

WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 3, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Supervisor Gatlin. Members present were Supervisor Gatlin, Clerk Fritz, Treasurer Munn and Trustee Thole. Trustee Bennett was absent. 12 citizens were also present as well as Fire Chief McMillan.

Treasurer Munn made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Clerk Fritz supported. Voice vote; passed. Clerk Fritz made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Trustee Thole supported. Voice vote; passed.

Citizens' comments: Problems continue on V Avenue with a citizen who has threatened a neighbor. Issues have been going on since June when they moved into the neighborhood.

Jeff Alexander on YZ Ave between 46<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> St said YZ is in very bad shape with huge potholes.

Deb Brockway reported that a spill had occurred on X & 33<sup>rd</sup> (outside our jurisdiction). It was either oil or hydraulic fluid.

Captain Munn said that responding to an unknown fire, he found that the corner of XY & 38<sup>th</sup> was washed out. Supervisor Gatlin would look into this.

Someone asked about a burn permit for brush cleanup. He was informed that permits are good for 4 days, and to call the supervisor for permits when needed.

A citizen commented on seeing drones flying over their property and wanted to know what rights we have for privacy.

Old Business: None

New Business: A roll call vote was taken to accept the road committee members. Thole: Yes. Fritz: Yes. Gatlin: Yes, Munn: Yes. Bennett: absent. Vote approved. Road committee members are Mike Finley, Randy Bartholomew, Dave Fry, Ben Fritz, John Oswald, Larry Bennett, Jason Gatlin, and Deb Brockway.

A cemetery clean-up day will be planned in the near future for both the north and south cemeteries. The township will be looking for volunteers to help. It was suggested perhaps the 4H club and Boy Scouts should be asked to help with this project.

Ben Fritz volunteered to fix the northwest corner of the north cemetery where there is a wet spot.

Supervisor Gatlin informed the citizens that South County EMS is hurting financially. They are looking for funds and support. Do the residents in the township feel we should give them financial assistance? Regardless, if they close their doors, Wakeshma will still be covered by an ambulance service.

The Zoning Board of Appeals met and approved Mike Tassell's split so he can sell off the homestead on 36<sup>th</sup> St.

Correspondence: The Township signed and sent back the contract for Kalamazoo Household Hazardous Waste. Supervisor Gatlin signed the local roads contract from KCRC. Work this year will be on UV & X Avenues.

Zoning: No update

Fire Authority: Chief McMillan informed the citizens that South County ISO fire ratings went down to 5/10. This is an improvement for the department. Previously they were rated 7/10. Residents should check with their insurance companies to see if their company will lower insurance rates due to the new ISO rating.

Supervisor Gatlin made a motion to adjourn. Treasurer Munn supported. Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.