

JUNE 1, 2015

WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Supervisor Deming.

Changes were made to the consent agenda. The first pertains to the minutes from the May 4th meeting. A resolution was to be made in June and a vote will be taken in July for the emergency services special assessment district for Wakeshma Township. The second was an addition to the Bills to Pay listing. Craig Rolfe and J&M Lawn Services would both be added to the listing.

A motion to accept the changes to the consent agenda was made by Treasurer Munn and supported by Clerk Fritz. Voice vote; passed.

Treasurer's Report: Clerk Fritz made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and supported by Trustee Bennett. Voice vote; passed.

Citizen's Comments: A neighbor to the south cemetery mentioned that the mowing at the cemetery needed to be closer to the fence.

Correspondence: A letter was to be signed and sent from the board to Mr Brunett to thank him and Boy Scout Troup 251 for their hard work in cleaning up the south cemetery.

Board Comments: Supervisor Deming made a motion to take a vote to accept the Resolution to go forward with the Emergency Services Special Assessment. Treasurer Munn supported. Trustee Bennett: Aye. Treasurer Munn: Aye. Supervisor Deming: Aye. Clerk Fritz, Aye. Trustee Thole said she wanted to be a government representative of the people and asked if anyone wanted her to represent their vote. One citizen was opposed, so Trustee Thole: No

A citizen complained about the dust conditions on 44th street. A comment was made by Trustee Thole that 44th and X Ave is a dangerous intersection in the morning as a car drives well over the speed limit and just missed hitting her. Clerk Fritz would ask Clair Sootsman to check into it.

At 7:45 Attorney Craig Rolfe took the floor and explained about the 1.85mil proposed assessment. He explained that Brady had decided to do a flat rate per parcel and that Prairie Ronde hadn't decided how they would handle their assessment/millage.

It was explained that Wakeshma has a very frugal budget with board members' salaries and trustee pay being very frugal. The special meeting after July's regular board meeting would be more informative as to what each parcel is being taxed. It was explained that the township is going by Taxable Value to come up with the tax amount.

Craig also explained that South County was formed to help the communities be a better entity than they were on their own, but that Equipment is needing replacing and no money was budgeted for that reason. They never planned ahead. That is what this assessment will do. He also said that the people have a right to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Supervisor Deming made a motion to adjourn with Treasurer Munn supporting. Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm