

**MINUTES FOR APRIL 4, 2011
MEETING OF
WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm by Supervisor Byas. Board members present, in addition to the Supervisor were: Clerk Mulder-Paul, Treasurer Carolyn L. Wise, Trustees Barb Thole and Larry Bennett. Township Sexton Helen Harvey and Jeff Brown, a representative of the Tea Party Movement in Michigan, were also in attendance.

The minutes for the regular March 7, 2011 meeting were presented to each board member prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes, as written, was made by Treasurer Wise and supported by Trustee Thole. Voice vote, passed.

Supervisor Byas suspended regular business at 7:38 pm to allow Mr. Jeff Brown to address the board members. Mr. Brown explained the Tea Party Movement and the future role of candidates in the upcoming elections.

The regular meeting of the Wakeshma Township board resumed at 7:50 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Wise gave the board an accounting of the bank balances from the March 7, 2011 meeting. They were as follows: Tax checking-\$1,054.91; Tax savings- \$450,495.20; General checking 3,196.59 and General savings-\$33,223.90. A motion was made by Supervisor Byas to accept the carry over balances and was unanimously passed by voice vote. Treasurer Wise also informed the board of the current account balances. Tax checking-\$2267.39; Tax Savings-\$1,103.84; General checking-\$14,695.50; General savings-\$ 52,680.62. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Trustee Bennett and seconded by Trustee Thole. Voice vote, passed.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Mulder-Paul gave a monthly bill listing of \$15,713.80. A motion to accept the listing and pay the bills was made by Trustee Bennett and supported by Trustee Thole.

Supervisor Byas suspended regular township business at 7:55 pm so that the Township Sexton could inform the Board that she was giving her 30 day notice of retirement from her responsibilities as Sexton. Mrs. Harvey offered to assist her replacement, as needed. The board thanked Mrs. Harvey for her many years of service to the township and community.

The regular meeting of the Wakeshma Township board resumed at 8:10 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Byas had received a letter from South County EMS asking for financial support from the municipalities they serve. A motion to make a contribution of \$1,000 was made by Supervisor Byas and seconded by Trustee Bennett. Voice vote, passed unanimously.

ZONING/ORDINANCE REPORT: Trustee Thole told the board that the Planning Commission is moving forward on defining Fulton village limits as concerns residential and commercial (C3) zones and further work on Ordinance #38. The next meeting will be scheduled to be held on April 11, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the township hall.

FIRE AUTHORITY UPDATE: Supervisor Byas discussed with the board the continued talks about a “cost recovery” plan that the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority is contemplating to deal with emergency responses in the community.

OLD BUSINESS: Clerk Mulder-Paul informed the board that the new Wakeshma Township Employee Manual has been completed. A copy of the manual will be emailed to the board so that at the next monthly meeting it can be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: The board began a discussion about hiring a new township Sexton.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

BOARD COMMENTS: Supervisor Byas informed the board that he had received an estimate for replacing the township furnace. Trustee Bennett asked that a second bid be submitted to the township.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Bennett and supported by Treasurer Wise. The April 4, 2011 Wakeshma Township board was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mulder-Paul
Wakeshma Township Clerk