

Waverly Township Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 1, 2008
Corrected Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Wilfong at 7:00 P.M. and asked the audience of 18 people to join the board in the pledge of allegiance. Board members introduced themselves: Fay Dorr Treasurer, Anthony Millek Trustee, John Ruiter Trustee, Jean Dahms Clerk, Harold Schuitmaker Attorney.

Motion Wilfong to accept the agenda as prepared. Sec. Ruiter. Voice vote, all yes. Motion Carried.

Minutes: Question on when Assessor Ted Gruizenga will be at the hall . Sign on door differs with what the minutes say. Assessor had changed his mind. Minutes were correct as stated in the April minutes. Motion Ruiter to accept the minutes as prepared and presented. Sec. Dorr. Voice vote, all yes. Motion Carried.

Motion Wilfong to close the regular meeting at 7:06, and open the Fire District Special Assessment for fire protection & operation . Atty. Schuitmaker reviewed the resolution, informed that Waverly Township has three different fire departments it funds. Paw Paw, Pine Grove and Bloomingdale. Special assessment was set at 1.5 mills for the tax year 2008 will raise \$83,986.0, \$51,000.00 was spent this year on fire protection. Discussion. Continue special assessment or change so that the residents can vote. Ernie Brown asked how much left in this years fund. Answer \$19,000.00 Supervisor Wilfong closed the Special hearing at 7:13 and re-opened the regular meeting . Atty. Schuitmaker read the following resolution.

WAVERLY TOWNSHIP, VAN BUREN COUNTY
RESOLUTION AFTER HEARING TO REAFFIRM
ANNUAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND COSTS (2008)

A hearing having been held on May 1, 2008, to reaffirm a township-wide Special Assessment District. Notices of said hearing having been published and posted as required by law.

The Board being fully advised, it is hereby moved by Ruiter Seconded by Dahms as follows:

- 1) The renewal of a township-wide Special Assessment District for the cost of fire protection and operation, and for the purchase of fire vehicles, apparatus and equipment is approved.
- 2) The boundries of the Special Assessment District is the entire Township of

Waverly.

- 3) The amount of the Special Assessment to be spread on the lands and properties in the township shall be a total of 1.5 mills, for the year 2008, and shall be re-determined on an annual basis.
- 4) The entire amount raised is the amount which shall be used to cover the cost of fire protection and operation and for the purchase of fire vehicles, apparatus and equipment for the township.
- 5) The Township Supervisor and Assessor are directed to spread a Special Assessment of 1.5 mils over the entire Township, on all real property lands and premises to be benefited

.Roll Call Vote:

Ayes 4

Nays 1

Absent 0

Abstain 0

Resolution declared passed

Date: May 3, 2008

A. Jean Dahms

Waverly Township Clerk

Discussion: Trustee Millek said he would like for this to be a vote of the people of the township as opposed to a special assessment.

Motion Ruitter to approve 1.5 mills for fire protection for the entire township. Sec. Dahms. Discussion. Roll Call: Dorr yes, Millek no, Wilfong yes, Ruitter yes, Dahms yes, Motion Carried.

Payment of Bills: Dahms Questions none. Motion Dahms to approve the General Fund Payroll ck's #10307 to 10317 for \$5,469.89 General Fund Vendor ck's 9875 to 9895 for \$6,964.64, Sewer Fund payroll ck's. 1007 & 1008 for \$42.52, Sewer Vendor ck's 528 for \$365.91 for a grand total of \$12,842.97. Sec. Ruitter. Voice vote, all yes. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Report: Seal coat 28th. Ave from CR665 to 41st St. .50 mi. for \$6,575.00 40th. St. towline to CR 665 \$25,828.50 46th St. from 38th Avenue to Towline Road 1.50 mi. for \$19,275.00. Discussion Motion Dahms to approve the seal coat program as presented for \$51,678.50. Sec. Ruitter. Roll call vote Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wifong yes, Ruitter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried.

Critical Bridge Project: Every year the Road Commission has to apply to the State

for grant monies for critical bridge projects. If bridge in Van Buren County are chosen, the state pays 95% of the cost of bridge repair or replacement, 5% would be shared by Van Buren County Road Commission and the Township. VBC asked that the board prepared a resolution requesting funds for the bridge on 40th. St. in Waverly Township. The resolution was reviewed by the board, and resulted in the following. **Motion Ruitter to adopt the resolution as reviewed and asked the Clerk to send copy to the Van Buren Co. Road commission Sec. Dorr. Voice vote, all yes, motion carried.** Copy of the resolution will be attached to the minutes.

