

Waverly Township
Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 3, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Wilfong who invited the 14 assembled members of the public to join the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board introductions were Fay Dorr Treasurer, Tony Millek Trustee, Bernard Wilfong Supervisor, and Attorney Brian Knotek. Dahms and Ruitter were absent.

MOTION by Millek to approve the agenda with an amendment to add (11a.) meeting minutes under new business. Seconded by Dorr. Voice vote, all yes, motion carried.

MOTION by Millek to accept the June 5, 2008, Regular Minutes as presented. Seconded by Dorr. Voice vote, all yes, motion carried.

MOTION by Millek to accept the June 19, 2008, Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Seconded by Dorr. Voice vote, all yes, motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: **MOTION** by Dorr to approve ck # 9896 to #9905 that were written 5/8/08 and not put on the June check register for \$5,055.45. Seconded by Millek. Voice vote, all yes, motion carried.

MOTION by Dorr to approve general fund payroll checks #10330 to # 10340 plus FICA for \$6104.70, and general fund vendor checks #9925 to #9943 for \$128,188.70, and sewer vendor check #530 for \$129.95, sewer payroll checks #1011 to #1012 for \$42.52, which equal a grand total of \$134,465.47. Seconded by Millek. Voice vote, all yes, motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Wilfong attended the County Road Commission meeting regarding road maintenance information. Seal coating is the recommended maintenance approach to extending the life of paved roads, which have an average life of 15 years without sealing or 30 years where sealing is performed in a timely manner. Wilfong stated the township is doing a good job with its seal coating program.

CLERK REPORT: Dahms was absent so Dorr read the clerk's comments.

MOTION by Dorr to accept the clerk's recommendation for the 7 election workers as stated in the July 3, 2008 agenda. Seconded by Millek. Voice vote, all yes, motion carried.

Information regarding the Almena Township note taker was read. Board wants to seek more information.

TREASURER REPORT: Summer 2008 tax season is going well. Tax and assessing information can be researched and printed free from the web site www.vbco.org/waverly.asp Starting with the Winter 2008 season, receipts will no longer be mailed unless a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed with the tax payment.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT: Dorr reported the decision on the public hearing June 19, 2008, was postponed until the July 14, 2008, P&Z meeting to give ample time to research several suggested changes to the amendments to the Future Land Use Plan. Attorney Schuitmaker will attend July 14th meeting.

Regarding the topic of expanding home occupation descriptions in the Zoning Ordinance.

MOTION by Wilfong that home occupation descriptions should be left at the current statements in the Zoning Ordinance. Seconded by Millek. Voice vote, all yes, motion carried.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Ruitter was absent. Millek had no report.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Atty. Knotek presented the public notice if the township decides to hold the Truth in Taxation hearing to roll back the Headlee Amendment. If the township chooses to do so, the operating millage would increase by the inflation rate and by .1439 mil, which would equal about \$6800 more in the general fund.

MOTION by Millek not to hold a Truth in Taxation hearing. Seconded by Dorr. Voice vote, all yes, motion carried.

Atty. Knotek presented the resolution that would allow alternative Board of Review meeting dates. Sometimes assessors have multiple townships they serve. The legal BOR dates present scheduling conflicts. Board discussion to add words to the suggested wording to lock-in the alternate dates by publishing the dates on the assessment change notices.\

MOTION by Dorr to allow alternate board of review meeting dates making it more flexible for the assessor to hold the meetings. Seconded by Millek. Roll call, Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Dahms absent, Ruitter absent. Motion carried.

The ordinance will now read:

ORDINANCE NO. _____
TOWNSHIP OF WAVERLY
COUNTY OF VAN BUREN, STATE OF MICHIGAN

Ordinance to allow alternative Board of Review meeting dates.

THE TOWNSHIP OF WAVERLY HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, Public Act 122 of 2008 allows the Board of Review to hold alternative meeting dates, and

WHEREAS, the Township may from time to time set alternative dates for the Board of Review which may be during the week of the second Monday in December and/or during the week of the third Monday in July,

THEREFORE, the Township of Waverly may set alternate dates for Board of Review and post these alternate dates on the assessment change notices and at the Township Hall at least five (5) days prior to the meeting date.

Motion by Dorr; seconded by Millek

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Dorr, Millek, Wilfong

Nays: none

Absent: Dahms and Ruitter

Resolution declared adopted.

WAVERLY TOWNSHIP

Effective immediately

Date: July 3, 2008

A. Jean Dahms, Clerk

Atty. Knotek said that Beverly Page will deed a portion of her land to the township regarding Austin Cemetery.

NEW BUSINESS: Millek wants the township board and planning committee minutes to follow the Open Meetings Act regarding minutes by having the draft/proposed minutes available at the hall and posted on the web site 8 business days following the meetings and the approved minutes available and posted on the web 5 business days following approval.

MOTION by Millek to have proposed/draft/unapproved minutes available at the hall and posted on the internet within 8 business days. Seconded by Dorr. Voice vote, all yes, motion carried.

MOTION by Millek to have approved minutes available at the hall and posted on the internet within 5 business days. Seconded by Dorr. Voice vote, all yes, motion carried.

Regarding minute taker for the Planning & Zoning Committee, Millek suggested the township board hire a P&Z minute recorder/note taker payable at the same rate as Planning & Zoning members. Seconded by Dorr. Roll call vote. Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong no, Dahms absent, Ruitter absent. Motion passed.

Note: P&Z must still have an elected secretary as one of the P&Z officers and the new position must be called Planning & Zoning Recorder.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Wilcox said the township should establish a pipeline to Governor Granholm's office to suggest actual ways Lansing can save money rather than the Governor riding her bike to work. Michigan has the second highest paid governor and legislature in the nation, second only to California. Also a part-time legislature would save millions.

Wilfong offered copies of the information he has about the Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency for people who need help to repair their homes. Income must be less than 80% of the local median income, the house must be less than ten years old, no trailers or modular qualify and people could get up to \$35,000 in zero interest loans.

Dorr sent a letter from the blight volunteers to the Mills family on 37th Street. Audience reported that some progress has already been done. No recent report from MTS on the situation.

John Reuter from Fisk Lake Roads wants sample ballots before the August Primary.

Diane Julien congratulated David Foerster on being awarded the Citizen Planner of the Year award from Michigan State University.

Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Fay A. Dorr, Treasurer