

July 11, 2016

MINUTES FOR THE WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Supervisor Deming. Board members present were Supervisor Deming, Clerk Fritz, Treasurer Munn and Trustees Thole and Bennett. Ten residents were also present as well as two attorneys from Bauckham, Sparks, Lohrstorfer, Thall & Seeber PC in Kalamazoo. Chris Hamilton from SCMCCI arrived late from the Schoolcraft Township board meeting.

Treasurer Munn made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 2016 meeting. Trustee Bennett supported. Voice vote, passed. Clerk Fritz made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Treasurer Munn supported. Voice vote, passed. Clerk Fritz made a motion to accept the treasurers report. Trustee Bennett supported. Voice vote, passed.

Citizens' comments: There are issues with Yant on V Avenue. Animal control has been called in multiple times. Some livestock has been seized, fines have been paid and the animals brought back. Chris Hamilton from SCMCCI is going to look into our ordinances to see if something can be done.

Correspondence: Craig Rolfe received a letter from Bauckham, Sparks, Lohrstorfer, Thall & Seeber PC stating we were going to use them as the lawyers for the township. Rob Thall addressed the mistake made by an associate in the firm since the board had not voted on any changes when this letter was sent.

Ordinance enforcement: Chris Hamilton addressed a few issues. A white car on W Ave has to be gone by Friday July 15 or a ticket will be issued on Monday.

14038 S 42nd St, Gettys property. It is believed this house was sold on land contract.

14000 V Ave, a meth house is still occupied.

The Weeks property is still a health issue. When checking on property, the authorities were threatened with a gun by their son

Supervisor Deming announced he was resigning his position and wanted Jason Gatlin to replace him in the interim. Roll call was taken: Bennett, Yes. Munn, Yes. Deming, abstain. Fritz, Yes. Thole, Yes. The motion was approved. As of 7/12/16, Jason Gatlin will take over as Supervisor as he is running unopposed.

Supervisor Deming explained that the board was looking for an attorney to represent the township for our fire coverage since many on the board feel it is a conflict of interest to have the same attorney represent the township and the fire authority. Craig Rolfe sent an email to Supervisor Deming wanting to know what was going on. It was explained by the attorneys that Seth from Bauckham et al called Craig by mistake saying they were representing us. Seth then called Craig's office to say it was a mistake (as a vote had not yet been taken). There was discussion as to whether to take a vote this month or wait until next month after Craig had a chance to explain his position as representative for both boards. It was decided to take a vote to replace Craig now instead of later. Trustee Bennett, Yes. Treasurer Munn, Yes, Supervisor Deming, Abstain. Clerk Fritz, Yes. Trustee Thole, No. Voice vote, passed to replace Craig Rolfe.

June 20th the Planning Commission had a meeting to add amendment 42 to the Zoning Ordinance which concerns private roads and road frontage. The amendment was brought before the township board for final vote. Trustee Thole, Yes. Clerk Fritz, Yes. Supervisor Deming, Yes. Treasurer Munn, Yes. Trustee Bennett, Yes.

Motion was made by Supervisor Deming to adjourn. Treasurer Munn supported. Meeting adjourned at 8:05.