

July 6, 2006
Regular Meeting
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Supervisor Wilfong who asked the 12 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 John Ruiter Trustee.

The agenda was followed as prepared.

Motion Wilfong to approve the minutes of the June 1,2006 meeting as prepared and reviewed. Sec. Dorr. Voice vote, all yes. Motion Carried.

VBEMS: Todd Weaver gave a demonstration of the new equipment VBEMS was able to purchase with the new millage voted in 2004. Three (3) hydraulic lifts, several computers and beds with hydraulic lifts. Purchased one new ambulance and need to purchase another next year. Asked that the request for millage renewal on the August 8 ballot be approved Todd finished his presentation at 7:18 but stayed for the remainder of the meeting.

Payment of Bills: Jean Dahms. Questions on bills, none. **Motion Dahms**

General Fund Payroll ck's #10046-10056 plus FICA for \$5,180.84

General Fund Vendor ck's 9397 to 9414 for \$31,431.60

Sewer Payroll ck's 963 & 964 for \$42.52

Sewer Vendor Ck's 475-476 for \$376.25

For a total of \$37,031.2 be approved as prepared and reviewed. Sec. Dorr. Discussion. Voice vote three(3) yes. no(1)one. one (1)absent. Motion Carried.

Wednesday June 7 attended clerk's meeting at Kalamazoo Township Hall on Riverview Dr. in Kalamazoo for an introduction to the new handicapped voting equipment we will need to use at the August Primary Election. Saw the machine and watched a video of how the machine works. Wednesday June 14 spent the date at Antwerp Township hall where the machines were delivered Clerk's got to take their machine home. Morning was spent with hands on demonstrations of how the machines worked. Afternoon was spent listening to someone from the election's bureau explain the do's and don't's of the new machine

Motion Dahms to appoint the following people election inspectors for the August 8th primary election. Annet M. Shannon-Chair, Erika Mutz, Anjanette Winner, Paula Shannon, Myra Capone and Jean Dahms only as an alternate in case one of the workers is unavailable Sec. Dorr. Discussion. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried. All inspectors have to go to training August 3rd. at the ISD building in Lawrence. Sample ballots are on the table by the door, please take one to review .

There were problems at the last Planning Commission Meeting with a special use permit that I had put together and the wording was a disaster. The meeting was rescheduled for June 26th. I have done dozens of these meetings without a problem. I apologize to the township board, to Dave Forester Chairman of the Planning Commission, to the Planning Commission, Mr. Walker and to anyone who come to the meeting on the 10th. for this reason and had to return another night. The error was all my fault and I do not care to discuss it.

Auditors will be at the hall July 19th & 20th.

Supervisor's Report: Bernard Wilfong: Wayne Taylor property at School Section Lake has the second coat of Blacktop on it. Atty. Schuitmaker will discuss with Patrick Hudson to see if all conditions are met, allowing land owners to get a building permit. Letter from Paw Paw Quick Response thanking us for past contribution and asking for a contribution again this year. Atty. Schuitmaker will draw up contract and have at next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Fay Dorr: Tax bills went to mailer on June 30th. She reported she uses two software programs. One in her computer at home and one in the computer at the township. Treasurer will put information into both computers. Deputy Treasurer Erika Mutz will do the walk-ins at the hall.

Planning Commission: Dave Forester: Planning Commission met June 26th for a special meeting to review the request for a special use permit for David Walker. The request was denied.

Motion Dahms, Joe Mayo and Kathleen Crook be re-appointed to the Planning Commission, terms ending in 2009. Sec. Wilfong. Discussion. Trustee Millek suggested term limitations should be brought to the board before their terms end, to allow board members time to review the information, rather than bringing it to a meeting and saying you have to vote on this tonight. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business: Open Space Agreement for Smith/Lulenski property: Questions from Patrick Hudson. 1. How do we treat the open space-as it is written there is no township involvement. 2. Board walk is to be built by who? 3. Doesn't discuss taxation. 4. Allows Smith to put a mortgage on the open space property. 5. Lot 'G' how will they be able to get to the board walk. Lengthy discussion resulted in the board approving the concept of the plan but Atty. Schuitmaker and Patrick Hudson need to work with Dr. Lulenski. **Motion Millek to reject the plan because it doesn't have sufficient information. Sec. Dorr. Discussion. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried.**

Video Taping of Meetings. Discussion. Keeping track of tapes (who does) and having them taped over are just one problem some townships have when trying to use this procedure. Use of a web cam was discussed. **Motion Millek to explore this option and bring it up at next months meeting. Sec. Dorr. Voice vote, all yes. M.C.**

Garcia & Pillow request from MTS to proceed with Court Action. Discussion included when letter is sent to Pillow from Atty. it gets a small amount of clean up work done. It was decided to try one more letter before proceeding to court. **Motion Dahms to proceed to court on the Garcia burned out buildings on M-40 and ask the judge for an order to clean-up and allow the township to put the cost on their tax bill. Sec. Wilfong. Discussion. Roll Call vote. Dorr no, Millek no, Wilfong yes, Dahms yes. Motion died for lack of support.**

Atty. Schuitmaker was asked to write one more letter to Mrs. Garcia asking for her cooperation.

New Business: Dave Forester said zoning maps are out of date and he had talked to Ted Thar about the cost of replacing them. Did not ask him to print, only wanted the cost to run by the board. Ted said the Township had already used monies provided for maps in our recent agreement with them. Several days later Dave got a call from Ted saying the maps were ready to be picked up, and the cost was \$70.00. Is the board willing to pay the cost? Discussion. **Motion Dorr the board contract with Land description and pay for the printing of the maps. Sec. Wilfong. Roll call Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried.**

Audience Comments/Questions: Lengthy discussion. How much land do we need to have a safe septic system? Smith/Lulenski property. Is there restriction on type of house that can be built? Lot "G" could they use Waukenah drive to get to the boardwalk, leaving car parked there? Is there site plan for run-off? Can't increase run-off that exists now. Any answer from the Sheriff's Department re. resident on 41st. St. complaint? Video taping of meetings, who should or can tape mtge. County commissioners record all meeting, with a speaker in front of all board members. If a fine is imposed on people who have blight, where does the money go? Board should have a definition on how to use fines and how to proceed & have a recovery cost for Atty. fees.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 by Supervisor Wilfong.

Respectfully Submitted:

A. Jean Dahms, Clerk