

Waverly Township Regular Meeting  
Budget Approval Meeting.  
Thursday March 6, 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, Tony Millek Trustee, Bernard Wilfong Supervisor, Jean Dahms Clerk, Harold Schuitmaker Atty. Absent: Trustee Ruiters.

**Agenda Approval:**

**Motion Wilfong to approve the agenda with the addition of Paul De Young Register of Deeds candidate after the Sheriff's presentation, Hazardous Waste Contract under Volunteer Clerk's remarks and Volunteer Project under Treasurer's Report as prepared and presented. Sec. Millek. Voice vote all yes, Motion Carried.**

**Minutes Approval February 7, 2008:**

Clerk asked board members to change the time Deputy Douglas left the meeting to 7:12.P.M.  
**Motion Wilfong to approve the minutes as prepared, with the one correction. Sec. Dorr. Voice vote, all yes, Motion Carried.**

**Sheriff Department Report: Sargent Dave Walker who is in charge of the new West Side of the County Sheriff's Department in Bangor presented the February Report.**

Commented Waverly Township is the quietest township in the County as far as the number of calls made to 911. Only 55 dispatches for February, Eighteen (18) General Assistant, Six (6) animals at large six (6) accidents, Seven (7) be on look-out: the balance were minor complaints. Sargent Walker discussed the STOP Program. This is a pilot program, people register on line, get a form from the State of Michigan, a letter in the mail along with a sticker.

**Neighborhood Watch: Sargent Walker** said he had been in contact with Country Holiday Estates residents who wanted to start a neighborhood watch and wanted to use the hall for an organizational meeting.. They would also encourage other Waverly Township residents interested in neighborhood watch to attend the meeting. No discussion on the request.

Also discussed was traffic on M-43 not stopping for school busses. Several specific times, places and type of cars were discussed. Sargent Walker said he would have cars in the area next week. Questions from the audience were answered. Sargent Walker left the meeting at 7:23 P.M.

**Paul DeYoung** who is running for the Register of Deeds Office position and is a resident of Waverly Township, addressed the assembled residents. Mr. DeYoung outlined his strategies for transferring all the County's records to digital format. Mr. DeYoung had attended a Register of Deeds Meeting in Lansing and was the only VBC resident present at the meeting, his presentation was finished at 7:30.

Supervisor Wilfong closed the regular meeting at 7:30 and opened the Budget Review portion of the meeting

**Treasurer Dorr:** Explained the Township has approximately \$400,000.00 in the bank that is not included in the budget she is about to review. The 2009 Revenues are \$310,731.00 and expenditures are \$310,731.00. The budget was reviewed page by page with Treasurer Dorr pointing out any increases from last years budget. When finished she asked if there were any questions, there were none. Supervisor Wilfong closed the Budget Hearing portion of the meeting and opened the regular portion at 7:54 P.M.

**Payment of Bills: Dahms.** Questions on bills? None. **Motion Dahms General Fund Payroll ck. #'s 10281 to 10292 Plus FICA of \$1127.58 total of \$5,943.82, General Fund Vendor ck's # 9833 to 9852 for \$6,192.62, Sewer Payroll ck.'s 1003-1004 for \$42.52, Sewer Vendor ck's #523-524 for \$276.58 for a grand total of \$12,454.54 Sec. Dorr. Questions-discussion none. Voice vote all yes, motion carried.**

**Supervisor Report: Wilfong.** Shared request from Quick Response for a recommendation from the township to allow Quick Response Team to seek a grant to keep the organization cost effective. Clerk Dahms stated she had twice called for an ambulance for her husband in the last month and Quick Response was at her door before she got back upstairs to where her husband was. Several audience members expressed their appreciation of the Quick Response Team. **Motion Dahms to have Supervisor Wilfong send a letter of recommendation and support to the Quick Response Team. Sec. Dorr. Voice vote all yes, M.C.**

**Clerk's Report: Dahms.** Reviewed a request from Steve Danger who cleans up and mows the Austin Cemetery to increase his fee from \$11.00 per hour to \$12.00 per hour. **Motion Dahms to accept the bid of \$12.00 for Steve Danger to clean-up and mow Austin Cemetery for the year 2008. Sec. Dorr Roll Call Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Dahms yes. Ruiter absent. Motion Carried.**

Clerk reviewed proposed agreement from Van Buren County for the 2008 Household Hazardous Waste Program. Questions /discussion. **Motion Dahms to approve the 2008 Household Hazardous Waste Program with Van Buren County, cost not to exceed \$750.00. Sec. Wilfong. Roll Call Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Dahms yes, Ruiter absent. M.C.**

**Treasurer Dorr:** 2007 Winter and Summer tax season is over and Treasurer Dorr was the first Township Treasurer to settle with the County Treasurer.

