

Waverly Township Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 14, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Wilfong who asked the ten guests to join the board in the pledge of allegiance. December 7 meeting was postponed due to the white-out storm on that date.

Board Members introduced themselves. Treasurer Fay Dorr, Trustee Tony Millek, Supervisor Bernard Wilfong, Trustee John Ruiter, Clerk Jean Dahms.

Motion Ruiter to approve the agenda with one addition under new business. Sec. Dorr. Voice Vote all yes. Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the November 2nd. minutes with one correction on page three. Voter Millek was changed to Ruiter. Sec. Dorr. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the November 9 special meeting by adding to the first paragraph the statement if a recount for the trustee position is asked the clerk will pursue voter fraud charges on the two (2) individuals in question. Voice vote yes 3 no 2. Motion Carried.

Trustee Millek asked why the meeting with Dan Poll hadn't taken place. Atty. Schuitmaker arrived at this time (7:15) and read the correspondence he had sent to all board members.

In order to have a closed meeting with Patrick Hudson board has to have written complaints against him. There have been none, only verbal accusations at board meetings.

Payment of Bills: Clerk Dahms questions- Treasurer Dorr said she had submitted a bill for two treasurer meetings and mileage and wasn't paid for two meetings. Explanation. Her request came in after information was sent to Siegfried, she did get paid for the special meeting the Township board called & mileage, will get paid in January for the Treasurer's meeting. **Motion Dahms General Fund Payroll ck's #10103 to10115 plus FICA for \$6,658.87, General Fund Voucher ck's 9497 to 9520 for \$40,569.05 Sewer Payroll ck's \$42.52 and Sewer Vendor ck's 489-490 for \$348.43 for a grand total of \$47,618.87. Discussion, voice vote, all yes. M.C.**

Clerk's Comment's: If you have an agenda that says we have a new E-Mail address, please disregard. System was changed to wild blue and it doesn't have to be included in the email address. Was able to get a faster hook up through Bloomingdale Communications. They had an open window from Wild Blue of two weeks to fill 20 spots and I was able to get one of them. E-mail address remains Waverlytwp@btc-bci.com.

November 2nd election. 1780 people were registered to vote-887 did- this equals 50% of the voters. Had many complaints on election day regarding privacy issues and one of the complaints went all the way to Lansing Election Bureau. When we got the new machines two years ago the Lansing Election Bureau suggested the use of card board boxes as the least expensive way Townships could provide privacy while voting. They, and all the local clerk's, are now realizing this isn't working. One problem is lack of space in the big room to provide all the areas Lansing

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insists we have. Election workers need a safe space that is **off limits** to voters and should not be entered by people voting. We also need a 10 ft area around both machines. Several companies are now making collapsible voting booths, I am looking at several of them and would like to discuss further when we do the 2008 budget. (In 2007).

Bernard Wilcox had asked for a recount of votes which was done on Monday the 4th of December. The votes were hand counted by the County Board of Canvassers, resulting in Ruiter picking up one (1) more vote. Vote totals were Ruiter 373 Wilcox 366.

Plowing of snow at the Hall: I had discussed with Dave Kracker if he's planning to plow snow the hall again this year and he said he would & presented the following bill. **Snow plowing for the 2006-2007 season. I will plow the Hall Lot and shovel the doors same as last year at the same price of \$35.00 each time. I do have to reserve the rite to raise my price if fuel goes above \$3.00 a gallon. David Kracker. Motion Dorr to accept the bid from David Kracker to plow snow at the Township Hall for \$35.00 each time he plows. Sec. Dahms. Voice vote all yes, Motion Carried.**

Sheriff Deputy Bailey Report;: There were 83 calls in November . Four (4) assault, four (4) breaking and entering, Two (2) larceny. Seventeen (17) accidents Eighteen (18) General Assistance & many miscellaneous calls. Deputy Bailey said when he talked to Sheriff Dale Gribler about the 25 mile speed limit sign's in Glendale Road Commission got involved and said the signs were illegally put up and were not valid Road Commission sign's and they took them down. Sheriff Gribler is working with the Road Commission to get them re-installed. Deputy Bailey left the meeting at this time. (8:30).

Supervisor Wilfong: Distributed minutes of the Fire Board Meeting. Need for a larger building was discussed. The Village owns the building & we will not be asked to contribute to the project. **Board of Review** met December 13th and made 10 parcel changes.

Treasurer Dorr: Tax Collection is going along as normal. Treasurer Dorr apologized for some of the statements she had made at the meeting last month. Treasurer Dorr and Supervisor Wilfong had a meeting with Erika and resolved rumors that were floating around the township. Treasurer Dorr asked the clerk to please include the following statement into the minutes. **I'm Sorry for any confusion at the November Meeting. I did deputize Erika Mutz to receive in-person tax payments, answer tax phone calls and help with address changes. I do appreciate Erika's fine work on my behalf. Fay Dorr, Treasurer.**

Trustee Millek: Trustee Millek had not received a copy of last month's minutes. They will be left in his folder for him to pick up from now on.

Once again he asked why the meeting with Dan Poll hadn't taken place as requested. Atty. Schuitmaker suggested there were only verbal accusations at board meetings.

