

MINUTES FOR MAY 6, 2013  
MEETING FOR 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 Trustee Barb Thole. Absent from the meeting was Trustee Trevor Bennett. Lieutenant Gail Sampsell, representing the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department attended as did three citizens of Wakeshma Township and Cleo Kain, the Chair of the Wakeshma Township election inspectors.

Minutes for the regular April 1, 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 supported by Trustee Thole. Voice, vote, passed.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Mulder-Paul gave a bill listing of \$15,747.20 of which \$8,257.50 were current bills, excluding payroll and end of the fiscal year obligations. A motion was made by Treasurer Munn to pay the bills and accept the Clerk's report as written. Trustee Thole supported. Voice vote, passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Munn gave an accounting to the board of Wakeshma Township's bank balances. They were as follows: Tax checking-\$1,041.76; Trust and Agency-\$1,558.75; General Checking- \$3,241.02 and General Savings: \$20,612.11. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Trustee Thole and was seconded by Clerk Mulder-Paul. Voice vote, passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Deming informed the board that he had recently met with the General Foreman on the new Enbridge pipeline project. T.J. Malone assured Mr. Deming he would be available for any and all questions and concerns that relate to the new pipeline.

Supervisor Deming also told the board that the trash disposal site on V Ave. had been resolved with the land owner.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: Clerk Mulder-Paul informed the board that the township was prepared for the Special election on May 7, 2013.

Trustee Thole requested that Clerk Mulder-Paul post a public notice of the Planning Commission meeting that will be held on May 13, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Wakeshma Township Hall. On the agenda will be further discussion of the three zones proposed in the new draft proposal.

FIRE AUTHORITY: Supervisor Deming told the board that the SKCFA had eliminated the position of Administrator and that Ms. Tracy Locey would remain as Clerk to both the Fire Authority and Brady Township. Supervisor Deming also informed the board that the Fire Authority was actively pursuing a millage request in the very near future for fire protection.

OLD BUSINESS: Treasurer Munn informed the board that she had received the State of Michigan's Revenue Sharing check and that the amount was \$660.00 lower than expected. Treasurer Munn indicated that this trend would continue. Discussion about the viability of chip sealing Art Martin and White Lawn followed. Treasurer Munn made a

motion to eliminate this road project and to revisit it as revenue allows. Clerk Mulder-Paul supported, voice vote, passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Lt. Gail Sampsell, representing the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department addressed the board and explained that the calls for service in the first quarter of 2013 indicated that there were no new trends of concern.

CITIZEN COMMENT'S: Observations of noncompliance with state health policy were discussed and addressed by the three citizens who attended the board meeting. Supervisor Deming will contact Mr. Cirino for resolution. A number of other properties on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street were also of concern. Blight and other violations of the zoning ordinance have been documented and will be addressed. It was also suggested that the citizens attend the Planning Commission Meeting on May 13, 2013 to express their concerns. It was also requested that plastic refuse left in the township cemetery's not be burned but disposed of in a manner less offensive.

BOARD COMMENTS: Treasurer Munn informed the board that the refrigerator in the township community kitchen was leaking and should be replaced. Supervisor Deming requested that Treasurer Munn contact Rawlings Appliance or Ted's Appliance for a replacement.

Supervisor Deming also indicated that a new back door to the hall was needed, not only for security but also for energy savings. Supervisor Deming asked that a three bid minimum for a steel door be presented to the board in the near future.

A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Munn and was supported by Clerk Mulder-Paul. Voice vote, passed. The May 6, 2013 meeting of the Wakeshma Township Board was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mulder-Paul  
Wakeshma Township Clerk