

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 4, 2013
MEETING OF THE WAKESHMA
TOWNSHIP BOARD

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm by Supervisor Jim Deming. Board members present in addition to the Supervisor were: Clerk Nancy Mulder-Paul, Treasurer Leanne Munn and Trustees Barb Thole and Trevor Bennett. Five residents and guests were also present.

The minutes for the regular January 7, 2013 Township Board Meeting were presented to each board member prior to the meeting. Treasurer Munn made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Trustee Bennett supported. Voice vote, passed.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Mulder-Paul gave a bill listing of \$12,742.84. The Clerk informed the board that the remaining balance owed to the Kalamazoo County Road Commission for 2011-2012 dust control had been paid in full. Treasurer Munn made a motion to pay the bills and was seconded by Trustee Bennett. Voice vote, passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Munn gave an accounting to the board of the Wakeshma Township's bank balances. They were as follows: Tax Checking;-\$97,750.52; Trust and Agency-\$614.25; General Savings-\$5,715.81 and General Checking-\$16,669.33. Clerk Mulder-Paul moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as printed and the motion was supported by Trustee Thole. Voice vote, passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence or contract from Enbridge Energy has been received to date concerning the public rights-of-way pipeline project.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: None

ZONING ENFORCEMENT/ORDINANCE REPORT

Supervisor Deming reported to the Board that an agreement had been reached between the property owners at 13985 South 42nd St, 14037 East W Ave and 14029 East W Ave. A letter will be forthcoming to the property owners restating the agreements and time lines of the January 30, 2013 meeting.

FIRE AUTHORITY UPDATE:

As discussed at prior budget meetings, the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority will be raising its fire protection service contract fee for 2013-2014 to \$48,593.64. A motion to accept the fire protection contract was made by Clerk Mulder-Paul and was supported by Treasurer Munn. Voice vote, passed.

A motion to suspend normal township business was made by Supervisor Deming and was supported by Treasurer Munn at 7:45 pm.

Danna Downing of South County Community Services gave the board a presentation of SCCS' many programs that aid and assist the residents of Wakeshma Township. Of note,

is the new Kalamazoo Community Service Van Program., which provides transportation for isolated, elderly or disabled individuals to local agencies and other human service providers. For more information, contact SCCS at (269)649-2901 or the Wakeshma Township Board of Trustees.

Normal township business resumed at 7:55 pm

OLD BUSINESS:

Wage Resolutions for the 2013-2014 Fiscal year:

Supervisor, no wage increase

Treasurer, no wage increase

Clerk, no wage increase

Trustees, no wage increase

No raises for elected or appointed township officials will be considered for the new fiscal year. Hourly wages will remain the same unless federal or state law mandates an increase.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Deming informed the board that the 2013-2014 Kalamazoo County Road work proposal has yet to be finalized. Chip seal on V Ave between 36th and 39th Ave as well as a chip seal applications on Art Martin and White Lawn are being contemplated. Clerk Mulder-Paul proposed that efforts be made to enforce load limits and other safety issues as concerns tractor trailers.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Phillip Rhoades requested that the township look into the condition and health of the trees located on the northeast corner of W and 42nd Street. Supervisor Deming said he would contact a number of tree services.

BOARD COMMENTS: None

A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Munn and was supported by Trustee Bennett. The February 4, 2013 meeting of the Wakeshma Township Board of Trustees was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mulder-Paul
Wakeshma Township Clerk