

MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2012
MEETING OF THE WAKESHMA
TOWNSHIP BOARD

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Supervisor Doug Byas. Board members present in addition to the Supervisor were: Clerk Nancy Mulder-Paul, *Interim* Treasurer Leanne Munn and Trustees Barb Thole and Larry Bennett. Also in attendance were Jim Deming, Vicksburg District Library Board Director Diane Rendell, William Rendell and Lieutenant Gail Sampsell from the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office.

The minutes for the regular October 1, 2012 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 *Interim* Treasurer Munn. Voice vote, passed.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Mulder-Paul gave a bill listing of \$9,076.15. A motion to pay the bills as well as the remaining balance on the 2011-2012 47th Street road project was made by *Interim* Treasurer Munn and supported by Trustee Bennett. Voice vote, passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: *Interim* Treasurer gave an accounting to the Board of Wakeshma Township bank balances. They were as follows; Tax Checking-\$4, 013.50, Trust and Agency; \$534.19, General checking- \$2504.58 and General Savings-\$19,838.34. General Savings' balance does not reflect the \$8,576.13 due the Kalamazoo County Road Commission. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Clerk Mulder-Paul and supported by Trustee Thole. Voice vote, passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Vicksburg District Library Director Diane Randall informed the Board that the contractual agreement for library services for Wakeshma Township Residents needed to be amended due to rising operational costs. The increase from \$20 to \$30 per year for a family library card with 100% of the penal fees allocated to the District Library to hold down the costs to Wakeshma Township families. A motion to amend and accept the new contractual agreement was made by Trustee Bennett and supported by Clerk Mulder-Paul. Voice vote, passed.

ZONING/ORDINANCE REPORT: none

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: Clerk Mulder-Paul requested from the Board that she be allowed to pay election workers and other election expenses prior to the next board member. Hearing no objections, the election inspectors will received their compensation prior to December's meeting.

CITIZEN'S REPORT: Lieutenant Sampsell informed the Board that the new jail is scheduled to open in March of 2013. It is also anticipated that there will be 20 new hires to staff the new jail. The quarterly (August, September and October) Township calls for service were discussed. Concerns were also expressed about semi trailers being parked on 42nd Street. In the future they will be tickets and if the behavior continues, will be towed.

FIRE AUTHORITY REPORT: The October 30, 2012 meeting of the South County Fire Authority was discussed by Supervisor Byas and *Interim* Treasurer Munn. SCFA is

requesting that two new fire vehicles be purchased to replace aging trucks that are expensive to repair. The financial consequences to Wakeshma Township would be an increase of about \$350 to \$360 per month to our SCFA monthly fire protection coverage. The Fire Authority also contemplating a 1 to 1 ½ mil in either a May or August election. A motion to support the South County Fire Authority's request to purchase to new fire trucks was made by Supervisor Byas and supported by Clerk Mulder-Paul. Voice vote, passed.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: New Guidelines for the Federal Poverty and Hardship program were discussed by the Board. A motion to increase the base income by 15 % was made by Supervisor Byas and supported by Trustee Bennett. Voice vote, passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Bennett and was supported by Clerk Mulder-Paul. The November 5, 2012 Meeting of the Wakeshma Township Board was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mulder-Paul
Township Clerk