

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2, 2012
MEETING OF THE
WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP BOARD

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm by Supervisor Byas. Board members present, in addition to the Supervisor were: Clerk Mulder-Paul, Treasurer Carolyn L. Wise and Trustees Barb Thole and Larry Bennett. No citizens or guests were in attendance.

The minutes for the regular December 3, 2011 Wakeshma Township Board meeting were presented to each Board member prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes, as written was made by Trustee Thole and was supported by Supervisor Byas. Voice vote, passed.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Mulder-Paul gave a bill listing of \$8,248.45. A motion to accept the bill listing and pay the bills was made by Trustee Thole and was supported by Trustee Bennett. Voice vote, passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Wise gave an accounting of Wakeshma's bank balances. They are as follows: Tax checking-\$193,597.44; General checking-\$190.81 and General savings-\$10,681.54. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Trustee Thole and was seconded by Trustee Bennett. Voice vote, passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ZONING/ORDINANCE REPORT: Supervisor Byas informed the Board that Ordinance # 40 came into effect on December 25, 2011. He also told the Board that the Planning Commission had, by resolution, decided to hold quarterly meeting for the upcoming year versus monthly. The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the township hall.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: None

FIRE AUTHORITY UPDATES: Supervisor Byas told the Board that the Fire Authority continues to work on its 2012-2013 budget and it is anticipated that the final budget will be ready at the end of January 2012. Supervisor Byas reported to the Board that the new budget will include an increase for monthly fire protection for the township.

OLD BUSINESS: Supervisor Byas discussed the upcoming March 31, 2012 budget meeting with the Board members. Three categories will be created to better handle the budgetary limitations and restraints anticipated in the upcoming fiscal year. They are statutory (legal requirements), obligatory (contractual agreements) and discretionary (all others). Supervisor Byas requested that the Clerk and Treasurer be prepared to report to the Board the anticipated expenses and revenues for the first two categories.

NEW BUSINESS: A copy of the new 2012 federal poverty guidelines had been given to each member prior to the meeting. The Board of Review, at its December 13, 2011 meeting, had recommended an increase of 15% to previous 2011 levels, thus allowing

more individuals to qualify. A motion to accept the Board of Review's new guidelines was made by Trustee Bennett and was supported by Clerk Mulder-Paul. A roll call vote was as follows:

Trustee Bennett- yes

Treasurer Wise- yes

Supervisor Byas- yes

Trustee Thole- yes

Clerk Mulder-Paul- yes.

The resolution to accept the Board of Review's new 2012 Federal Poverty Guideline of a 15% increase was unanimously approved.

BOARD COMMENTS: None

A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Wise and was supported by Trustee Bennett. Voice vote, passed. The January 2, 2012 meeting of the Wakeshma Township Board was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mulder-Paul
Wakeshma Township Clerk