

MINUTES FOR MARCH 4, 2013  
MEETING OF THE WAKESHMA  
TOWNSHIP BOARD

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Supervisor Jim Deming. Board members present in addition to the Supervisor were: Clerk Mulder-Paul, Treasurer Leanne Munn and Trustees Barb Thole and Trevor Bennett. Lt. Eric Munn of the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority and Wakeshma Township Sexton, Sid Paul were also in attendance.

Minutes for the regular February 4, 2013 meeting were presented to each board member prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Treasurer Munn and was supported by Trustee Bennett. Voice vote, passed.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Mulder-Paul gave a bill listing of \$14,967.74. A motion to pay the bills was made by Treasurer Munn and supported by Trustee Thole. Voice vote, passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Munn gave an accounting to the board of Wakeshma Township's banks balances. They were as follows: Tax checking- \$34,647.94, Trust and Agency- \$914.28, General Checking-\$868.36 and General Savings- \$29,924.15. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Clerk Mulder-Paul and was seconded by Trustee Thole. Voice vote, passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Deming reviewed the Enbridge Consent for Facilities Construction Agreement with the board. A motion to make a resolution to accept the terms of the agreement was made by Trevor Bennett and was supported by Treasurer Munn. The voting was as follows:

Bennett-aye Munn- aye Deming- aye Thole- aye Mulder-Paul-aye

The resolution was unanimously accepted by the board.

Resolution in support of the efforts to erect a monument to the Walter Orr Post No. 312- Grand Army of the Republic located in Scotts was made by Clerk Mulder-Paul and seconded by Treasurer Munn. The voice vote was as follows:

Bennett-aye Munn-aye Deming-aye Thole-aye Mulder-Paul-aye

The resolution was unanimously accepted by the board.

ZONING/ORDINANCE REPORT:

Supervisor Deming reported to the board that a follow up letter had been sent to the property owners of 14029 East W Ave, 14037 East W Ave and 13985 South 42<sup>nd</sup> Street restating the agreements reached on January 30, 2013. The owners have 120 days to deal with the blight issues, feral cats and structural issues discussed. The building at 13985 South 42<sup>nd</sup> Street shall not be occupied at any time. A motion to have the township attorney write a letter of warning and the subsequent consequences if occupancy is suspected was made by Trustee Bennett and was supported by Treasurer Munn. Voice vote, passed.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Treasurer Munn indicated that the tax collection at the township hall ended on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February. Taxes may now be paid at the County Treasurer's office.

FIRE AUTHORITY UPDATES:

As reported prior, Supervisor Deming related the increase in the South Kalamazoo County Fire Authority's fire protection monthly payment. Supervisor Deming also reported that a third rescue vehicle may be purchased in the near future. The Fire Authority is also working on revamping it's by laws.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kalamazoo County Road Commission Road 2013-2014 proposal is still being worked on using the county's 5 year plan for road repair.

Supervisor Deming reminded the board that the final budget and annual hearing for Wakeshma Township will be held March 30, 2013 at 2:00pm at the township hall.

Clerk Mulder-Paul requested that board allow her to pay bills as they come due to end out the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Motion was made by Treasurer Munn and supported by Trevor Bennett. Voice vote, passed

NEW BUSINESS: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

BOARD COMMENTS:

Supervisor Deming reviewed the bid by Martin's Tree Service for tree removal in the township park. Clerk Mulder-Paul indicated to the board members that she had contacted Landscape Arborist, LLC as recommended by MSU extension. Supervisor Deming advised that he had a contact who might also submit a bid.

A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Munn and was supported by Trustee Bennett. Voice vote, passed. The March 4, 2013 meeting of the Wakeshma Township Board was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mulder-Paul  
Wakeshma Township Clerk