

**MINUTES FOR JUNE 6, 2011
MEETING OF
WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Supervisor Byas. Board members present, in addition to the Supervisor were: Clerk Mulder-Paul, Treasurer Carolyn L. Wise, Trustees Barb Thole and Larry Bennett. Planning Commission member Ed Woodhams, County Commissioner John Gisler, Kalamazoo County Road Official Joanna Johnson and Jan Van Stratt from the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority and South County Community Services were also in attendance.

The minutes for the regular May 2, 2011 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 supported by Treasurer Wise. Voice vote, passed.

Supervisor Byas suspended regular board business at 7:38 pm to allow the officials present to address the board.

KALMAZOO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Jan VanStratt updated the board on various programs under consideration by the KCTA. Specifically, a study is being proposed for the Community Service Van to connect with 1 to 2 lines of the Portage Metro. The KCTA meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 6:00pm.

SOUTH COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICE

Jan VanStratt informed the board that the need for services provided by SCCS is still high in our community. She also reported that the Summer Recreation program (ages 5-11) held in the Wakeshma Township hall, would be for one week, starting July 18-22 from 8:00am to 1:00pm. For the first time there will be a \$12.00 fee, but scholarships are available.

KALAMAZOO COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Joanna Johnson, previous to the meeting, had sent a copy of a general memorandum of agreement that her agency had received from the Nattawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi. The memorandum concerns the Indian Reservation Roads Program through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The general memorandum is between the KCRC and the Tribal government. Ms. Johnson said that the KCRC board was scheduled to act upon the agreement on June 7, 2011.

COMMISSIONER JOHN GISLER

The Commissioner updated the board on the proposed 3.3 million dollar expansion of the county jail. Working drawings should be available later this summer. Commissioner Gisler also related to the board several adult drug diversion programs he had the opportunity to attend.

The regular meeting of the Wakeshma Township board resumed at 8:20 pm

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Mulder-Paul gave a monthly bill listing of \$12,431.29. A motion to accept the listing and pay the bills was made by Trustee Bennett and supported by Trustee Thole. Voice vote, passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Wise gave the board an accounting of the bank balances. They were as follows: Tax Checking-\$15.41 and Tax Savings- \$.22. General Savings was \$59,247.03 and General Checking was \$552.79. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Trustee Thole and supported by Clerk Mulder-Paul.

CORRESPONDENCE: - none

ZONING/ORDINANCE REPORT:

Supervisor Byas told the board that he would be attending the Wakeshma Township Planning Commission meeting on June 13, 2011. Discussion will center on the metes and bounds of the village and commercial district in Fulton.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Clerk Mulder-Paul informed the board that a claim had been filed with Midwest Claims Service for the May 29, 2011 wind damage in and near the South Fulton Cemetery. The Road Commission said that they would be responsible for the gutters, curbs and stump removal between the sidewalk and the road.

FIRE AUTHORITY:

Supervisor Byas said that the South County Fire Authority is still discussing the benefits of a cost/recovery program for response calls. Supervisor Byas also requested that Fire Station # 3 have a grass rig on hand, especially during the spring months.

OLD BUSINESS: The township's job descriptions and employee's handbook was tabled until next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Byas informed the board that Ben Fritz had made application to put parcel # 16-18-401-016 into the Farmland and Open Space Preservation (PA-116). Supervisor Byas made a motion to accept and approve the application. Clerk Mulder-Paul supported. Voice vote, passed.

CITIZEN COMMENT: - none

BOARD REPORTS:

Supervisor Byas reported that the Kalamazoo County Road Commission had approved the 1 ½ mile road project on 47th Street. Wakeshma Township has agreed to complete the project this year (2011) and take two years of the road budget to pay for the work.

Trustee Thole said that the next Planning Commission meeting is on June 13, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

Clerk Mulder-Paul told the board that the VFW had dropped off a box for worn and damaged flags that will be retired by their organization.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Wise and supported by Trustee Bennett. The June 6, 2011 meeting of the Wakeshma Township Board was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mulder-Paul
Clerk