

**MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 4, 2010
MEETING OF
WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Supervisor Doug Byas. Board members present, in addition to the Supervisor were: Clerk Nancy Mulder-Paul, Treasurer Carolyn L. Wise and Trustees Barb Thole and Larry Bennett. Also in attendance was Lt. Gail Sampsell, Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department' and Ed Woodhams. Supervisor Byas suspended regular business at 7:37 so that Lt. Sampsell could present the county's quarterly crime report for Wakeshma Township. After giving her report, Lt. Sampsell requested that the community remain vigilant in reporting suspicious activities, especially in the rural areas of the township.

Supervisor Byas resumed normal Board business at 7:55 pm.

Minutes from the September 13, 2010 were presented to each Board member prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes, as printed, was made by Trustee Thole and the motion was supported by Treasurer Wise. Voice vote, passed.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Mulder-Paul reported a monthly bill listing of \$38,749.81. A motion to pay the bills was made by Trustee Thole and seconded by Treasurer Wise. Voice vote, passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Wise reported to the Board September's account balances. They were as follows: Tax checking- \$3,021.33; Tax Savings- \$258,717.34; General checking- \$32,081.16; and General savings- \$13,293.84. A motion to accept the current Treasurer's report was made by Trustee Thole and supported by Clerk Mulder-Paul. Voice vote, passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Byas reported to the Board that he had received a letter from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment requesting access to the Township's fire bays so that two soil gas sampling ports could be installed. Soil gas sampling needs to occur to assure the safety of indoor air in the structures near the former Fulton Sunoco gas station (13995 42nd St.). The Board gave Supervisor Byas consent to sign the necessary documents.

ZONING/ORDINANCE REPORT: None

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: Trustee Thole informed the Board that the next Planning Commission meeting will be held Monday, October 11, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Clerk Mulder-Paul reported that the Township was on schedule for the November 2, 2010 general election.

FIRE AUTHORITY UPDATES: None

OLD BUSINESS: Clerk Mulder-Paul presented the Board with a resolution of endorsement for the Kalamazoo Valley River Trail. The wording for the resolution was approved and the document was signed by Supervisor Byas and Clerk Mulder-Paul.

NEW BUSINESS: Supervisor Byas explained to the Board that a section of sidewalk on W Ave presented a danger to the residents of Wakeshma Township and needed repair. Brad Gibbs has submitted a bid of \$500.00 for repair. Tim West volunteered to demolish the old sidewalk and prepare it for the new cement work. A motion to repair the sidewalk on W Ave by Brad Gibbs for \$500.00 was made by Trustee Bennett and supported by Trustee Thole. Voice vote, passed.

CITIZEN COMMENT: Ed Woodhams told the Board that the Planning Commission was starting to revisit zoning and certain ordinances of the township. The Board asked Clerk Mulder-Paul to notify the appropriate townships of the Planning Commission's intentions.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Wise and supported by Trustee Bennett. Voice vote, passed. The October 4, 2010 Wakeshma Township Board meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mulder-Paul
Wakeshma Township Clerk