Blight Complaint from 26393 37th St. Gobles. Trustee Millek and Supervisor Wilfong reviewed the property and agreed there was a blight problem on the Property. Use of the volunteer group in the township was discussed. Several audience members live in the area, knew the people and their opinion was that they were very private people and may not accept help. **Motion Wilfong to forward the blight complaint to Michigan Township Services. Sec. Ruitter Discussion: Trustee Millek asked the clerk to ask the Zoning Administrator to include in her letter the information about the group of people in the township willing to help in the clean up of property. Voice vote, all yes. Motion Carried.**

Dust control: Supervisor had bids for dust control from SW Mi Dust Control, Great Lakes Chloride and Liquid Dust Layer. Bids were reviewed, resulting in the following. **Motion Wilfong to accept the bid from Southwest Michigan dust control for \$11,800 per application. Sec. Ruitter. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried.**

Clerk's Report: Appoint Election Workers for May 6th. School election. Motion Dahms Annett Shannon, Anjanette Winner, Erika Mutz be approved as election inspectors for the May 6th School election. Sec. Ruitter. Voice vote, all yes. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Pontom software has arrived and will be working in July when Summer taxes are sent. Bill has been sent to clerk for payment ASAP.

Roy Roden: Use of township hall for neighborhood watch program. Mr. Roden explained this is not just for residents of the Trailer Park, but for members of the whole township. They want to use the hall the last Thursday of each month, Sheriff's Deputy would be at the hall for the meetings. Problem is there has to be a board member present for the meeting and no one volunteered to be available to open the hall, stay for the meeting, and lock up. Discussion. Trustee Millek volunteered to be at the hall at 5:30 on board meeting night so Neighborhood watch could use the hall until 6:30, Motion Ruitter to allow the neighborhood watch to use the hall from 5:30 to 6:30 the first Thursday of every month preceding the township board meeting. Sec. Dorr. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried.

Planning Commission: Treasurer Dorr. Report to the Township Board. Future Land Use Plan has been sent to Neighboring Townships for review. The following questions are from the Planning & Zoning Meeting 4/01/08.

Q1. PA 33 of 2008 takes effect in September 2008, which changes the name Future Land Use Plan to Master Plan. Does the Township Board want to amend the name now or to wait until the update in 2010?

A1:

Leave the name as Future Land Use Plan until 2010 per the attorney.

Q2.

If an owner sub-divides, must the divisions be buildable lots?

A2.

No, but all divisions must meet the minimum State Standards, per attorney.

Q.3.

Do they need to ask the health department if their split is ok?

A. 3

If the division is a non-plat, then no health department approval is needed. However, all vacant land has a disclosure statement per State law, per attorney. Additional note one wet land can be substituted for another wet land.

Q4.

Does the Township Board want Planning & Zoning Commission to address outdoor heaters.

A.4

Unanimous answer was no the board does not want the outdoor heater issue addressed.

Q. 5

Does the Township Board want Planning and Zoning to put Farmland Preservation into the current Future Land Use Plan?

A. 5

No, the Township Board has it in the language that a farmer can let the P&Z know that he wants the Farmland Preservation consideration. Then the request comes before the Township Board who will send the request to the County. It would be a case by case consideration.

Atty Report: Ballot Language for the Road Millage Renewal:

Motion Dorr Waverly township is in support of the ballot language for the road millage. Sec. Millek dscussion . Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Ruitter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried.

Audience Comments: How does the Township communicate an emergency.. Not everyone has a computer. Should listen to radio and or T.V.

Bernie Wilcox volunteered to use his backhoe to remove stumps, and move the pile of dirt, than the Sheriffs Department people will come back and rake the dirt to even it out. Mr. Wilcox will do the project at his convenience.

Question: Does a special use permit have to be renewed every year? Yes.

Can animals be in residential area for 4-h project. Need a special use permit yearly.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:18. Cake was served in honor of the Clerk's 38 year of service to the Township..

Respectfully Submitted:

Jean Dahms, Clerk