Training/Certification of inspectors through the State of Michigan was also discussed.

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Motion Wilfong to appoint Larry Chase to the Zoning Board of Appeals whose term would expire when he no longer is on the Planning Commission. Sec. Ruitter. Discussion. Voice vote, four (4) yes. one (1) no. Motion Carried.

Motion Wilfong to appoint Joe Mayo the alternate on the Board of Appeals, term expiring when he no longer is a Planning Commission member. Sec. Ruitter. Discussion. voice vote four (4) yes. one (1) no. Motion Carried.

Trustee Ruitter: Planning Commission. Four members of the Planning Commission expressed an interest in going to a Citizen Planner Program in Allegan County at MSU Extension Office beginning February 1 through April 19, 2007. Discussion included getting a scholarship from the Par-Plan liability insurance carried. Clerk had checked and they only give one scholarship per township and they had paid for Dave Foerster to go. Also the Rabbit River Watershed Program was contacted and they have run out of grant money for the program. **Motion Ruitter to send Larry Chase, Mike LaPine, Joe Mayo and Diana Julien to the seven week course at a cost of \$315.00 per person and pay mileage for two vehicles. Sec. Dorr. Roll Call: Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Ruitter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried.**

Motion Dorr the Planning Commission Start the Process of changing more land to Commercial in the township, and to have the Planning Commission meet twice a month so that the zoning could be corrected and so Land Use could be expanded to include more Commercial Property. Sec. Ruitter. Discussion. Fay Dorr withdrew her motion and John Ruitter withdrew his second. Discussion. Motion Millek to send the Land Use Plan back to the Planning Commission and ask them to address the Commercial Business District in regard to making more Commercial Property available. Sec. Dorr. Lengthy Discussion. Roll Call. Dorr yes, Millek yes, Ruitter yes Wilfong no, Dahms no. Motion Carried.

Motion Ruitter to have the Planning/Zoning board address the Commercial Zoning portion of the Ordinance at their earliest discretion. Sec. Dorr. Discussion. Roll call: Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Ruitter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried.

Motion Ruitter that the expiration date of all Planning/Zoning members expire in May of the year. Sec. Dorr. Discussion. Voice vote all yes. M.C.

Discussion on Patrick Hudson as zoning administrator, getting rid of him and appointing someone else. Atty. Schuitmaker said he had a problem in another township and Tasha had found a solution to the problem and they had a building permit within three hours. He felt she had a whole different personality than Pat Hudson. Discussion included Township has no contract with Patrick Hudson to be our Zoning Administrator, or blight enforcement, so he could be terminated **Motion Ruitter to authorize Supervisor Wilfong to discuss with Dan Poll to have Tosha Smalley be our zoning Administrator and Blight Enforcement officer as soon as the change could be made. Discussion. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried.**

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Unfinished Business: Atty. Schuitmaker: Poverty Guidelines. Approving Guidelines has to be done every year. Discussion. **Motion Ruiter to accept the guidelines as prepared and presented. Sec. Millek. Voice vote, all yes. Motion Carried.**

Brownfield Redevelopment. Atty. Schuitmaker said the board had three options. 1. Enter into the agreement. 2. Not enter into 3. Do nothing. Clerk suggested we do nothing, treasurer said some times doing nothing some times comes back to haunt you. **Motion Dorr to not enter into an agreement with the Brownfield Redevelopment. Roll call Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried.**

Regular Meetings: Clerk has to post and Publish schedule of regular meetings for 2007.

Homeless Information: Again the board was given three options. 1. approve, 2 not approve. 3. do nothing. **Motion Millek to do nothing at this time Sec. Dorr. No discussion. voice vote yes 5 no 0. Motion Carried.**

Blight: Olga Garcia. Title Search is attached, Mrs. Garcia is the legal owner of the property. Complaint and Order to Show Cause will be prepared. **Luke Garnatt:** There are 5-6 cars lined up for sale, Atty. thought he was making an effort to clean up. Trustee Millek will drive by and have a report at the January meeting.

Hill /VanEnger 41872 35 th. St. Discussion. Trustee Millek will check property & will leave a note on the fence, if the owners are not here, they are mainly summer residents.

Stump Removal: Motion Wilfong to have D.J. Professional Tree service grind the stumps at the back of the hall, and leave the grindings on the ground for up to \$650.00. Sec. Ruiter. Discussion. Clerk will contact DJ Service. Roll Call: Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried.

Blight Ordinance Approval: Motion Millek to table until next month. Sec. Dorr. Voice vote, all yes. Motion Carried.

New Business: Appoint Board of Review: Motion Wilfong to re-appoint William Booth, Delores Mills, and Mark Smith to a two year term on the Board of Review. Sec. Ruiter. Discussion. Voice Vote, All yes. Motion Carried.

Audience Comments/Questions: MTS/Dan Poll permit fees too high & even if he is a vendor and not an employee he should come and hear complaints against his employees. Home stead questions, if law suit is filed who can be served, clerk or Atty.? What happened to Wilcox sign on Donora Property on election day?

Motion Wilfong to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 P.M. Sec. Millek.

Respectfully Submitted: Jean Dahms, Clerk

