

WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, February 01, 2016 7:00 PM

Supervisor Jim Deming called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Board members present were Supervisor Deming, Treasurer Leanne Munn, Trustee Trevor Bennett and Trustee Barbara Thole. Clerk Shawn Fritz was absent. Five citizens were in attendance.

A motion was made by Treasurer Munn and supported by Supervisor Deming to approve the February 1, 2016 Agenda. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Supervisor Deming and supported by Treasurer Munn to approve the Consent Agenda of February 1, 2016 (consisting of January 4, 2016 Board Minutes and Bill Listing as of 2/1/16). Trustee Thole asked if there was any correspondence that she omitted from the January minutes. Supervisor Deming responded that there was no correspondence for January. The motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Munn as follows: General Checking \$22,857.96; General Savings \$34,496.63; Tax Checking \$59,621.28; and Trust & Agency \$129.23. There was a motion by Supervisor Deming and supported by Trustee Thole to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Deming asked how much of Tax Checking goes to the county and Treasurer Munn said that most of it goes to the county.

Citizens Comments:

There was concern about the way the situation was handled regarding the vegetable oil located on a citizen's property. A concerned citizen felt the situation could have been handled first by a telephone call from the supervisor rather than other county and state entities being called before discussion with the owner of the property. Supervisor Deming stated that he did contact the owner of the property at some point. It was also pointed out that if drains had been affected the township would be responsible for cleanup.

Another citizen was concerned about possible oil coming out of a drain near his property. Supervisor Deming said the Health Department could be contacted and water testing done.

There was concern about an oil well on someone's property and problems it could cause environmentally.

Supervisor Deming asked the board members to look at the preliminary budget for the next fiscal year and come back next month with any concerns, additions or deletions. There will be a budget review at the annual meeting.

The millage for the Fire Authority did not get on the ballot for March 2016. It is planned to try to get it on the August 2016 ballot.

Page 2 of February 1, 2016 minutes

Citizen's Comments continued:

There was discussion about the rental of the township hall. Some residents did not know it was available for rental. A citizen felt the rental fee should be raised from \$50.00 to \$100.00.

There was discussion about the township website. The webmaster is scheduled to do some updating of the site. There is some website software/program that is needed at a cost of \$4000.00. This would be a one-time cost and would allow township personnel to do the updates instead of having to outsource it.

A tree removal project has been taking place on W Avenue and Y Avenue, being done by the Kalamazoo County Road Commission. A citizen mentioned a tree on the other side of the Three Mile Oil Station that needs some attention.

The Kalamazoo County Road Commission is holding a meeting with the township board members at the Township Hall at 6:00 PM on June 6, 2016. This meeting is also open to any citizens who wish to attend.

Supervisor Deming announced at the February Board Meeting that at the March 7, 2016 meeting there will be an Emergency Services Resolution for the Wakeshma Township portion to fund the Fire Authority for the 2017-2018 budget year. The township portion is \$61,491.00 for the year. This comes out to \$1.62 per \$1000 (Taxable Value on property taxes).

Supervisor Deming advised that changes will be made in regard to Fire Equipment being sent on medical calls.

Zoning Enforcement/Ordinance Report:

Trustee Thole presented the SCMCCI Audit Report to the Board. She also reported that SCMCCI will be raising the fees for permits an additional \$2.00. Supervisor Deming said he would contact Christine Hamilton of SCMCCI about the change.

Trustee Thole returned and voided a payroll check that had been issued to her incorrectly. She also pointed out an overpayment of \$6.00 on a subsequent payroll check. She was instructed by Supervisor Deming to cash the check and the overpayment would be deducted from her next payroll check.

Fire Authority Update:

This was covered under citizen's comments.

Page 3 of February 1, 2016 Board Minutes

A motion was made by Supervisor Deming and supported by Treasurer Munn to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Thole, Trustee in absence of Shawn Fritz, Clerk