

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 7, 2013
MEETING OF THE WAKESHMA
TOWNSHIP BOARD

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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. Seven residents and guests were also present.

Supervisor Deming suspended normal meeting business at 7:32pm so that scheduled issues relating to 13985 South 42nd Street, 14037 East W Ave and 14029 East W Ave could be discussed. A motion was made by Treasurer Munn to limit all discussions on related issues to two (2) minutes. Clerk Mulder-Paul supported, voice vote, passed.

Remi Montigny, who represents VDS Farms, was in attendance and property lines and damage to the school property was discussed. Mr. Montigny indicated that he was willing to address these issues personally with the property owners. Mr. Montigny then left the meeting.

Gabriel Rhoades, having arrived late, spoke to the Board of Trustees. He told the board members that he was representing his parents and that he had begun work on some of the issues that had been addressed in three letters sent by the Wakeshma Township Building Inspector, Harold Cirino. It was agreed by all that Gabriel Rhoades must acquire legal documentation stating that he was able to act on behalf of his father, Bradley Rhoades and mother Ruth A. Rhoades.

A motion to table further discussion on the above matters was made by Treasurer Munn. A meeting will be set up prior to the next February board meeting with all concerned property owners, the Township Attorney, Supervisor and Wakeshma Township Building Inspector.

Supervisor Deming resumed normal board business at 7:50pm.

Lieutenant Gail F. Sampsell from the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office handed out Wakeshma Township Calls for Service information for the months of November and December. She also advised Mr. Rhoades that two postings on the above properties should be removed. In an emergency they could be seen as a threat and delay prompt response from law enforcement and/or first responders.

The minutes for the regular December 3, 2012 Township Board Meeting were presented to each board member prior to the meeting. Treasurer Munn moved to accept the minutes as written, Trustee Bennett supported. Voice vote, passed.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Mulder-Paul gave a bill listing of \$9,075.19. She also informed the board that she had moved \$500.00 dollars from sidewalk repair to computers to balance the budget. Clerk Mulder-Paul also requested that she pay the Kalamazoo County Road Commission \$3,555.72 for 2012 dust control. The remaining balance will be paid with February's bills. A motion to pay the bills was made by Trustee Bennett and was seconded by Treasurer Munn. Voice vote, passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Munn gave an accounting to the board of Wakeshma Township's bank balances. They were as follows-Tax checking \$276,429.98; Trust and Agency-\$534.46; General Savings-\$15,120.37 and General Checking-\$3,738.46. Clerk Mulder-Paul moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented and the motion was supported by Trustee Bennett. Voice vote, passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Craig A. Rolfe, the Township Attorney sent a letter recommending Wakeshma Township give consent to Enbridge Energy for public rights-of-way on its pipeline project. A sample contract was presented to the board and Supervisor Deming suggested that at the February board meeting a vote on the proposed agreement be taken.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: Trustee Thole reminded the board that the Planning Commission has scheduled a meeting on January 14, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the township hall. Supervisor Deming related that the township attorney was recommending that the board consider a Zoning Ordinance Update Project with a spending limitation of \$2500.00-\$3000.00.

FIREAUTHORITY UPDATE: Supervisor Deming informed the board that the 2 new fire trucks had been purchased and were being adapted for service. One new rescue vehicle has also been bought. Supervisor Deming indicated that the township's annual fire protection service fee would be going up to possibly \$49,000.00.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Supervisor Deming requested that the Clerk provide outlines of the upcoming 2013-2014 township budget for the next scheduled meeting in February. Specifically, a breakdown of the Constitutional, Statutory and discretionary expenditures of the township's upcoming budget.

CITIZEN COMMENT: None

BOARD COMMENT: Trustee Bennett informed the township Sexton, Sid Paul that the North Cemetery Sign had fallen down. Mr. Paul indicated that he would look into it and see that the damage was repaired. A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Bennett and seconded by Treasurer Munn. The January 7, 2013 meeting of the Wakeshma Township Board of Trustees was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mulder-Paul
Wakeshma Township Clerk.

