

Waverly Township Board Meeting
Thursday February 1, 2007
Corrected Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:03 by clerk Dahms who welcomed the 10 audience members &, thanked them for venturing out on such a cold night. Supervisor Wilfong will not be with us this evening, does anyone on the board have a problem with John Ruiter charring the meeting this evening? Trustee Millek and Treasurer Dorr said no. Trustee Ruiter assumed the chair at this time and asked the ten (10) audience members to join the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members introduced themselves: Treasurer Fay Dorr, Trustee Tony Millek, Trustee John Ruiter, Clerk Jean Dahms, Atty. Harold Schuitmaker. Absent Supervisor Wolfong.

Agenda: Clerk asked to add the ophthalmometry fly over added to the clerk's comments. Treasurer asked to have the wording of the approval of Tasha Smalley letter moved down to unfinished business to be discussed after the Blight Ordinance. Motion Dorr to approve the agenda with additions. Sec. Millek. Voice vote, all yes. Motion Carried.

Minutes: Motion Dorr to approve the minutes of the January 4 meeting with one spelling correction.(Daniel Foster-not David) Sec. Millek. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried.

Sheriff's Dept. Report:Deputy Kevin Van Brussell said there were 54 units dispatched. Breakdown sheet was not available. Deputy Van Brussell asked if there were any questions, there were none, and he left the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Gene Butler from Butler Communications was next on the agenda but had called Treasurer Dorr and apologized for not checking his calendar and for having a previous engagement. Treasurer Dorr invited him to the budget meeting, Wednesday February 7 at 2:00 P.M.

Payment of Bills: Clerk Dahms. Questions? none. Motion Dahms General Fund Payroll #10131 to 10142 plus FICA for \$5,200.38. General Fund Vendor 9540-9557 for \$19,367.36, Sewer Payroll #978 & 979 for \$42.52 & Sewer Vendor ck. # 491 & 492 for \$288.78 for a grand total of \$24,899.04 Sec. Dorr. Discussion. Motion Millek to not pay ck#95556 to Bloomingdale Telephone Company and discuss it at the budget meeting February 7, . Sec. Dorr. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried. Will be an agenda item at budget preparation meeting.

Billing from Van Buren County Land Division was reviewed. Supervisor Wilfong and Assessor Ted Gruizenga attended the meeting where Orthoptometry Flyover was reviewed and discussed, but were not available for tonight's meeting. Billing was for \$3,000.00 payable in instalments of \$1,000.00 per year. Discussion. **Motion Millek to not pay the portion of the bill that was for Ophthalmometry flyover and not to participate and pay the bill. Sec. Dorr. Voice vote all yes(four 4). one (1) absent. Motion Carried.**

Tom Schultz owner of Michigan Business Systems, where Township has purchased copy machines and had them serviced by Mr. Schultz in the past has been sold to U.S. Business systems with offices in Elkart, In. and Berrien Springs.

Treasurer Dorr: February 28th, last day to pay property taxes will be at the hall all day. Tax payments are coming in very slow and residents are making partial payment, more than in past years. Treasurer Dorr wants to attend meetings in Lawrence March 12, filling the gaps, April 11th Low impact development meetings, hosted by Southwest Michigan Planning Commission and other agencies, cost is \$10.00 per meeting. **Motion Ruitter to send Treasurer Dorr to both meetings. Sec. Millek. Discussion. Trustee Ruitter will advise the Planning Commission of the meetings. Roll Call. Millek yes, Dorr yes, Ruitter yes, Dahms yes, Wilfong absent. Motion carried.**

Trustee Millek: Blight Inspections. Hill/VanEnger 41872 35 Th. St. checked property this week. There is a motor home, car, boat and a camper on the property. Neighbor had placed a sign “junk yard” on fence near property. He observed no garbage that was reported on the original blight complaint. **Motion Millek to drop the case against Hill & VanEnger. Sec. Dorr. Voice vote all yes. one (1) absent. Motion Carried.**

Luke Garnet/Dan Foster 41st. St. Has three registered vehicles for sale and four vehicles he is working on. Mr. Foster was at the meeting and said his intentions are to get rid of them ASAP. Trustee Millek will keep in touch as to how the clean up is going.

David Wheeler: Trustee Millek has been unable to contact Mr. Wheeler. Audience comments were he is not living there at this time. **Motion Millek to table the Wheeler Blight issue until the April Mtg. Discussion. Voice Vote, four (4) yes. One (1) absent. Motion Carried.**

Treasurer Dorr suggested there are trees that were missed when the trees were cut down at the back of the hall. Trustee Ruitter said trees were cut down by the Electric Company, not the township, and if there were any trees left on our property this spring he will bring his chain saw and cut the trees down.

Planning Commission Ruitter: There is a meeting in Allegan February 22 that would benefit Board of Appeals members. Trustee Ruitter asked Trustee Millek if he would be able to attend. Trustee Millek said he would check his schedule and if the time wasn't already scheduled he would be willing to attend. The Planning Commission was not willing to add a second meeting to their schedule to facilitate getting commercial district re-worded in a shorter time.

Unfinished Business: Atty. Schuitmaker. Amendment to Accessory Building Regulations was tabled.

Land Use Plan: Atty. Schuitmaker had prepared a resolution that would clear up whether or not the Township Board had adopted the Land Use Plan. Discussion. **Motion Millek we have not officially adopted this Land Use Plan until it comes back from the Planning**

Commission the way the board wants it done. Sec. Dorr. Discussion. Roll Call Dorr yes, Millek yes, Ruitter no Dahms no. Motion failed.

Review of Tasha Smalley Letter she wants to send for blight problems. Motion Ruitter to table until the March Meeting. Sec. Dorr. Voice vote, all yes. Motion Carried.

John Smiley Blight Complaint: Treasurer Dorr suggested checking to see who the legal owner of the property is. Atty. Schuitmaker suggested giving him until April 1 to comply. Discussion. **Motion Millek to table for two months (April) and he will work with Mr. Smiley to see if he can help get the cars removed. Sec. Dorr. Voice vote four (4) yes, one (1) absent. Motion Carried. Trustee Ruitter volunteered to check on who the legal owner of the property is.**

Trustee Millek asked to have an agenda item next month to change the township's meeting night to meet the Thursday after the Planning Commission meets.

Audience Comments/Questions: Is Tasha Smalley our Zoning Administrator. Yes. If board isn't happy with the performance of an appointee to a commission can board ask for their resignation and re-appoint somebody else? Millek thought this could/should be done, or just not re-appoint when their term is up.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 by Trustee Ruitter.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jean Dahms, Clerk