

Waverly Township
Regular Meeting
Thursday August 7,2008

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. by Supervisor Wilfong who invited the 20 assembled members of the public to join the board 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 Atty.

Motion Wilfong to approve the agenda as prepared. Sec. Ruiter. voice vote all yes. M.C.

Motion Dahms to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2008 meeting as prepared. Sec. Ruiter. Voice vote, all Yes. M.C.

Sheriff's Department Representative, Deputy Jason Stasienko read the summary of dispatched units by class. 14 accidents, 19 general assistant, 5 criminal sexual cond. 5, 9 assault, 11 suspicious situation. 9. be on the lookout, balance miscellaneous. Deputy Stasienko left the meeting at 7:10.P.M.

Payment of Bills: **Motion Dahms to move \$4,200.00 from fund balance into township hall lot improvement fund 101-265-976, sec. by Ruiter. Voice vote, all yes. Motion Carried.**

Motion Dahms General Fund Payroll ck's 10341 to 10353 plus fica for \$5,700.39 General Fund ck's 9944 to 9973 for \$41,582.97, Sewer Fund Payroll ck's 1013-1014 for \$42.52 Sewer Vendor ck. #531 for \$2,487.00 for a grand total of \$49,812.88. Sec. Ruiter. Discussion. Voice vote all yes. M.C.

Supervisor's Report: Wilfong. Reviewed specifications for re-paving the parking lot at the Township Hall. Road commission will remove the blacktop and replace for \$7,865.00. Bid did not include striping. **Motion Wilfong to approve the bid from the Van Buren County Road Commission for \$7,865.00. Sec. Ruiter. Roll Call. Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes. M.C.** The next lowest bid was Heysteck Paving for \$11,930.00

Beverly Page/Austin Cemetery: Supervisor Wilfong had met several times with Mrs. Page and her children resulting in a written agreement from Mrs. Page.(document was prepared by one of her daughters) Agreement asked for tax reduction that the assessor said it was illegal to make contracts regarding taxes. She also asked for cement bases to be placed on the cemetery lots she wants reserved for her children. This is not feasible to do at this time, it would depend on the size of the stone, which is not stated in the agreement. Board discussed installing the fence, supervisor had obtained a bid for \$3,000.00. **Motion Wilfong Atty. Schuitmaker will write a proposal to present to Mrs. Page, a fence will be installed at township expense and the Township will re-reimburse her \$750.00 for the ¼ acre of land. Sec. Ruiter. Roll Call, Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Ruiter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried.** Supervisor Wilfong will meet with Mrs. Page to finalize the agreement. Wilfong said the shed at Austin Cemetery needs to be repaired or removed. Trustee Millek volunteered to inspect the shed and report back to the board next month.

Clerk's Report: Dahms. Thanks to treasurer Dorr for taking the minutes at the July mtg.

Primary Election: 296 residents voted. There are approximately 1700 registered voters. Large volume of ballots were spoiled due to residents trying to vote for the Republican and Democratic party. Congratulations to winners.

Planning & Zoning Report:

Fay Dorr, Board representative to the P&Z deferred to Atty. Schuitmaker to explain the Future Land Use and Zoning Map changes approved by the P&Z because the attorney went through the maps section by section to ensure their accuracy before reprinting.

State Representative Tonya Schuitmaker will be seeking re-election this November. She reviewed her goals and discussed some of the goals the Legislation is working on. Budget they are working on is on track. Townships will receive a 2 percent increase in revenue sharing. She answered questions from the audience. State Representative Tonya Schuitmaker left the building at 8:00 pm.

John Frank Road Commission Construction Engineer Thanked the voters of Waverly Township for the yes vote on the Road Commission Proposal for road funds on the August ballot. Construction on 38th.Ave and 36. ½ Street has begun. Trees are being removed, road at the curve by the cemetery is being aligned after gaining 60 ft. on the west side of the road.

Questions: Road side mowing where deep ditches are involved was discussed and Mr. Frank asked people who had problems to contact the Supervisor and he should contact the Road Commission. Construction on 24th. Ave. several years ago, three catch basins were removed and a tube was put in, it is not doing the job, yards flood when heavy rain falls, Bernie Wilcox wants Road Co mission to address the issue. Mr. Franks agreed it would be looked into.

Mr. Frank said there is a tube on Waukeelah Dr. that needs replacing. He will get an estimate to the township supervisor.

Unfinished Business: Atty. Schuitmaker reviewed changes made by the fire board which were not dated. The board reviewed and decided to wait to see if other townships signed.

Fields: MTS is sending information.

Planning Commission Master Plan and Zoning maps, for information only, were reviewed.

Atty. Schuitmaker suggested the board purchase new books from Michigan Township Association to assist the newly elected township officials prior to taking office November 20 at noon. **Motion Millek to purchase four new books from MTA Duties and Responsibilities for Elected Officials. Sec. Wilfong. Voice Vote, all yes. Motion Carried.** Clerk will order & they will be available after the Nov. 4 election.

Audience Comments: Why do we only see Road Commission or Ambulance Boards when they have a proposal on the ballot they want us to approve? Mr. Franks and Bill Rhodes said they planned on having new board members visit the townships they represent three times a year. They will give advance notice when they plan on attending. When wanting to meet with Mr. Franks, call Jill at the Road Commission and schedule an appointment.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 by the Supervisor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jean D

