

**MINUTES FOR MAY 2, 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 and Trustee Barb Thole. Also in attendance were Lieutenant Gail Sampsell, Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department and Bill Oldenkamp. Trustee Larry Bennett was absent.

The minutes from the regular April 4, 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.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Mulder-Paul gave a monthly bill listing of \$14,311.24 and requested that the election inspectors for the May 3, 2011 school election be paid prior to the June 6th board meeting. A motion to accept the bill listing, pay the bills and the election inspectors was made by Trustee Thole and supported by Treasurer Wise.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tax checking- \$.06. Tax savings- \$4,830.96. General checking-\$8,761.56. General savings- \$38,049.78. Trustee Thole moved to accept the report and was supported by Clerk Mulder-Paul.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Clerk Mulder-Paul informed the board that the township had received a letter of gratitude and appreciation for the township's contribution to South County EMS Ambulance.
2. Supervisor Byas reported that Consumer's Energy was phasing out Mercury vapor light bulbs for street lighting. Supervisor Byas explained the different options available to the township. The first option was to allow Consumer's to replace the Mercury bulbs with more energy efficient sodium bulbs. A motion to accept option #1 was made by Treasurer Wise and supported by Trustee Thole. Voice vote, passed.

ZONING/ORDINANCE REPORT:

Trustee Thole told the board that the Planning Commission continues to work on amending Ordinance # 38 and Ordinance #32.

FIRE AUTHORITY:

Supervisor Byas reported that the SKSFA is continuing to work on their Cost and Recovery Policy.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. It was decided by the board to table the finalization of the Employee Handbook and specific job descriptions until June's board meeting.

2. As requested by Trustee Bennett, Supervisor Byas had received another estimate as concerns the updating of the furnace in the township hall. The second estimate was double in price and a motion was made by Supervisor Byas and seconded by Clerk Mulder-Paul to give the contract to the lowest bid. Voice vote, passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Byas expressed, on behalf of the board, the township's gratitude and sincere appreciation for the 25 years of service by Helen Harvey. Helen retired effective May 1, 2011. Supervisor Byas made a motion to appoint Sid Paul as the new Wakeshma Township Sexton. Trustee Thole seconded the motion and Treasurer Wise was in agreement. Clerk Mulder-Paul abstained.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

1. Lt. Sampsell handed out to the board members the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's accounting of the calls for service in 2010 for Wakeshma Township.

2. Bill Oldenkamp requested that the township attend to the deteriorating conditions in the North Cemetery. He asked that the crumbling foundation be removed and accumulating debris be collected. Mr. Oldenkamp offered to seed and fertilize the area after the removal. Supervisor Byas assured that the problem would be taken care of in the very near future.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

1. Clerk Mulder-Paul informed the board that the township was all prepared for the May 3, 2011 election.
2. Trustee Thole told the board that the next Planning Commission meeting would be held on May 9, 2011 in the township hall at 7:00 pm.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Thole and supported by Supervisor Byas. The May 2, 2011 meeting of the Wakeshma Township Board was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mulder-Paul