

Waverly Township Regular Meeting
Thursday
January 4, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Wilfong who asked the 14 assembled electors to join the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members introduced themselves. Fay Dorr Treasurer, Bernard Wilfong Supervisor, John Ruiter Trustee, Jean Dahms Clerk, Brian Knotek representing the Schuitmaker Law Firm. Trustee Tony Millek, absent.

Motion Wilfong to approve the agenda with one addition of budget preparation meeting time under new business. Sec. Dorr. Voice vote, all yes, motion passed.

Motion Wilfong to approve the minutes of the December 14 meeting as prepared and reviewed. Sec. Dorr. Voice Vote four (4) yes, one (1) absent.

Payment of Bills: Questions? none. Motion Dahms General Fund Payroll ck's # 10116 to # 10130 plus FICA for \$1,193.53 for \$5,709.38, General Fund Vendor ck's 9521 to 9538 for \$14,252.60, Sewer fund Payroll ck's 975 & 976 for \$42.88 and Sewer Vendor ck's for \$290.64 for a grand total of \$20,295.50 as prepared and reviewed. Sec. Ruiter voice vote four yes 1 absent. Motion Carried.

Household Hazardous Waste Program for 2007. Clerk Dahms had received the agreement from Van Buren County for one day of hazardous waste collection in Van Buren County. Discussion. **Motion Dorr to allow the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Contract with the County, amount not to exceed \$750.00. Sec. Ruiter. Roll Call Dorr yes, Wilfong yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes, Millek absent. Motion Carried.**

Clerk had been asked last month to contact DJ'S tree service to see if they would do the chipping of the stumps behind the hall for the price quoted in August of 2006. Clerk called on Monday and the job was done Wednesday of the same week at the original quote.

Deputy Bailey Arrived at approximately 7:12 and gave his report: There were 51 calls to the Sheriff's dept in December with 70 units dispatched..22 general assistance calls, 8 accidents, 4 invasion of privacy, 6 animals at large and several others. Deputy Bailey asked if there were any questions he could answer. There were none and he left the meeting at 7:20.

Supervisor's Report: Patrick Hudson called Supervisor Wilfong and asked if the Board wanted him to help with the reviewing and updating the commercial portion of the Zoning Ordinance. Discussion included Treasurer Dorr asking the chair of the planning commission if the Planning Commission Board was capable of re-writing the commercial district without professional help and his answer was no. **Motion Dorr to engage Patrick Hudson to guide the Planning**

Commission for opening up the Commercial District to include more area on M-40 and M-43. Sec. Ruiter. Discussion. Voice vote four (4) yes. one (1) absent. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Dorr asked if the Planning Commission would be willing to meet twice a month to get this project done in three months? Four of the new members are attending weekly training starting February 1 and going to April 19. This would be 3 meetings per month for some and probably not feasible. Planning Commission will meet next Monday and will be discussed then.

Steve Moorlag: Was at the meeting in November with a problem he had with Patrick Couch. He explained he had purchased 11.2 acres in December of 2005. Land was split at an un-determined time and he felt Patrick Couch was not “fixing” the problem and wasn’t returning his phone calls. Discussion included limitations assessor has. Treasurer Dorr asked Mr. Moorlag if he had an attorney when he purchased the property and if he had Title Insurance. He said yes to both questions. He needs to contact his attorney and the title insurance company and they have to straighten the problem. If Title Company gave him insurance on 11.2 acres they have to make it right. Atty Knotek said he would research the problem if the board wanted. **Motion Dorr to ask Atty. Knotek to find the error in regards to Mr. Moorlag’s problem. Sec. Ruiter. Discussion. Voice Vote, all yes. Motion Carried.**

Unfinished Business: Video Policy Attached to the Atty. Report. Blight: Olga Garcia complaint and Order to Show cause was signed by the Supervisor. Trustee Millek’s report of Luke Garnet, VanEngen/Hill 35th. St &. David Wheeler status of the blight situation was not available.

Atty. Knotek said he had gotten information from Tasha Smalley at MTS that she had done an inspection of the Daniel

Foster Property on 41st. St. on December 7 and there were still 6-7 cars on the property, pictures to back her statement. No action was taken by the board.

New Business: Clerk asked if board wanted to set tentative dates for working on the budget. Feb.6,7,8, were chosen. Clerk will contact board members later in January & finalize date and time. Treasurer Dorr asked if meeting could be held in the afternoon and all agreed..Clerk asked if Board wanted some preliminary work on the budget. Inserting figures using the expense vs. budget figures. Budget will be gone over line by line when the Board meets. The Board also determined there would be no raises this year and salary figures could be plugged into the budget when it is set up.

Audience Comments: There were none.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.