

MINUTES FOR APRIL 1, 2013
MEETING OF THE WAKESHMA
TOWNSHIP BOARD

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Supervisor Jim Deming. Board members present in addition to the Supervisor were: Clerk Mulder-Paul, Treasurer Leanne Munn, and Trustees Barb Thole and Trevor Bennett. Planning Commission members Kipp Bastien and Jeff Decuypere attended as did Kalamazoo County Transit Authority Board member John Gisler. One citizen, Danielle Jofscheff was also present.

Minutes for the regular March 4, 2013 meeting were presented to each board member prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes, as written was made by Treasurer Munn and supported by Trustee Bennett. Voice vote, passed.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Mulder-Paul gave a bill listing of \$4,437.38. A motion to pay the bills was made by Trustee Thole and supported by Treasurer Munn. Voice vote, passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Munn gave an accounting to the board of Wakeshma Township's bank balances. They were as follows: Tax checking-\$4,650.11; Trust and Agency-\$588.14; General Checking- \$6,628.56 and General Savings-\$35,381.85. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Clerk Mulder-Paul and was supported by Trustee Bennett. Voice vote, passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Deming reported to the board that the township attorney had recently sent a follow up letter to the owners of 13985 S. 42nd Street, 14029 East W Ave and 14037 East W Ave. This letter was to remind them of the agreements and time restraints reached between the township and the owners. Attorney Rolfe also has prepared and sent to the township a review draft of the new Zoning Ordinance. The planning commission and board will hold a joint meeting on April 8, 2013 at the township hall to begin to discuss the new ordinance.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: Treasurer Munn reported that she has closed out the 2012 tax season and had reconciled the tax roles to the county to the penny. Supervisor Deming informed the board that Jeff Decuypere had become the fifth member of the planning commission.

FIRE AUTHORITY: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Kalamazoo County Transit Authority Board member John Gisler explained to the board the growing ridership within the county and the regional nature of the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority. Specifically the Community Service Van Program that residents of Wakeshma Township are able to access through South County Community Services.

Citizen Comments: Citizen Gisler recommended that citizens of Wakeshma Township support the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority's millage renewal on the May 7, 2013 ballot.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Treasurer Munn has received a resident complaint pertaining to an occupancy issue on a parcel on U Ave. Treasurer Munn. Supervisor Deming told the board that the property on South 42nd Street has again been cited as operating an active Met lab. Both complaints will be brought to the Building Inspector and Ordinance Enforcement Officer attention. Clerk Mulder-Paul reported to the board that she had been contacted by Michigan Township News that they would like to do an article on Wakeshma Township. Clerk Mulder-Paul will contact Jason Gatlin for a picture of the township hall.

A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Munn and supported by Clerk Mulder-Paul. Voice vote, passed. The April 1, 2013 meeting of the Wakeshma Township Board was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mulder-Paul
Wakeshma Township Clerk.