

MINUTES FOR MAY 7, 2012
MEETING OF THE WAKESHMA
TOWNSHIP BOARD

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by Supervisor Doug Byas. Board members present, in addition to the supervisor were: Clerk Nancy Mulder-Paul, Deputy Treasurer Leanne Munn and Trustees Barb Thole and Larry Bennett. Also in attendance were Jim Demming, chair of the Wakeshma Township Planning Commission and one citizen, Judi Struble. Missing from the meeting was Treasurer Carolyn L. Wise.

The minutes for the regular April 2, 2012 meeting were presented to each Board member prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes, as written, was made by Trustee Bennett and was supported by Trustee Thole. Voice vote, passed.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Mulder-Paul gave a bill listing of \$14,422.87. A motion to accept the bill listing and pay the bills was made by Trustee Thole and was seconded by Trustee Bennett. Voice vote, passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Deputy Treasurer Munn gave an accounting of Wakeshma's bank balances. They were as follows: Tax checking-\$101.19; General checking-\$2121.59 and General Savings- \$50,080.72 (\$42,880.72 after bills). A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Clerk Mulder-Paul and supported by Trustee Thole. Voice vote, passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1). Supervisor Byas informed the Board that Carolyn L. Wise had resigned the position as Treasurer of Wakeshma Township on May 4, 2012. Her letter of resignation was accepted by a motion from Supervisor Byas and support from Trustee Bennett. Voice vote, passed. The board wished to express its appreciation for the many years of public service Ms Wise has contributed to the township.
- 2). Supervisor Byas discussed with the Board a letter the township had received from the township attorney. Changes proposed in the Michigan Zoning and Enabling Act would take authority away from local municipalities in regards to bio-fuels in agricultural areas. Supervisor Byas addressed Mr. Demming and suggested that the Planning Commission take these new amendments into consideration at its next meeting.
- 3). Supervisor Byas informed the Board of an upcoming BS&A tax software training program. Supervisor Byas requested that the board approve the \$30.00 education fee so that Deputy Treasurer Munn could attend the training on June 4, 2012 in Schoolcraft Township. Hearing no objections, the board approved the participation of Deputy Munn in the training program.

FIRE AUTHORITY UPDATES: Supervisor Byas told the Board that the South County Fire Authority was constructing a check list protocol for potential problems when acquiring used apparatus and equipment for the Fire Authority.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1). Clerk Mulder-Paul informed the Board that she had been contacted by Applied Imaging as concerns the Copy/Fax machine lease. On May 25, 2012 the lease would expire and a new contract needed to be negotiated. The board recommended that the Clerk sign a new lease on behalf of the township with the same quarterly payments and conditions.
- 2). Clerk Mulder-Paul asked that the Board allow her to renew the Quickbook Payroll and QuickBooks Pro 2012 accounting software. A motion was made by Trustee Bennett and supported by Trustee Thole approving the software upgrade and renewal to the township computer. Voice vote, passed.
- 3). Supervisor Byas recommended to the Board that Deputy Leanne Munn be appointed treasurer, effective June 1, 2012, in lieu of Treasurer Wise's resignation. A motion to appoint Deputy Munn Treasurer was made by Clerk Mulder-Paul and supported by Trustee Bennett. Voice vote, passed.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

- 1). Ms Judi Struble voiced concern to the Board that the S Avenue Transfer Station in Pavilion Township was no longer available to residents of Wakeshma Township. Supervisor Byas related the budgetary constraints that had precluded the cutting of this service. After some discussion, Supervisor Byas said he would follow up with Supervisor Pat White about the possibility of some residents being allowed to use the transfer facility.
- 2). Ms. Struble also inquired of the Board rumors that some agricultural land had been rezoned into residential. Supervisor Byas explained that only the ¼ mile area defined as "Fulton" was zoned residential. The confusion was due to the residential status of that portion of the agricultural property containing a family home or domicile.

BOARD COMMENTS: None

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Byas and was supported by Trustee Bennett. Voice vote, passed. The May 7, 2012 meeting of the Wakeshma Township Board of Trustees was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mulder-Paul
Wakeshma Township Clerk

