

Wakeshma Township Regular Board Meeting

Monday, January 04, 2016 7:00 PM

Supervisor Jim Deming called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members present were Supervisor Jim Deming, Treasurer Leanne Munn, Trustee Trevor Bennett and Trustee Barbara Thole. Clerk Shawn Fritz was absent. Trustee Thole took the minutes in the absence of Clerk Fritz.

There were seven residents in attendance as well as Lt. Michelle Greenlee representing the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department.

Supervisor Deming made a motion to approve the consent agenda (consisting of minutes from December 7, 2015 Regular Board Meeting and approval of monthly bills as of 1/4/16) as presented with one change. The bills totaled \$41,761.60. The change made as part of the motion was to pay the bills except for \$24,624.17 owed to the Kalamazoo County Road Commission. Treasurer Munn supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Munn gave the treasurer's report as follows:

General Checking \$23,580.38 General Savings \$21,897.31 Tax Checking \$321,472.44

Trust & Agency \$119.23 (This figure has increased due to the sale of dog licenses).

A motion was made by Trustee Thole and supported by Supervisor Deming to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was passed unanimously.

Citizen's comments:

A resident voiced concerns regarding a dispute with the township supervisor over property issues. A resident voiced concerns over barrels located on a property on 36th Street. It was stated by the owner of the property that the barrels contained used vegetable oil from his business and it was ascertained by the MI DEQ and the health department that the oil is not considered hazardous. The material should be removed by the end of the month. There was a concern about recent vandalism to mailboxes in the township. There was concern about the Weeks/Sparks property. That situation has been turned over to the county health department. Residents had questions and concerns about the roads in the township and the amount of money that would be available for roads now that the recent property assessment has been levied for the Fire Authority. There were questions about the road committee and its reporting to the Kalamazoo County Road Commission. Deb Brockway said there wasn't much to report from her section of the township. Supervisor Deming spoke about the potholes and said there can't be much done until the weather improves. The money spent this year went for V Ave, U

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Ave. and brine used on the roads. Supervisor Deming spoke about the failed road policy and if roads fail the par funds must be used for them. The assessment will perhaps, as an example, give us \$80,000 (with par funds) instead of \$40,000 to be used for roads but we should not expect to do large amounts of work as the cost is so great. For the last 10 to 15 years we have just been repairing small portions of roads. Supervisor Deming said that 38th street will have to be chip sealed or it could end up being turned back to gravel as could some other roads in the township.

Zoning Enforcement Ordinance Report-None

Fire Authority Report-Supervisor Deming said the consultant hired by the Fire Authority has issued his report. It has gone through the attorney to the board members and they will be meeting in closed session at their next meeting.

Board Member Report-Trustee Thole gave a reminder of the Planning Commission meeting to be held on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Lt. Michelle Greenlee from the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department is the new liaison for Wakeshma Township. She has been with the department for 15 years in various capacities. She presented the stats for the township which stated 22 calls were made in a period of one month.

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Deming and supported by Treasurer Munn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Thole, Trustee in absence of Clerk Fritz

