

## WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 5, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Supervisor Gatlin. Members present were Supervisor Gatlin, Clerk Fritz, Treasurer Munn and Trustees Thole and Bennett. 9 residents were also present.

Treasurer Munn made a motion to accept the agenda. Clerk Fritz supported. Voice vote; passed. Trustee Bennett made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Clerk Fritz supported. Voice vote; passed. Trustee Thole made a motion to approve the bills with the stipulation that Republic's bill be reviewed before being paid. Treasurer Munn supported. Voice vote; passed. Trustee Thole made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Trustee Bennett supported. Voice vote; passed.

Citizens' Comments: The status of V Avenue was questioned. The new ordinance will be in effect 30 days after publication. December 6 is when we can start working on the property. The Weeks' perpetual garage sale was questioned. Why was the township able to take action on that and not V Ave? They fall under different ordinances. There will be a \$75 fine for the first offense; a second fine can be issued 7 days later. Both the land owner and renter are being held responsible. It was brought up that drugs are also an issue on this property, but there haven't been enough complaints issued for anything to be done.

It was asked how high fencing can go and do you have to have fence on all sides? Will the blight be taken care of or able to be covered up? Yants said fence facing Middletons would have to be paid half by Middletons. Not true. Yants will have to pay for it themselves.

The fence on Deming's property was put up backwards. It needs to be fixed and the barn on the property torn down.

New Business: The fire budget for 2017 was presented to the board. It is \$2200 less than last year. Treasurer Munn made a motion to approve the budget. Trustee Bennett supported. Voice vote; passed.

Supervisor Gatlin is still working on getting quotes for the two side doors and concrete under the fire bay door. We have two each so far. Supervisor Gatlin made a motion to request \$2000 for repairs to the two doors and concrete. Clerk Fritz supported. Voice vote; passed.

Correspondence: None

Zoning/Ordinance: None

Fire Authority update: The fire commissioner role will be filled by a committee of advisors

Board comments: Hoping Trustee Thole starts to feel better soon.

Recount of ballots to start December 6<sup>th</sup> for Kalamazoo County.

Supervisor Gatlin made a motion to adjourn. Treasurer Munn supported. Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

