

**MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 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. No citizens or guests were present.

The minutes for the regular November 1, 2010 Township Board meeting were presented to each board member prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes, as printed was made by Trustee Thole and supported by Treasurer Wise. Voice vote, passed.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Mulder-Paul reported a monthly bill listing of \$10,197.54. Clerk Mulder-Paul also informed the Board of changes made to the annual budget to cover bills. \$1,023.80 was deducted from contingencies (7000), with \$155.00 moved to Community betterment (101-882) and \$868.80 to Drain Assessment (303-803). A motion to pay the bills and accept the changes to the budget was made by Trustee Thole and supported by Treasurer Wise.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Wise reported account balances as follows: Tax Checking- \$2,214.15; Tax Savings- \$14,148.23; General Checking: \$12,523.48 and General Savings- \$4,644.08. A motion to accept the current Treasurer's report was made by Clerk Mulder-Paul and supported by Trustee Thole.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Byas brought to the Board's attention that the Metro Act Right of Way Permit with AT&T was due to expire at the end of the year. A three (3) year extension request from AT&T was being requested. The extension was approved by the Board.

ZONING/ORDINANCE REPORT:

Trustee Thole reported that the Planning Commission will continue to revisit ordinances in the coming months.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Trustee Thole informed the Board that the next scheduled Planning Commission will be on Monday, December 13, 2010 at 7:00pm in the township hall.

FIRE AUTHORITY UPDATE:

Supervisor Byas told the Board that there has been a training burn on South Portage Rd two Saturdays ago.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Little Portage Creek/Drain Assessment was discussed by the Board with further discussion centering on the township as a whole.

Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services (Household Hazardous Waste Program) was requesting that the Board set a maximum funding amount for 2011. A motion to increase the maximum funding amount to \$400.00 was made by Trustee Thole and supported by Trustee Bennett.

Supervisor Byas discussed with the Board the federal poverty guidelines used in determining poverty exemptions for the tax year 2011. Stricter affidavits, such as income tax forms, banking statements and other qualifying documents must be submitted to the March Board of Review. Questions should be directed to Ben Brousseau, Wakeshma Township Assessor.

Appointments:

A motion to reappoint to the Planning Commission, Delbert Burr to a two (2) year term ending January 1, 2013 and James Demming to a three (3) year term ending January 1, 2014, was made by Supervisor Byas and supported by Trustee Bennett. Voice vote, passed.

A motion for Board of Review reappointments each lasting two (2) years with the terms ending on January 1, 2013 for Marlene Sherman, John Oswalt and Ben Fritz was made by Supervisor Byas and supported by Treasurer Wise. Voice vote, passed.

CITIZEN COMMENT: None

BOARD COMMENTS: None

After a holiday wishes were exchanged a motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Wise and supported by Trustee Bennett. Voice vote, passed. The December 2, 2010 meeting of the Wakeshma Township Board was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Mulder-Paull
Wakeshma Township Clerk