

**MINUTES FOR JULY 5, 2010
MEETING OF
WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Doug Byas. Board members present, in addition to the Supervisor were: Clerk Nancy Mulder-Paul, Treasurer Carolyn L. Wise and Trustees Barb Thole and Larry Bennett. Candidate for County Commission, 16th district John Gisler was also in attendance.

Minutes from the June 5, 2010 board meeting were presented to each Board member prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as printed, was made by Trustee Thole and supported by Treasurer Wise. Voice vote, passed.

Supervisor Byas discussed with the Board some of the expenditures during the month of June. Of note were the demolition of 13904 S. 42nd St and the township's acquisition of 14004 S. 42nd St. from tax foreclosure to be used by the township residents as a common/green space.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Mulder-Paul reported monthly bill payments of \$16,740.68. Clerk Mulder-Paul informed the Board that \$6475.00 from Contingencies (7000) had been transferred to Miscellaneous Township to cover the extra expenses of the demolition of 13904 S. 42nd St. Clerk Mulder-Paul requested of the Board permission to pay the Electrical Inspector (\$527.40) and the Township's street lighting bills.. A motion was made by Treasurer Wise to pay the bills, including Consumer's Energy and Art Earl. Trustee Thole supported. Voice vote, passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Wise reported to the Board the Tax Savings account balance of \$0.91 and the Tax Checking balance of \$5.70. Treasurer Wise was unable to report on the General Checking or General Savings account in that Kalamazoo County State Bank was closed for the July 4th holiday. Clerk Mulder-Paul made a carry over motion for Treasurer Wise to report both June and July accounts at the August Board meeting. The motion was supported by Trustee Thole. Voice vote, passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Byas reported to the Board the assistance provided to Wakeshma Township households and residences in 2009 by South County Community Services. SCCS is requesting \$850.00 to continue programs and services to the Wakeshma Community. A motion was made by Clerk Mulder-Paul to pay SCCS \$850.00 and was supported by Trustee Bennett.

ZONING/ORDINANCE REPORT: As reported earlier, the demolition has been completed on 13904 S. 42nd. St. Supervisor Byas will meet with the Township Attorney for purposes of billing the property owner for the Township's expenses.

Copies of Master Plan/ Land Use were sent out to all contiguous townships to comply with the Michigan Planning and Enabling Act of 2008. At the September Board meeting, the 63 day comment period will have been met and the Board will consider the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: Trustee Thole announced to the Board that the Planning Commission meeting for July 12, 2010 has been cancelled.

FIRE AUTHORITY UPDATE: Supervisor Byas reported that the fire truck purchase from Comstock Township was still being considered.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Supervisor Byas discussed with the Board the Little Portage Drain improvements proposed by Drain Commissioner Pat Crowley. The estimate for the project is \$11,000. Last improvement on the drain was in 1913. An estimate for tilling and seeding the corner property by Superior Outdoor Services was discussed by the Board. Clerk Mulder-Paul made a motion to accept the estimate of \$265.00 and was supported by Trustee Thole. Voice vote, passed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: County Commission Candidate Gisler commented on the Little Portage Drain project and indicated to the Board that drains were a county wide issue.

BOARD COMMENTS: Treasurer Wise informed the Board that she has begun collecting summer taxes. A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Wise and was seconded by Trustee Thole. Voice vote, passed. The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mulder-Paul
Wakeshma Township Clerk.