

Waverly Township Regular Meeting
Thursday April 3, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Wilfong who asked the 13 assembled electors to join the board in the pledge of allegiance. Board members introduced themselves: Fay Dorr Treasurer, Bernard Wilfong Supervisor, John Ruitter Trustee, Jean Dahms Clerk, Harold Schuitmaker Atty. Absent: Trustee Tony Millek.

Motion Ruitter to approve the agenda as prepared. Sec. Dorr. Voice vote all yes, motion carried.

Motion Ruitter to approve the minutes as corrected, several misspelled & misplaced words and the addition of Paul DeYoung "is a Waverly Township resident". Sec. Dorr. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried.

Sheriff's Dept. Representative: not in attendance

Payment of Bills:

Budget amendments need to be made prior to approving the bills. **Motion Dahms to amend the budget as follows:**

- 1. 101-253-729 Treasurer-Bank Service charges \$281.90**
- 2. 101-621-972 Health & Welfare Weed Control \$89.35**
- 3. 101-621-995 Blight (Garcia Clean-up) \$6,000.00**
- 4. 101-371-711 Inspection Services \$478.00**
- 5. 101-276-930 Cemetery Maintenance \$1003.55**
- 6. 590-537-956 Sewer Fund (new check's) \$173.23**

Sec. Ruitter. Discussion none. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried.

Motion Dahms General Fund Payroll Ck's 10293 to 10306 for \$7583.16, General Fund Vendor ck's # 9853-9874 for \$25,817.06; Sewer Payroll Ck's # 1005-1006 for \$42.52 and Sewer Vendor Ck's 525-527 for \$611.46 for a grand total of \$35,006.20. Sec. Ruitter. Discussion. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried.

Supervisor's Report: Wilfong:

Estimates from the VBC Road Commission for road project for the 2009 budget year.

1. Bituminous Surface for 39th. Ave. Avenue from 37 ½ St. East to 36 ½ St. \$66,660.00.
2. 38th. Ave. and 36 1/2 St from 39TH. Avenue North to 36th St. for \$153,890.00

Lengthy discussion on the price of the job followed **Motion Wilfong to prepare 38th Ave and 36 ½ St. from 39 Ave. & East to 36th Street approx. .46 miles for an estimated price of \$153,890.00. Sec. Dahms. Discussion: Roll Call Dorr no, Wilfong yes, Ruitter no, Dahms yes, Motion failed. Motion failed.** Millek absent.

Motion Ruitter the Supervisor to ask for a bid for preparation of 38th. Avenue and bring it back to the board. Discussion. Roll Call, Dorr no, Wilfong yes, Ruitter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried. Millek absent.

Motion Ruitter to proceed with the asphalt paving of 39th. Ave. Sec. Dorr. Discussion. Voice Vote, Dorr yes, Wilfong yes, Ruitter yes, Dahms yes. Motion carried. M.C. Millek Absent.

Treasurer Dorr suggested that more seal coating should be done this year and asked the supervisor to get a new map from the Road Commission that shows when roads were seal coated. She also asked Supervisor Wilfong to get estimates on preparing other roads including 47th. Avenue that in her opinion it was more heavenly traveled than 38th. Avenue.

Supervisor Reported :Wilfong

The residents of Country Holiday Estates is starting a neighborhood watch and met at the hall on March 27th. They had expected 35-40 people to attend-because they had invited other people interested in having a neighborhood watch to meet with them. A sheriff deputy held the meeting. Only 5 people showed up. Question from audience. What is a neighborhood watch? Watch for suspicious cars or people in neighborhood and also help elderly people who needed help.

Clerk Report: Dahms

Effective May 5th. our assessor will be Ted Gruizenga and he will be at the hall on Monday from 1 to 4 o'clock.

Treasurer Report: Dorr.

New Panasonic copy machine has been ordered through Parrett Company in St. Joseph, it is a commercial grade machine that copies, faxes, scans, and does double sided copies and has an extended five year warranty. Will be delivered and office personal will receive training.

New forever stamps Treasurer said she wanted to purchase 3000 forever stamps to get her through the 2008 tax year. Board gave verbal approval and suggested the clerk estimate her needs for the election year postage also.

Mileage reimbursement: Motion Dorr to increase the standard mileage rate to 50.5 per mile to match the IRS recommendation. Second Ruitter. Voice vote all yes. Millek absent.

Purchase of Pontem Software: Treasure Dorr asked the board to let her purchase Pontem Software for web site so that the treasure can upload daily tax receipting to the Internet. The sight is safe and secure, available to Real Estate Company, Abstract Office, Lenders, and Taxpayers can assess information 24/7. Discussion. **Motion Dorr to allow \$1,330.00 for the purchase of the Pontem Software. Sec. Ruitter. Roll Call Dorr yes, Wilfong Yes, Ruitter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried. Millek Absent.**

VBC Sheriff's Dept: Treasure Dorr said Sheriffs work crew will be at the hall Saturday April 5th at 9:00 A.M. to finish cleaning up the back yard. Need someone to furnish tractor & trailer, otherwise the jail crew will use wheel barrow's to move brush to the back of the property, across the gravel parking lot.

Planning Commission: Dorr. The Planning Commission will be reviewing the Zoning Ordinance to familiarize all board members with it's contents, and also to make changes if necessary. Need for an industrial district on the zoning map was discussed

Laminated Zoning Maps: Supervisor and Clerk need to go to the Court House to Ted Thar's office and sign the original maps and than they will be laminated and posted at the hall.

Attorney Report: Atty. Schuitmaker:

Ballot Language for Road Millage Renewal for the August Primary Election: Discussion. Motion Dahms to approve the language of the Road Millage Renewal as presented and reviewed. Sec. Ruiter. Roll Call: Dorr yes, Wilfong yes. Ruiter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Passed. Millek absent.

Renewal of Special Assessment District for Fire Protection and Operation. Draft notice was reviewed. Motion Dorr to advertise in the Courier Leader setting hearing for the Special Fire District for Fire Protection for the May Meeting of the Waverly Township Board. Sec. Ruiter. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried.

Lake Brownwood Weed Control: On hold for Waverly Township. Paw Paw Township is waiting the results of a petition being circulated to stop the weed control.

Garcia Property: Cleaned up. Final bill will be added to tax roll as a special assessment. Atty. Schuitmaker will handle.

New Business:

Clerk Dahms announced her name will not be on the ballot in August. She is retiring after serving the township for 38 years.

Audience Comments:

Paul Tomlinson shared he had gotten a telephone call regarding a scam whereby the calling party wanted the last four numbers of his checking account. Called the bank and SS and was told it was a scam to get federal tax refund checks people will be getting in May.

Dave Foerster informed the Hazardous waste collection charges are related to the cost of disposal. He also asked when the zoning ordinance would be distribute to surrounding township & was told in the next ten (10) days.

Their being no more business to come before the board the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:38 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted: Jean Dahms, Clerk.

