

**MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2011
MEETING OF THE
WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Supervisor Byas. Board members present, in addition to the Supervisor were: Clerk Mulder-Paul, Treasurer Carolyn L. Wise and Trustees Barb Thole and Larry Bennett. Lt. Gail Sampsell from the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's and one guest, Nikki Callen were also in attendance.

The Minutes for the regular October 3, 2011 Wakeshma Board meeting were presented to each board member prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes, as written, was made by Treasurer Wise and was supported by Trustee Bennett. Voice vote, passed.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Mulder-Paul gave a monthly bill listing of \$11,324.75. A motion to accept the monthly bill listing and pay the bills was made by Trustee Thole and was supported by Treasurer Wise. Voice vote, passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Wise gave an account listing of Wakeshma Township's bank balances. They are as follows, Tax checking- \$33,072.17; Tax savings-\$1002.74; General checking \$2,966.37 and General Savings-\$32,182.81.

The board also, by consensus, asked that the tax savings account be closed by the next board meeting.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made Trustee Bennett and seconded by Trustee Thole. Voice vote, passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Byas informed the board that he had received information from the township attorney about the restructuring of the Kalamazoo Gazette and its impact on public notices for the township. Clerk Mulder-Paul was asked to contact the Gazette and determine if the Commercial Express would still be available for posting required township public notices.

ZOING/ORDINANCE REPORT: Supervisor Byas informed the board that the public meeting of the Planning Commission to discuss the redefinition of the Residential and Commercial zones of Wakeshma Township is scheduled to be held on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: none

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT: Supervisor Byas reported that the Fire Authority is presently working on its preliminary budget for the next year.

OLD BUSINESS: The board discussed various options regarding the repayment of lost summer tax revenue. The board decided to table any motion for tax reconciliation until the December 5, 2011 board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Clerk Mulder-Paul made a motion to accept the new 3 year contract to renew Appraisals Plus Group's contract. The motion was supported by Trustee Thole. Voice vote, passed.

2) A motion to accept the new Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste contract was made by Trustee Thole and supported Clerk Mulder-Paul. Voice vote, passed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Lt. Sampsell gave the board the quarterly calls for service from the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office. She noted that the jail expansion was underway and that budget cuts to the department would have an impact on response time to Wakeshma Township.

BOARD COMMENTS: none

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Bennett and was supported by Treasurer Wise. Voice vote, passed. The November 7, 2011 meeting of the Wakeshma Township Board was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mulder-Paul
Township Clerk