

WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 07, 2013 7:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor Jim Deming. Board members present were Supervisor Jim Deming, Treasurer Leanne Munn, Trustee Trevor Bennett and Trustee Barbara Thole. Clerk Nancy Mulder-Paul was absent. Ten citizens of the township were also in attendance at the meeting. Supervisor Deming requested that Trustee Thole take the minutes for the meeting in the absence of Clerk Mulder-Paul.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Deming requested that the approval of the minutes from the September 9, 2013 Board meeting be tabled until the November Board meeting. The minutes were not able to be completed due to the illness of the clerk.

Treasurer Munn presented the bill listing. The bills for October were \$6,471.25 plus payroll which came to a grand total of \$8,008.16. Supervisor Deming stated that the \$6,400.00 payment to the Road Commission was pulled from the September bill listing and will need to be paid by the end of December 2013. This was for salt and brine. The remainder of the payments to the Road Commission have been completed. Motion by Trustee Bennett and supported by Trustee Thole to pay the bills. The motion was approved.

Treasurer Munn gave the treasurer's report. Account balances were as follows: Tax Checking-\$4,761.08, Trust and Agency \$534.23, General Savings \$9,966.64, and General Checking \$4,290.22. Motion made by Trustee Thole and supported by Trustee Bennett to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was approved.

Correspondence:

Richard Healy resigned as mechanical inspector, effective November 1, 2013. This was for informational purposes only as he was a part of the Cirino Group which is no longer associated with the township.

Zoning Enforcement Ordinance Report:

Supervisor Deming needs to contact SCMCCI regarding a burning complaint handled by them.

Since all planning commission members cannot be present it was decided that the quarterly meeting of the planning commission scheduled for October 14, 2013 be postponed and

rescheduled for sometime in November, the specific day to be determined at a later date. Postings will be made for the postponement and rescheduling of the meeting.

The recycle container is to be available during the 2nd weekend of October.

Supervisor Deming reported that the fire authority tabled everything that was discussed at the last meeting. There is still a strong desire to merge EMS and the Fire Authority. There was also discussion about future funding for the authority in the form of a new tax.

Old Business:

Bert Gale has been appointed as the Dangerous Buildings Hearing Officer as required by state law. Mr. Gale is licensed and already covers the majority of South County.

J & M Lawn Service has signed a contract for mowing of the South cemetery. They are already presently mowing the North cemetery. Brockways have volunteered to clean out the fence row along the South cemetery. We thank them for their service to the township.

New Business:

PA116 for M & C Farming-A motion was made by Trustee Bennett and supported by Treasurer Munn to approve the request to convert to permanent farm land, property purchased by them from David Taylor. The motion passed.

Appointment of temporary clerk-Due to the inability of the incumbent clerk to perform her duties due to illness (Statute MC41.58) , it is necessary to appoint someone temporarily and possibly eventually permanently to fill the position until the next general election in November 2014. The regular clerk will continue to receive her salary as long as she remains clerk but the temporary clerk will also need to be reimbursed for her services. The hourly wage for a deputy clerk as currently set by the board is \$8.00. Supervisor Deming requested that the rate be raised to \$10.00 per hour for the temporary clerk due to the training and bonding needed to perform the job. Supervisor Deming stated that Trustee Thole was considered by the Board to be the Acting Deputy Clerk. Trustee Thole stated that she had offered her assistance to the township during this time but felt someone needed to be in the position who could devote more time than she could give to the job. Supervisor Deming requested that Trustee Thole resign from the position in order that the Board be able to appoint Shawn Fritz as temporary clerk. A motion was made by Treasurer Munn and supported by Trustee Bennett to request and accept Trustee Thole's resignation as Acting Deputy Clerk. The motion passed.

Resolution to appoint Shawn Fritz as temporary Clerk until the Clerk's position is resolved:

Mr Bennett – Yes

Mrs Munn – Yes

Mr Deming – Yes

Mrs Thole – Yes

Resolution to set hourly rate at \$10.00 for temporary clerk:

Mr Bennett – Yes

MrsMunn – Yes

Mr Deming – Yes

Mrs Thole-Abstain

Citizens Comments:

Bill Burke commented on the condition of gravel roads and the need for dust control.

Jeff DeCuypere commented on the selection of SCMCCI as the Ordinance and Zoning Enforcement officers and building inspectors for Wakeshma Township. He stated that he would like the Board to consider some other companies that perform these services or consider using state inspectors. Supervisor Deming explained that the Township was given very little notice when the Cirino Group resigned and under state law was obligated to have another entity available to perform these services for the citizens of the township. Supervisor Deming stated that the board is willing to give further consideration to this topic at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Treasurer Munn and supported by Trustee Bennett. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Thole, Trustee-Acting as Deputy for Township Clerk

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