

**MINUTES FOR AUGUST 1, 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, and Trustees Barb Thole and Larry Bennett. Lt. Gail Sampsell from the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's office was also in attendance.

The minutes for the regular July 11, 2011 were presented to each board member prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes, as written, was made by Trustee Bennett and was supported by Trustee Thole. Voice vote, passed.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

Clerk Mulder-Paul gave a monthly bill listing of \$33,402.61. She also informed the board that she had amended to budget, taking \$2,250.00 from contingencies [7000] and placing it in [265-976] building improvement to balance the account for the new heating and cooling system for the township hall. She also moved \$200.00 from the Deputy clerk's account [215-701] to the Deputy Treasurer's account [253-701]. Clerk Mulder-Paul also alerted the board that the next board meeting would be held on September 12, 2011 due to the Labor Day holiday. She asked the board for permission to pay any bills that came due prior to that date. A motion to accept the bill listing, amendment of the budget and to pay appropriate bills prior to the next meeting was made by Supervisor Byas and was supported by Treasurer Wise. Voice vote, passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Wise gave the board an accounting of the bank balances. They were as follows: Tax checking-\$165.09. Tax savings- \$61,077.27, General checking- \$8,368.45 and General savings- \$53,977.81. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Clerk Mulder-Paul and was supported by Trustee Thole.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Supervisor Byas told the board that the township had received a pre-pay option from Best Propane for the upcoming heating season. A motion to purchase 600 gallons at 2.299 per gallon was made by Trustee Thole and was supported by Treasurer Wise. Voice vote, passed.

**ZONING/ORDINANCE REPORT:**

Supervisor reported that the public hearing scheduled for August 8, 2011 had been cancelled due to an error in publication by the Kalamazoo Gazette. Having failed the 15 day notice required by the Open Meetings Act, the new date is re-scheduled for September 19, 2011.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:** None

FIRE AUTHORITY UPDATES:

- 1) Supervisor Byas informed the board that the township now has a grass fire apparatus on site. All three stations (Schoolcraft, Vicksburg and Fulton) are equipped with grass fire fighting equipment.
- 2) Supervisor Byas also reported that the cost recovery plan has been abandoned.
- 3) A three (3) year lease agreement with the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority and the township was presented to the board by Supervisor Byas. A motion to renew the lease was made by Clerk Mulder-Paul and was supported by Treasurer Wise. Voice vote, passed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Supervisor Byas has made arrangements with Decuypere Service Inc. to do annual service and inspections for the new heating and cooling system.
- 2) Supervisor Byas went over with the board the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority's draft audit. A motion to accept the audit was made by Clerk Mulder-Paul and was supported by Treasurer Wise.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Lt. Sampsell gave the board an over view of the calls for service from the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office. Instances of Methamphetamine activity are still a concern in the township.

BOARD COMMENT: Trustee Thole informed the board that the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on August 8, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the township hall.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Bennett and was supported by Treasurer Wise. The August 1, 2011 meeting of the Wakeshma Township Board was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mulder-Paul  
Clerk