**Trustee Ruiter** arrived at the meeting at 8:17. No comments.

**Trustee Millek:** Will not be available for the April meeting.

**Planning Commission: Dorr.** At their January meeting it was decided to hold a public hearing in February to:

1. Eliminate the Horticultural District and combine it with the Agriculture District so that Agricultural District rules will apply to the areas formerly known as Horticulture.

2. To correct the zoning map to so reflect this change.

**Resolution to correct and amend the Zoning Map.**

Discussion. **Motion Dorr to amend the Zoning Map of Waverly Township to correct an error in the zoning map as follows:**

**Property #80-18-001-024-012-60, Doug Hickok as shown on the map as Commercial and shall henceforth be shown on the map as being zoned Agriculture. Sec. Ruiter. Roll Call vote: Dorr yes, Millek abstain, Wilfong yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried. Resolution declared adopted.**

**Resolution to adopt the Land Use Plan:**

Discussion: **Motion Ruiter to adopt the Waverly Township Future Land Use Plan 2005-2010 as amended in 2007 & 2008 and its map. Second Dahms. Roll call Wilfong yes, Dorr yes, Millek yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes. The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.**

**Resolution to adopt Zoning Ordinance as amended and compiled. Discussion. Motion Dahms to re-adopt the Waverly Township Zoning Ordinance as amended and compiled and the Township Board adopts the Zoning Map dated March 6, 2008, as its official Zoning Map. Sec. Ruiter. Roll Call: Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes. The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.**

**Unfinished Business: Atty. Schuitmaker Copy of contract for Lawn Maintenance for Dave Clark was reviewed. Motion Dorr to approve the Contract for Lawn Service from Clark's Lawn Care. Sec. Ruiter. Roll Call Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes, Motion Carried.**

**Weed Control at Lake Brownwood: Tabled until next meeting. Paw Paw township residents are in the process of getting a petition signed against the weed eradication.**

**New Business: Budget Approval for 2009.**

**Motion Dorr to approve and adopt the budgets for Waverly Township General Fund with revenue funds of \$310,731.00 and expenses of \$310,731.00 Road Fund revenues \$255,854.00 and expenses of \$255,854.00 Road Fund revenues of \$255,854.00 Fire Fund Revenues \$78,000.00 expenses \$53,421.00 Liquor Control revenues of \$715.00 and expenses of \$715.00.00, Sewer Fund Expenses \$8,608.00 for the fiscal year in summary form as prepared for each of the funds. Furthermore, I move that these budget figures be compared to the actual expenditures on a periodical basis throughout the budget year and the budget year and that the budget be amended to prevent the expenditure of funds in excess of the budgeted amounts.**

**And finally I move this motion be considered the appropriations act of the Township of Waverly for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009. Sec. Ruiter. Discussion. Roll Call: Dorr yes, Millek no, Wilfong yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes. Supervisor declared the motion passed.**

**Audience Comments: Ernie Brown** asked Atty. Schuitmaker if he had researched the question he had asked him last month, and that was if the Supervisor is allowed to vote on his own raise. Atty. Schuitmaker responded yes he had researched the question and the Supervisor is voting on the budget as a whole, as are all the other board members.

Dog Ordinance-article in paper said Pine Grove Township didn't want to pay for their own ordinance and that is how it got started with the County.

Road Commission problems were discussed. Eric Page thanked the board for the preparation work on his road but said there were some problems that he had addressed with the County Road Commission and problems were not solved. Supervisor Wilfong asked him to call him and he will review the complaints with Mr. Page and address them with the Road Commission.

**Sheriffs's Department Use of Hall: Discussion. Motion Dorr to allow the Sheriff's Department the use of the township hall to hold an informational meeting for the residents of Country Holiday Estates, and any other residents of Waverly Township interested in forming a neighborhood watch. Sec. Ruiter. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried.**

There being no further business to come before the board, supervisor Wilfong adjourned the meeting at 9:15.

Respectfully Submitted:

A. Jean Dahms, Clerk