

Waverly Township Regular Meeting  
Thursday June 5, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Bernard Wilfong who asked the nine (9) assembled electors to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members introduced themselves. Fay Dorr Treasurer, Tony Millek Trustee, Bernard Wilfong Supervisor, John Ruiter Trustee, Jean Dahms Clerk, Harold Schuitmaker Township Attorney.

The agenda was approved with the addition of 1. Under Planning Commission-resignation and appointment of new person. 2. Blight complaint 3. Unsigned letter re: blight sent to Treasurer.

**Motion Ruiter to approve the minutes of the May 3<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting as prepared and presented. Sec. Dorr, voice vote all yes, Motion Carried.**

**Motion Ruiter to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting May 14 as prepared and presented. Sec. Dorr. Voice vote all yes, Motion Carried.**

**Payment of Bills: Motion Dahms General Fund Payroll Ck's 10179 to 10189 plus FICA 1191.45 for a total of \$6,135.73. General Fund Vendor Ck's # 9622 to 9650 for \$67,018.25, Sewer Vendor April Ck. #'s500-501 for \$244.48. Sewer Fund Vendor for May ck. #503-504 for \$353.81, Sewer Payroll for May ck. #'s 985 & 986 for a grand total of \$73,794.79. Sec. Ruiter. Questions. What was the check to Butler Communications for? New computer and transferring information. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried.**

**7:05 Sheriff's Department Deputy arrived and gave his report: Total dispatched units was 58. There were five ( 5) breaking & entering, five (5) larceny, six (6) obstruction justice, five (5) accident's , five (5) general assistance six (6) animals at large, the balance were various complaints. Deputy Bailey answered an audience question. Why were there 20 police cars on his road several weeks ago. Answer a known felon was arrested. Deputy Bailey left the meeting at 7:15.**

Electricity at the hall shut down at this time. Emergency lights and opening of the side entrance door provided enough light to finish meeting.

**Supervisor Reported** on road projects. 44<sup>th</sup> Ave. is prepared for paving. Road Commission is going to seal coat CR 665 from 47<sup>th</sup> St to 38<sup>th</sup>. St.

**Treasurer's Report:** Road Commission made and installed sign at the two cemeteries in the Township. Asked the board (1). If they wanted an insert in the summer tax bill. Board did not 2. At the last Trearsuer's meeting it was stated only two (2) Township's send receipts for paid taxes automatically, if the person wants a receipt they must included a stamped self addressed envelope. Board is to consider before taxes are sent this fall. Would save the township a

considerable amount of postage (3.) Other Townships are allowing people to pay their taxes with credit cards. Taxpayers would have to call the Township Treasurer and she would give them an authorization number to use. A special account would have to be opened at the bank. Board will decide before winter tax bills are sent.( 4.) Beth Clausen, of the MSU Extension Office will be contacting the board to see if they want to put a \$25.00 per household fee on the tax bills to help with the cost of recycling. Supervisor Wilfong said Paw Paw Township sends their residents to Kalamazoo County and there is a one time fee the township pays. Supervisor Wilfong will report back next month after he checks with Paw Paw Township to see what the fee is.(5). Stationary: Several versions of new stationary were given. Asked which ones board wanted to use, man with cycle was selected . Treasurer Dorr will give the information to Rex Schneider who has spent a lot of time and effort on this project.

**Trustee Millek: Blight Inspections:** Drove past Smiley residence two weeks ago. No progress in cleaning up the yard.

**Luke Garnet:** Only one (1) licensed car on property. He is in compliance.

**David Wheeler:** unable to find him at home. Audience member said two or three loads of materials have been hauled out since last board meeting. Trustee Millek will continue to find him at home and to see the results of the clean up.

**Planning Commission: Dave Foerster** gave the report. Election of officers resulted in Chair: Dave Forester, Vice chair John Ruiter, Secretary Diane Julien. Kathleen Crook resigned from the board at the meeting and also sent a letter of resignation. **Motion Ruiter to accept the resignation of Kathleen Crook from the Planning Commission Sec.Dorr. Discussion. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried.** Board decided to advertise the opening to be received at the hall by July 2<sup>nd</sup>. and asked the clerk to call the three Township Residents whose application we have on file and tell them that their application is at the hall and they need to reply only if they are NOT interested in the job.

**Blight Complaint: Property # 80-18-025-018-30. 42038 M-40** described in the complaint form as a “light blue pole barn that burned out at least 2 years ago. Barn is right off M-40 a major road that borders Waverly Township and is an eyesore & dangerous place” Treasurer Dorr took a picture, which she had at the meeting, and Trustee Ruiter drove by the property and both agreed it was a blighted area. Trustee Millek stated the property now belongs to his sister who has equipment in their at this time to clean up the property.? Dorr & Ruiter will view the property before the meeting in July for progress.

**Unfinished Business: Atty. Schuitmaker:** Final version of the **Video and Audio Policy, and the final version of the Computer Use Policy** was attached to his report. All board members should have copy.

**Special Assessment for Fire Protection:** Discussion. **The Board being fully advised, it is hereby moved by Ruiter Seconded by Dorr to:**

**1. Reaffirm a township-wide Assessment District for the cost of fire protection and**

operation, and for the purchase of fire vehicles, apparatus and equipment: and  
**2. Schedule a public hearing to be held on July 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. on the estimated cost and on the question of reaffirming such a Special Assessment and defraying the expenses of fire protection/equipment by special assessment among the benefitted real property owners of Waverly Township. The proposed amount of the Special Assessment District to be spread on the lands and properties in the Township shall be a total of 1.5 mils for the 2007 tax year and for the next five ( 5 ) years. Discussion. Roll Call Dorr Yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried.**

**Truth in Taxation/Override Headley.** Overriding the amendment allows the township to collect the full amount voters have approved. Example two (2) mills for Roads. Atty. Schuitmaker said we had to have the hearing whether or not we plan on approving. Atty. Schuitmaker will publish notice. Will be an agenda item in July.

**Blight: Garcia.** Roofs have been removed from the two metal buildings, allowing the sides to collapse. Nothing has been done to the demolition. Will be an agenda item next month.

**Rob Roe: 37<sup>th</sup>. St.** Treasurer Dorr has viewed the property and taken a picture. Truck, Cube box-front of old pickup- several pickup trucks, 2 cars, a full sized van, tractor, one old shed with junk around it. Trustee Ruiter had reviewed the property last month and they both agreed there is blight and should be turned over to our Zoning Administrator Tasha Smalley.

**Audience Comments:** Lengthy discussion about blight and the possibility of having dumpsters at the hall twice a year for a one day clean-up of blight. Would have to be an agenda item on the 2008 budget preparation agenda.

Who is responsible for culverts and drains on 24<sup>th</sup>. Ave.? Each township is responsible for the South and West Roads in the township. Bloomingdale Township is responsible for 24<sup>th</sup>. Ave.

Treasurer Dorr asked audience and board members to contract their representatives in Lansing who are considering moving Tax Collections, Elections, and Assessing to County Govt. , asking them to reconsider.

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Wilfong at 8:55.

Respectfully Submitted:

A. Jean Dahms. Clerk