

**MINUTES FOR AUGUST 3, 2009  
MEETING OF  
WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP**

The meeting was called to order at 7:43pm by Supervisor Doug Byas. Board members present, in addition to the supervisor were: Clerk Nancy Mulder-Paul, Treasurer Carolyn L. Wise, Trustees Larry Bennett and Barb Thole. In addition to the Board, there were seven citizens and guests.

Minutes from the June 6, 2009 meeting were presented to each Board member prior to the meeting. Treasurer Wise requested that the Board amend the minutes to reflect the true balance in general checking in the Bank of America account. Trustee Bennett made a motion to accept the minutes with the modification to the checking account balance. Trustee Thole supported, voice vote, passed.

Clerk Mulder-Paul presented a bill of monthly payments in the amount of \$3,512.67. A motion from Treasurer Wise to pay the bills was made and was seconded by Trustee Thole. Voice vote, passed.

Supervisor Byas suspended the normal order of business to accommodate Jan VanStratt, executive director, South County Community Services. Ms. VanStratt asked the board to consider financially supporting SCCS and its many programs that directly provide services to citizens in Wakeshma Township. A motion to donate \$840.00 to the SCCS and to amend the budget, taking \$1,000.00 out of contingencies and move it to Community Betterment, was made by Treasurer Wise, supported by Clerk Mulder-Paul. Voice vote, passed.

The Special Use request from John B. Fritz was brought before the Board upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission. S&F Propane L.L.C. was represented by Jodi Stafford. Documents 1 and Document 2 were put in the record. It was agreed that all inspections and maintenance records from the DEQ and S&F Propane would be made available to the Wakeshma Board. A motion that the Wakeshma Township Board grant the Special Exception request from John B. Fritz for the property located at 13185 East W Ave, Fulton, Michigan for the purpose of placing a large propane tank was made, under the following conditions:

1. All provisions provided in what shall be considered as Document 1 will be adhered to
2. Any other appropriate and/or required permits, licenses and inspections will be obtained and maintained.
3. This Special Exception use shall remain in effect until such time the property is no longer owned by John B. Fritz and/or Elaine Fritz.

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Bennett, Yes      Treasurer Wise, Yes      Supervisor Byas, yes  
Trustee Thole, Yes      Clerk Mulder-Paul, yes

The Special Use request was granted.

The Board was given an Audit of the South County Fire Authority prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the audit and its financial state was made by Trustee Bennett, Clerk Mulder-Paul supported, voice vote, passed.

Kalamazoo City Transportation Department sent a letter to the board requesting a resolution vote supporting fare increases across the Metro Transit System. The Board tabled the motion and will bring it up at the September monthly meeting.

At 8:15 pm, Supervisor Byas resumed normal business.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Michigan Township Association sent a letter to all township's informing them of a new change in payroll procedures for assessors. Supervisor Byas will investigate the situation.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Supervisor Byas told the Board that they are still working on Land Use issues.

**FIRE AUTHORITY:** Supervisor Byas told the Board that the Fire Authority are looking into replacing or repair the pump on the truck in Wakeshma Township.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Supervisor Byas told the Board that the recent payment to Health and Community Services for Household Hazardous Waste Had been returned. The HHW prefers to bill the Township at the end of the year.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Two citizens shared concerns about the lack of mowed areas in the four corners area. Supervisor Byas said that the one property had all ready been mowed and would contact the owner of the other property.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Wilse and supported by Trustee Bennett. Voice vote, passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mulder-Paul