

WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 5, 2017

The Kalamazoo County Road Commission made their yearly presentation to the township. The meeting began at 5:30. Members present were Supervisor Gatlin, Clerk Fritz and Treasurer Munn. Trustees Thole and Bennett were absent. Travis Bartholomew presented to the township. Joanna Johnson and board commissioners were present for the meeting. Mr. Bartholomew and Ms. Johnson stayed to participate or answer questions during the general meeting. The road commission meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

The monthly meeting was called to order at 7pm by Supervisor Gatlin. Members present were Supervisor Gatlin, Clerk Fritz, Treasurer Munn and Trustee Thole. Trustee Bennett was absent. Ten residents were also present.

Clerk Fritz made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Treasurer Munn supported. Voice vote; passed. Clerk Fritz made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Trustee Thole supported. Voice vote; passed.

Citizens' Comments: No update on Yant's property. Neighbor asked if they were supposed to be ticketed if they didn't clean up. The township hasn't received any reports on tickets. Neighbors report that they are burning in their yard without permits from the fire department or township. The Sheriff's department was called because Yants are flying a drone and hovering above neighbor's house and at their windows. Chris from SCMCCI reports that progress has been made with their yard, but neighbors haven't seen improvement.

Old Business: We are looking into recycling services, but it is hard to find one for a good price. We spend over \$9000 a year for recycling. We could rent a dumpster year-round for a little over \$1000 a year. Bestway offers recycling service for residents for \$12/quarter. We are still looking at options. Prices will be presented next month.

New Business: Presentation by the road committee has been tabled until next month.

Zoning enforcement: Is there a junk car ordinance? House between Hayward and Mitchell has 3 cars with no plates and the grass isn't mowed. We have both a junk car ordinance as well as an ordinance on unmowed grass over 8 inches.

Speed is an issue in the township. We need the sheriff's department out here a little more to patrol V, W and 42nd streets. 42nd is where tickets are issued most.

Fire Authority update: EMS is still making a decision about what to do. There is a special meeting at Brady Township Hall at 6pm on Wednesday this week to discuss the issue. Supervisor Gatlin reminded everyone that EMS is a private, non-profit business.

Board Comments: The Memorial Day parade went well. The weather cooperated. Also, tax bills go out at the end of the month.

Supervisor Gatlin made a motion to adjourn. Treasurer Munn supported. Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.