

Waverly Township Regular Meeting
Lake Brownwood Weed Eradication or Control of Aquatic Weeds and Plants Hearing
February 7, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M by Supervisor Bernard Wilfong who asked the (six) 6 township residents and the Sheriff Deputy to join the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members introduced themselves. Treasurer Fay Dorr, Trustee Tony Millek, Supervisor Bernard Wilfong, Trustee John Ruitter, Clerk Jean Dahms, Atty. Harold Schuitmaker.

Agenda:

Motion Ruitter to approve the agenda as prepared with the addition of need to write a check before next Wednesday for Patrick Couch to take to Michigan Mailers and Bank Presentation by Treasurer Fay Dorr. Sec Dahms. Voice vote all yes, Motion Carried.

Minutes:

January 3, 2008 Regular Meeting:

Motion Dorr to accept the minutes of the January 3,2008 as prepared and presented. Sec. Ruitter. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried.

January 8th Budget Preparation Meeting.

Correction noted. Township trustees get (6) extra meetings-not (2) two as stated in the minutes.

Motion Dorr to accept the minutes as prepared with the correction of trustees get paid for six (6) extra meetings. Sec. Ruitter. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried.

Sheriff's Deputy Report, Ron Douglas:

There were 104 units dispatched in January.

Three (3) Larceny,

Three (3)Assault,

Seven (7) Delinquent minor problems

Thirteen (13) Accidents

Three (3) Suspicious Situations

Twenty Four (24) General Assistance

Twenty (20) Medical Response

Eight (8) Be On The Lookout

Four (4) Wrecker Request.

Balance of dispatched were miscellaneous.

Deputy Douglas left the meeting at 7:12 P.M.

Lake Brownwood Weed eradication or Control of Aquatic Weeds and Plants Hearing:

Supervisor Wilfong closed the regular meeting at 7:14 P.M. and opened the Lake Brownwood Special Hearing.

Atty. Schuitmaker had sent notices of the hearing to 13 Lake Brownwood property owners.

Atty. Schuitmaker said Dave Silent had advised him the cost would be the same as five years ago from Professional Lake Management..The first treatments expected to be between seven(7) to ten (10)

Thousand Dollars. Each land owner will be charged \$179.00 per year for five years. Paw Paw Township is not willing to do the collecting for Waverly Township this time. Treasurer had talked to the Paw Paw Township Treasurer who stated they billed twice the first time the eradication took place. If resident did not paid by tax time, amount was put on their property tax bill. Discussion included Waverly having the same policy. Next and final hearing will be at the March 6, 2008 regular board meeting night. At 7:20 P.M. Supervisor Wilfong closed the Special Hearing and opened the Regular Township Board Meeting.

Discussion included a hearing was held on February 7, 2008 and a notice of same being properly published and sent to all of those persons in the proposed Approved Special Assessment District for the eradication or control of aquatic leaves and plants for Lake Brownsod, **Therefore, Motion by Trustee Ruiter, Second by Dorr to:**

- (1) Approve the plans and costs estimates as presented and proceed with the Special Assessment District.**
- (2) That each lot owner on the attached list will be assessed for one (1) unit, regardless of the number of parcels owned at an estimated amount of \$179.00 per year, for an initial period of five (5) years.**
- (3) That the assessment will be paid over five (5) years, beginning with the winter 2008 tax statement. There will be an 8% interest charge on any unpaid balance.**
- (4) That an assessment roll shall be prepared for review and confirmation by the Township Board.**
- (5) That a hearing to confirm the assessment roll will be held on March 6, 2008.**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Dorr, Millek, Wilfong, Ruiter, Dahms.

Nays: (0)

Absent: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Resolution declared adopted.

February 7, 2008

**A. Jean Dahms, Clerk
Waverly Township**

Payment of Bills; Dahms

Before checks can be approved clerk made the following: **Motion Dahms to add \$2,000.00 to 101-401-815 (Atty. fees) to the Planning Commission budget. Sec. Dorr Roll Call Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes, Motion Carried.** Questions on bills, none.

Motion Dahms General Fund Payroll ck's # 10271 to 10280 plus FICA of \$1124.25 for \$5, 235.63. General Fund Vendor Ck's 9799 to 9831 for \$10,854.79. Sewer Payroll 1001-1002 for \$42.52, Sewer Vendor ck's # 516-517 for \$589.68 for a grand total of \$17,312.30. Sec. Dorr, Voice vote,

all yes. Motion Carried.

