ambulance Fund - \$971.97. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Doug Compton reported work continues on resubmitting the ISO information for review and a carbon monoxide monitor with alarms is required for the compressor.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the proposal from Breathing Air Systems, Michigan Center, MI, dated 2/27/09, for a tamperproof carbon monoxide monitor with alarms, at a cost of \$2,703.30. Motion carried.

Ken Zecklin, Safety Official, submitted a written report of 8 runs for the month, and reported volume is down which is good.

Dick Hutchins reported the Ambulance Committee met 3/12/09, all is going well, and submitted the activity report.

Al Ellingsen, Building Official, submitted a written report with 7 permits issued, 22 inspections and no land divisions. He continues to follow up with 2 properties that have been cited for violations.

Gary Holton, Cemetery Sexton, reported no burials for March. Albert Crane coordinated and completed the removal of a large pine tree at the Hutchins Cemetery, and filled and seeded the space. Matt Daly provided the fill dirt for the hole.

Sally Howard, Planning Commission Chair, submitted a written report of the March meetings and reviewed the 4/10/09 special meeting for the To Do LLC rezoning request which resulted in a 5/2 vote to deny. The moratorium ordinance was also defeated by a 6/1 vote.

Terry Looman, Transfer Station representative, reported gravel will be needed for the driveway and parking area due to significant snowplowing this winter.

Jane Nally, Library Representative, was absent.

Tom Jessup, County Commissioner, was absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Black Rezoning Request

Looman moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the rezoning request from Bruce & Barbara Black, 1643 68th St, parcel 03-07-021-015-00, to rezone a portion of their parcel from Res/Ag to Commercial. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Hutchins – Yes; Reimink – Yes; Yonkers – Yes; Looman – Yes; Hebert – Yes (5/0).

To Do LLC Rezoning Request

Hutchins moved, Hebert seconded, to deny the rezoning request from To Do LLC, 6720 124th Ave, parcel 03-07-005-008-00, to rezone from Res/Ag to Commercial until the Planning Commission gets the new Zoning Ordinance in effect due to the request being premature, no need was established, it does not comply with the Master Plan and the overlay district to protect the area should be in place. Motion failed by roll call vote as follows: Looman – No; Yonkers – No, Reimink – No; Hutchins – Yes, Hebert – Yes (2/3).

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded, to approve the rezoning request from To Do LLC, 6720 124th Ave, parcel 03-07-005-008-00 to rezone from Res/Ag to Commercial, because the finding of facts are: it fits the Future Land Use map, it is consistent with surrounding uses, it will not have a negative impact on the area, and the parcel is better suited to commercial use than Res/Ag. Motion carried by roll call vote as follows: Yonkers – Yes; Reimink – Yes; Hutchins – No; Looman – Yes; Hebert – No (3/2).

NEW BUSINESS

Yonkers moved, Looman seconded to approve the application of David Crawford, 1340 Blue Star Highway, as a Ganges Township Firefighter effective 4/14/09. Motion carried.

Yonkers moved, Reimink seconded, to approve the updated Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines as presented with the renumbering change. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patti Birkes, 2344 Lakeshore Dr, Carmen Behn, 2276 68th St, Robert & Dawn Soltysiak, 6322 113th Ave, Kathleen Olson, 2198 Lakeshore Dr., Lana Murch, 2384 Lakeshore and Bob DeZwaan all voiced disappointment with the approval of the To Do LLC rezoning request. Shirley Newman, 6621 121st Ave, and Jackie DeZwaan commented on other issues.

Reimink moved, Looman seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yonkers, Ganges Township Clerk