

WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

April 7, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by Supervisor Deming. Pledge of Allegiance.

Present – Supervisor Deming, Trustee Thole, Treasurer Munn, Trustee Bennett, Clerk Fritz. Many citizens present.

Account Balances - Tax Checking - \$667.28
Trust & Agency - \$2115.68
General Savings - \$45065.43
General Checking - \$6144.43

Treasurers Report approved.

Bill Listing was read, motion to approve by Treasurer Munn, second by Trustee Thole, approved.

Citizens Comments – Gary Sherman brought to attention the letter that Jeff DeCuyper wrote the citizens of Wakeshma Township. Selection of attorneys was brought up. Townships have time limits on zoning ordinances and permits, action was taken to get someone in place to work on this. At least two board members have to be contacted for zoning enforcements, we also have a board member on the zoning board – Trustee Thole. We are getting a good deal in place with Craig Rolfe as our attorney on zoning issues, with other attorneys we would have spent tens of thousands of dollars whereas Mr. Rolfe has agreed to do this for around \$3000. We are a zoned community. Planning Commission makes the drafts and everything is a public hearing as anyone can show up to the meetings, they are open to the public. The pay increases were also brought up and it was explained that we are one of the lowest paying townships in the state and the people who serve on our committees need to be paid accordingly for the time and fuel to serve on their committees. The pay increases were for the Treasurer, committees and voting commissioners.

Correspondence – KCRC has a meeting scheduled on June 2nd, 2014 at 6:30 pm to discuss what projects are scheduled for Wakeshma township.

Zoning Enforcement/Ordinance Report – Barb Thole attended a meeting in Athens. Curtis Stow gave a report on building inspectors and talked about wind turbines. Also two letters went out for zoning ordinances.

Fire Authority Updates – Meeting to come soon for villages and townships with South County Fire, it was recommended that residents please show up for this meeting.

Old Business – J & M Outdoor Services is contracted for the same price as last year. We will start re-bidding this job out every two years. Brockways are going to form a committee to clean up fence rows at the south cemetery.

New Business – Deb Homan asked for sponsorship from the township for the Memorial Day Parade as the funds for this event are in our account. It was approved that we will sponsor the parade. She asked the residents if they had any suggestions for the parade.

2014 Agreement with townships for shared help contract with South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority as voted on. All Ayes from Trustee Bennett, Trustee Thole, Treasurer Munn, Supervisor Deming and Clerk Fritz.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Treasurer Munn. second by Trustee Bennett. adjourned at 8:51pm