Raise for Office Assistant:

Clerk Dahms asked the board to consider a raise for the office assistant. Discussion. **Motion Dahms to increase the office assistant's salary by \$2.00 per hour effective April 1, 2008. Sec. Ruiter. More discussion and audience comments. Roll Call. Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried.**

Election Results: January 15, Presidential Primary.

There were 1790 registered voters in Waverly Township on January 15, 2008. Two Hundred Eighty Seven (287) came to the hall to vote. Two Hundred Eighteen (218) voted Republican and Seventy (70) voted Democratic. Clerk reviewed how the machine handles ballots that aren't properly voted, or sometimes the machine can't read the ballot on the first try through and they just have to be re-inserted.

Supervisor Wilfong:

Shared copies of the new dog ordinance presented by the County Board of Commissioners. Lengthy discussion between the audience and board members resulted in the following. **Motion Dorr that the Waverly Township Board disapprove the dog ordinance in it's entirety. Sec. Millek. Voice vote yes 4(four) no 1 (One). Motion Passed.** Treasure Dorr volunteered to send a letter to the County Commissioners expressing concerns the township board and the audience had including motion and results.

Salary increase for Clark's Lawn Service:

Request from Dave Clark was reviewed and discussed. **Motion Wilfong to increase the salary by 3 % for lawn maintenance at the Glendale Cemetery and Township Hall. Sec. Ruiter. Roll Call. Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried.**

Dave Clark also asked to have weekday and week end Cremation fees increased. Discussion. **Motion Wilfong to increase weekday(\$350.00) and weekend (\$450.00) burial fees and Cremation fees by \$30.00. Sec. Ruiter. Discussion. Voice Vote Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried.** Clerk will put new figures in cemetery fee schedule and board will discuss at the March meeting if grave opening fees need to be increased.

Treasurer Dorr: Bids on New Copy Machine.

Obtained three bids on a new copy machine, ranging in price from \$400.00 to \$1,400.00 depending on size, copies per minute, scanning capabilities etc. Parrott is offering a Panasonic Governmental machine with a five year warranty & the first year they furnish all of the supplies used at the hall. Paper tray holds 500 sheets, the machine would be delivered and set up for \$1,400.00. Trustee Millek had seen a small copy machine at Sams Club for approximately \$200.00 and suggested purchasing two, keeping one as an emergency back up. Copy machine at hall has quit working and board needs to get one into the hall before Wednesday of next week for Assessor's use. Discussion. **Motion Ruiter to have Trustee Millek purchase one (1) copy/fax machine at Sam's Club and deliver it to the hall as soon as possible. Sec. Dorr, Roll Call Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried.** Treasurer Dorr and at least one other board member will travel to St. Joe to view the Panasonic Governmental machine and report back to board.

Motion Dorr that the Township Board cut a check to Michigan Mailers for the Assessor to send assessment notices next week. Sec. Ruiter. Roll Call Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried.

National City Bank-High Fees: Treasurer Dorr visited Chemical Bank and National City to discuss high fees National City is charging on all our accounts and other problems. National City stood firm on their policies. Chemical Bank offered no fees, higher interest on savings accounts. Same type of sweep accounts. Chemical will accept as many deposits as treasurer has while going through the drive through. They will give the Township \$200.00 to purchase new checks. Discussion. **Motion Ruiter to designate Chemical Bank as the depositor for all Waverly Township funds. Sec. Millek. Discussion. Roll Call Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried.**

Treasurer Dorr will be at the hall all day Friday February 29th to collect taxes.

Planning Commission: Treasurer Dorr.

Planning Commission changed Legends on all maps. The amended Land Use Plan is finalized. They will also review R-3, Industrial zone in text not on map, leave on or take out. Need to designate a spot for industry if we keep the word in the legend.

Farm Land Preservation Act. No designation of particular land is put on map, if program is discussed at a later date, and approved, it will be put on the map. All map legends agree at this time.

New Business: Atty. Schuitmaker.

Talked to several insurance representatives and one had called the Clerk and sent packet of information for her to fill out and return.

Audience Comments/Questions:

Ernie Brown suggested the board consider giving David Kracker a raise for plowing the township parking lot. Ambulance parks in lot and packs snow and it is harder to plow. Discussion. **Motion Millek to increase David Kracker fee to plow snow at the hall by \$5.00 each plowing. Sec. Dorr. Roll Call Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried.**

There being no more agenda items to discuss and no more audience comments Supervisor Wilfong declared the meeting adjourned at 9:38.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jean Dahms, Clerk