

**MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2, 2010
MEETING OF
WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Supervisor Doug Byas. Board members present, in addition to the Supervisor were: Clerk Nancy Mulder-Paul, Treasurer Carolyn L. Wise and Trustees Barb Thole and Larry Bennett. Candidates for the County Commission in the 16th district, John O'Keefe and John Gisler were also in attendance. Minutes from the July 5, 2010 Board meeting were presented to each Board member prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as printed was made by Treasurer Wise and supported by Trustee Bennett. Voice vote, passed.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Mulder-Paul reported a monthly bill listing of \$13,471.88. Clerk Mulder-Paul requested of the Board permission to pay Superior Outdoor Service, Consumers Energy street lighting and the election inspectors. Treasurer Wise made a motion to pay the monthly bills and also pay the additional three bills. The motion was supported by Trustee Thole. Voice vote, passed. Clerk Mulder-Paul brought to the Board's attention the fact of September's late meeting date (September 13, 2010) and certain bills would be coming due prior to the meeting. Supervisor Byas made a motion to allow the Clerk to pay the contracted bills prior to incurring late fees. The motion was supported by Trustee Thole. Voice vote, passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Wise reported to the Board June's account balances. The balances are as follows: Tax Checking- \$5.70; Tax Savings-\$0.91; General Checking-\$26,809.51 and General Savings- \$54,048.79. A motion to accept the carry over banking balances from June was made by Trustee Thole and supported by Clerk Mulder-Paul. Voice vote, passed. Treasurer Wise also reported to the Board the current month's balances. They are as follows: Tax Checking- \$5.70; Tax Savings-\$50,897.04; General Checking-\$14,108.17 and General Savings- \$52,178.81. A motion to accept the current treasurer's report was made by Trustee Thole and supported by Clerk Mulder-Paul. Voice vote, passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Kalamazoo County Health and Community Service wrote to the Township to inform them that the 2010 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program was in need of additional funds due to resident participation in the program. An allocation of an additional \$300.00 was requested in the form of a letter of intent. A motion to allow Clerk Mulder-Paul to enter into the agreement with HHW was made by Supervisor Byas and supported by Treasurer Wise. Voice vote, passed.

ZONING/ORDINANCE REPORT: A letter from Attorney Craig Rolfe alerting the Township to an Appeals Court ruling that could have repercussions on Wakeshma Township Zoning and Land Use 20 year Plan was presented by Supervisor Byas to the Board. Trustee Thole will inform the Planning Commission at next week's meeting and based on their recommendation, Supervisor Byas will have the Township attorney look at the Zoning and Land Use Plan for recommendations.

Kalamazoo County Planning Commission has approved the Township's new Zoning/Land Use 20 year plan and after the 63 day comment period, the Board will review and comment on the Wakeshma Planning Commissions recommendations.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: Supervisor Byas reported that the Township is experiencing culvert erosion problems and subsequent road damage. Specifically in two places on W Ave and another on 42nd Street near the cemetery. The Kalamazoo County Road Commission has been alerted to the problem and will begin repairs near the post office in the next few days. Traffic will be re-routed down Art Martin and White Lawn.

FIRE AUTHORITY UPDATE: Supervisor Byas reported that the fire truck for sale from Comstock has been purchased by South County Fire Authority.

OLD BUSINESS: Supervisor Byas updated the Board on the property at 13904 South 42nd St. The township attorney has billed the owner for the Township's expenses and the owner has 30 days to remit, after which the expenses will be assessed against the property and added to the property's tax bill.

NEW BUSINESS: Clerk Mulder-Paul reported to the Board that she had received three estimates for carpet cleaning. After reviewing the estimates, Supervisor made a motion to accept Modernistic's estimate of \$140.00 with an additional \$48.00 for 3-M Scotchgard protection. Trustee Bennett supported, voice vote, passed.

Supervisor Byas presented the Board with a pre-pay propane gas estimate from Best Propane for the upcoming winter season. Trustee Bennett suggested getting another pre-pay estimate from S&F Propane. After some discussion, a motion by Trustee Bennett to give Supervisor Byas and Clerk Mulder-Paul the authority to enter into a contract with the propane company with the best price due to the sign up deadline of August 31, 2010. The motion was supported by Treasurer Wise. Voice vote, passed.

CITIZEN COMMENT: None

BOARD COMMENTS: Clerk Mulder-Paul informed the Board that the Township precinct was set up and ready for tomorrow's primary election. Trustee Thole asked County Commission candidates, O'Keefe and Gisler, to give a final statement as to their positions and approach to the office to which they were running. Both candidates complied.

A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Wise and seconded by Trustee Bennett. Voice vote, passed. The August 3, 2010 Wakeshma Township Board meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mulder-Paul
Wakeshma Township Clerk.