

Waverly Township Regular Meeting
Thursday May 3, 2007

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

Motion by Wilfong to approve the agenda as prepared with the addition of Dave Forester will give the Planning Commission report. Sec. Ruiter. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried.

Motion Dorr to approve the minutes of the April 5th meeting as prepared and reviewed. Sec. Ruiter. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried.

Payment of Bills: Motion Dahms General fund payroll ck's # 10168 to 10178 for \$4565.21, General Fund Vendor Ck's # 9601 to 9620 for \$32,266.66, Sewer Payroll Ck #'s 983 & 984 for \$42.52 for a grand total of \$36,874.39. Sec Ruiter voice Vote all yes. Motion Carried. The Sewer vendor ck's could not be written due to a glitch in the new computer just installed, Ann from Siegfried, Crandall is on vacation this week. Hopefully the problem can be fixed next week when she returns.

Supervisor Comments: Wilfong. The Road Commission replaced a large tube on the corner of 36th. Ave. and 40th. St. Supervisor gave approval for preparation for paving of 39th Ave. and the cleaning of ditches on 40th St. to try and alleviate water problems.

Sheriffs Department Deputy Scott Schmidt arrived at 7:20 and gave the sheriff's report. Total dispatched units was 45. There were six (6) assault calls nineteen (19) general assistance one (1) airplane crash, the balance were miscellaneous. Asked if there were any questions from the audience or the board. Supervisor Wilfong asked about the complaint at the Glendale Cemetery at the April 5, meeting, Deputy had completed a written traffic report and it was given to each deputy on patrol and they are watching the area. Deputy Schmidt left the meeting at 7:30.

Clerk's Comments: Dahms. Sample ballots for the School Election on Tuesday May 8 are on the table by the door. Clerk encouraged taking the ballot and reviewing what each of the school districts had on the ballot. There are five (5) different school ballots, be sure to take the one for the school district you are planning on voting in.

Treasurer's Comments: Dorr. Internal Revenue Service has increased the mileage reimbursement to 48.5 cents per mile and suggested the board increase our mileage rate from 44.5. Higher gasoline prices were discussed. **Motion Dorr that the township adopt 48.5 cents per mile while on township business. Sec. Ruiter. Roll Call Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried.**

Changes on stationary were made. The board decided to remove the Van Buren County

Map from the heading and to insert the date the township was established. Treasurer will ask Mr. Schneider to make the changes.

Treasurer Dorr had attended the Low Impact Seminar in Lawrence and recommended the Zoning- Planning Commission to consider Low Impact Zoning. The Chair of the Planning Commission Dave Forester, and Planning Commissioner member Diane Julien were at the seminar and will have the information for the Zoning- Planning Commission Board.

Treasurer Dorr had a recommendation from Butler Communication with suggestions for what needs to be done for our computers to be able to work without interruption from spy ware/spam etc. Board members will review.

Trustee Millek: Luke Garnet blight complaint. There are two unlicensed vehicles on the property. He is stripping one of them and when completed he would be in compliance with our zoning ordinance.

John Smiley: Had dug a pit and he is starting to clean up.

David Wheeler: Has not been at home when Millek stopped. He has put up a fence and blight can't be seen from CR 665. Millek will continue to make contact and ask if he is going to do any more cleanup.

Planning Commission: Dave Forester said the Planning Commission was discussing the amount of Commercial Property needed in Waverly Township. Dave had compiled an extensive graphic summary of the results of the Farm Land Survey that was sent with the winter taxes. Survey was reviewed and will be posted on the Internet.

Planning Commission Terms: Motion Dahms to confirm John Ruiter will be the township boards representation for the remainder of his term. Sec. Wilfong. Voice vote all yes..M.C. Motion Wilfong to approve the re-appointment of Diane Julien to the Planning Commission, term ending in 2010. Sec. Ruiter. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried. Motion Wilfong to approve the re-appointment of David Foerster to the Planning Commission, term ending in 2010. Discussion. Voice vote 4 yes. 1 no. Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business: Atty. Schuitmaker: Revised Audio and Videotaping Policy. Atty. Schuitmaker reviewed the policy approved last month. Discussion included when did the clerk have to be notified? Before the meeting starts was the answer. Atty. Schuitmaker re-affirmed to the board that the video is not an official record of the meeting. Discussion included if the video was the official record of the meeting, and it got lost, and if the township had legal problems the township could be in trouble legally. **Motion Dahms to approve the revised Audio and Videotaping Policy as prepared and presented. Sec. Wilfong. Roll Call Dorr no, Millek no, Wilfong yes, Ruiter no, Dahms yes. Motion Failed** How is the Freedom of Information Act involved in this? Atty. Schuitmaker will have on his agenda next month.

Computer Policy: Atty. Schuitmaker had prepared a Computer Policy for the board to review. Discussion. **Motion Dorr to adopt the computer use policy as prepared and presented and reviewed. Sec. Ruiter. Roll Call. Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes, Motion Carried.**

Cemetery Ordinance: Atty. Schuitmaker had prepared the Cemetery Ordinance the Board had asked him to prepare at the April meeting as a misdemeanor. Lengthy discussion followed between the board and the audience. Treasurer Dorr suggested putting up a sign saying This cemetery is not a playground. Please do not use as a recreation area. Treasurer Dorr volunteered to call the Road Commission and have them make the signs and install at the Glendale and Austin Cemeteries.

Smiley Blight: Trustee Ruiter had obtained legal paperwork from the Register of Deeds Office and asked Atty. Schuitmaker to review. Atty. Schuitmaker said the church had sold the property back to Mr. Smiley's son for \$30,000.00. The church is no longer involved with the property. It was noted that Mr. Smiley is **not** in his eighties as someone had said at a previous meeting, but is a younger man, approximately in his fifties. Trustee Millek will continue to check on the blighted situation.

Rob Roe Property 37th. St. Treasurer Dorr had misinterpreted the information given to her and did not visit the property. She will make the visit before the June meeting. Trustee Ruiter had reviewed the property but had no comment until Treasurer Dorr visits the site.

Chris Siebenmark representing Ron Jelinek in the Michigan Senate gave a brief report of what is going on in Lansing. There are no answers to the budgeting problems the State has at this time. Only comment he made that he said was for sure, there will be an income tax increase in 2008.

Audience Comments/Questions: Mr. McPike said he had been hired to clean up the Donora property next to the hall and asked permission to pull the semi- trailers across the township lawn. Board gave verbal permission.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 by Supervisor Wilfong .

Respectfully Submitted:

Jean Dahms, Clerk