

**Waverly Township Regular Meeting  
September 7, 2006**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Supervisor Wilfong who asked the 15 assembled electors to join the board in the pledge of allegiance. Board members introduced themselves. Treasurer Fay Dorr, Trustee Tony Millek, Supervisor Bernard Wilfong, Trustee John Ruiter, Clerk Jean Dahms, Atty. Harold Schuitmaker.

**Motion Wilfong to accept the agenda as prepared, with two additions added. Sec. Dorr. Voice vote, all yes. Motion Carried.**

**Motion Wilfong to approve the minutes of the August 3, regular meeting as prepared and reviewed. Sec. Ruiter. Voice vote, all yes. Motion Carried.**

**Motion Wilfong to approve the minutes of the August 9 special meeting as prepared and reviewed. Sec. Ruiter. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried.**

**Motion Wilfong to change the time of the October 5, 2006 Board Meeting to 8:30 to allow board members to attend the Paw Paw Fire Department's appreciation dinner at 7:00. Sec. Dorr. Voice vote all yes. M.C.**

**Mrs. Howard: Problem at Rainbow Beach:** Mrs. Howard owns a lot, that is on the beach side of the road, on Lake Brown Wood, and is next to a dedicated piece of property, dedicated to the people without Lake Frontage to use. Her problem, as stated, the people who use the property are people who live across the street and they have 5 (five) picnic tables, put up a boat dock, cut down a large bush, that was on her property, that provided some privacy to her when she was at the lake. The length of the dock was also discussed. Atty. Schuitmaker said the DNR might be able to help with the dock size and that Mrs. Howard would need to hire an attorney to sort through the other problems she discussed with Atty. Schuitmaker and the board. Mrs. Howard and her sister Katie Mitchell left the building at 7:20.

**Budget Amendment: Motion Dahms to amend the budget by adding \$1100.00 to 101-247-703 Board of Review (Salaries), \$222.00 to 101-410-703 Board Appeals (Salary), \$185.00 101-410-901 Bd. of Appeals (Publish), \$10,000.00 336-000-807 Fire Fund Paw Paw Township (equipment) yearly donation. and remove the monies from the fund balance. Sec. Wilfong. Voice vote, Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried.**

**Payment of Bills: Motion Dahms**

<b>General Fund Payroll ck. #'s 10073 to 10084 for</b>	<b>\$6,204.85</b>
<b>General Fund Vendor ck's # 9432 to 9460 for</b>	<b>\$35,206.35</b>
<b>Sewer Fund Payroll ck's 967 &amp; 968 for</b>	<b>\$42.52</b>
<b>Sewer Fund Vendor ck's 480 &amp; 481 for</b>	<b>\$195.53</b>
<b>For a grand total of</b>	<b>\$41,647.25</b>

be approved as prepared and reviewed. Sec. Ruiter. Voice Vote all yes, M.C.

**Clerk's Comments: Dahms.** The August 8 Primary election went well, there were no problems with either of the new voting machines. There were problems when approximately 20 voters who were told they couldn't split their ballot went ahead and split them causing election workers to have to issue them another ballot and keep track of all the numbered ballots. There were 1776 registered voters on August 8, only 343 took advantage of this and voted. This was just a little over 5% of the voters who made all the decisions that were on the ballot.

**Supervisor's Report: Wilfong:** Attended the funeral today of Casey Goodrich, Supervisor for Waverly township at the Road Commission.

Had estimate from DJ'S tree service to remove tree stumps behind the hall and clean up the wood that was left after several township residents had taken what they could use. Tom Fleetwood said he would check after the meeting to see what was out there and see if he could use the wood. He would also have some way to load the bigger pieces of wood. Paul Tomlinson also volunteered equipment for loading large pieces of wood. Will wait to see what happens with cleaning up the wood and get a couple of more bids. Blight in back of the township hall was discussed. Supervisor had worked with owner for several months, and now he doesn't answer the door when he goes there. Trustee Millek volunteered to talk to Mr. Wheeler about what his plans are for cleaning up.

**Treasurer Dorr:** Asked that the final copy of the Land Use Plan be given to board members with appropriate time to read before we have to approve it..

**Trustee Millek:** Fiber optic cable at hall. Was new lines added this past month to allow us High Speed Internet? They weren't. If and when Bloomingdale does put in new cable lines they would offer High Speed Internet free to the township for a number of years.

Treasurer Dorr had talked to Bloomingdale Communications about the \$3.00 per month offer for a faster service and was told it was only faster dial up and not the speed of the Internet. **Motion Ruiter to cancel the \$3.00 per month charge for high speed Internet that was approved last month. Sec. Dorr. Roll call all yes motion carried.**

**Request to Prosecute Property ID# 80-18-004-002-80.** Trustee Ruiter had pictures of the blighted area. Discussion. **Motion Ruiter to have Atty. Schuitmaker send letter to owner and occupant, if no response in 30 days to bring back to board for further action. Sec. Wilfong. Roll Call Dorr no, Millek no, Wilfong yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried.**

**Unfinished Business: Atty. Schuitmaker: Garcia Property Request to Prosecute:** Atty. Schuitmaker had sent them two letter's and the phone call response was not positive. **Motion Dahms to have Atty. Schuitmaker send one more letter to the Garcia's and if the response isn't favorable to bring back to the Board. Sec. Ruiter. Discussion. Dorr no, Millek no, Wilfong yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried.**

**Paw Paw Quick Response:** Signed contract by all parties was attached to Atty's report.

**Antonovich:** Atty. Schuitmaker will call Pat Husdon and see where MTS is at with their inspections.

**Open Space Conservation Easement: Irene Smith.** Signed Contract by all parties was attached to Atty's report.

**Susan Muinch:** Atty. Schuitmaker had driven past. Trailer is gone, this was the original complaint. A couch(new to the pile) some wood plus insulation is still in a pile in the front yard. Discussion included asking the complainer if they were satisfied with the way it was cleaned up. **Motion Millek to do nothing at this time. Sec. Wilfong. Discussion included would this set a precedent for further blight complaints. Atty. said no because we weren't telling her she had complied with the blight complaints. Millek changed his motion to read to not proceed with any action at this time. Sec. Wilfong. Roll call Dorr no, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried.**

**New Blight Ordinance review:** Board spent the remainder of the evening reviewing the new blight ordinance, making changes where needed. Atty. Schuitmaker will have ordinance re-typed and available for the October meeting.

**Audience Comments:** Marve Henry & Tom Fleetwood asked to have their property's on M-43 re-zoned to Commercial. Board will review the future land use plan to see if we need more commercial property.

Web Cam or a recording system for the township hall was discussed. Trustee Millek will research further.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 by Supervisor Wilfong.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
Jean Dahms, Clerk