

Waverly Township
Regular Meeting
Thursday
October 2, 2008

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Clerk Dahms who announced that Supervisor Wilfong would not be in attendance and that Trustee John Ruitter would be chairing the meeting, thanked the public for attending, and asked the audience of approximately 30 people to join the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Temporary Chairman Trustee Ruitter asked the board members to introduce themselves. Treasurer Fay Dorr, Daughter Marcella spoke for her due to a vocal chord problem, Trustee Tony Millek, Trustee John Ruitter, Clerk Jean Dahms, Atty. Harold Schuitmaker. Absent Supervisor Wilfong.

At this time Atty. Schuitmaker suggested that since most of the audience was interested in # 9 on the agenda the board should skip down to # 9. Special Use Permit from His Harvest Ministries and these people have the option to leave when the discussion was over. Board members agreed. Atty. Schuitmaker explained why His Harvest Ministries should not be an agenda item this evening. They have withdrawn their request for a special use permit to allow their Atty, Timothy Stohen more time to review all the facts. They will need to re- apply for a Special Use Permit and start over with the Planning Commission if they wish to pursue boarding school in the future. Audience had many question and comments for Atty. Schuitmaker that lasted for ½ hour, some residents left the hall at approximately 8:30 p.m.

.Agenda was approved with the following additions.

1. Bids for removal of shed at Austin Cemetery.
2. Disposal of old computers,
3. Cremation burial in cemeteries.
4. Several misspelled words were corrected.

Motion Millek to approve the minutes with the page of corrections Fay Dorr has, will be attached to the clerk's minutes, after corrections are made. Sec. Dorr. Voice vote all yes, Motion Carried.

Payment of Bills: Motion Dahms General Fund Payroll ck's 10365 to 10376 plus FICA of \$1132.23 for \$5,5450.92, General Fund # 9,9997 to 10021 for \$120,283.13, Sewer Payroll ck.'s #1017 & 1018 for \$46.03. Sewer Vendor ck 553 for \$400.46 for a grand total of \$126,176.54. Sec. Millek. Voice Vote, all yes. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Report: Trustee Ruitter: Reviewed the bids Supervisor had gotten for the removal of a shed at Austin Cemetery. Remington Excavation in Bloomingdale \$1,100.00, Aleksich Excavation in Lawton \$905.00, Bill Krohn & sons Excavating from Bangor \$720.00. Discussion included Tony Millek Derek Hunt was in the audience, that would do the job for \$500.00. Atty. asked if that was a written bid and it wasn't. Mr. Hunt prepared a written bid that was reviewed by board members and Atty. Schuitmaker who asked Mr. Hunt if he had insurance and he said yes he did. Atty. Asked Mr. Hunt to bring it to the hall Monday so the clerk could copy for Township records and he said he would. Atty. Schuitmaker said it would be ok to approve the bid under these conditions. **Motion Millek to award the bid to Hunt Construction to remove the building at Austin Cemetery and be paid after removal. Sec. Dorr. Roll Call: Dorr yes, Millek yes, Ruitter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried.**

Wilfong absent.

Clerk's Report: Samples of the November 4, Presidential Ballot are on the table. Please take one and review. It is a very complicated ballot, and will take voter a while to figure it out, so there could be long lines on election day at the hall. Clerk suggested voting absentee ballot to avoid the long wait.

Motion Dahms the following people be appointed Election Inspectors for the November 4th General Election. Sec. Ruiter. Voice Vote all yes. Motion Carried. Wilfong was absent.

Annett Shannon-Chair

Janet Hamey

Anjanette Winner

Mary Ann Konecki

Roberta Willis

Eleanor Dunlap

Myra Capone

Jean Dahms

Trustee Millek: Attended the Road Commission Meeting September 16th where some of this year's projects were reviewed on video. Reviewed some new products/procedures that are cost prohibited at this time.

Second Report: Flood Plain Modernization by FEMA September 25th. A very small area in the township is designated for flooding on the map; Township has to join the organization if township residents want flood insurance. DEQ will help township to apply at a later date, might take 90-120 days to become a member. Trustee Millek thought this would cost the township dollars in the future

Treasurers Report: The Cash Balances report is a quarterly report. September is the end of the quarter, however, the bank statements for September arrive about the middle of October, therefore the next report will be at the November meeting for quarter ending September 2008.

Certificate of Deposit for \$100,000 each were purchased from Chemical Bank and Keystone Bank. Information for the winter newsletter needs to be turned in to the treasurer no later that October 15th. for inserting into the winter tax bills.

Chris Tapper: Explained he is seeking a township trustee position as a write in on the November 4 Presidential Election. He explained the Paw Paw Fire Department volunteers encouraged him to try for the position, and they are going to help him campaign.

Planning and Zoning Report:

Public hearing was held September 8 for the amendments to the Future Land Use Plan and the technical changes to the Future Land Use Plan Map and Zoning Map. The P&Z passed these three items. The Official Township Board will act on these changes at the November board meeting.

Recording secretary for the P&Z was discussed. The solution for both the P&Z and township board minutes would be to purchase a professional set-up for microphone and recording device at each board members location and one at a podium for the audience comments. The digital recording could be replayed for the use of the township clerk and the P&Z secretary to prepare the monthly minutes. This is done at the City of Kalamazoo and many governmental entities.

Site Plan Approval for Magoo's gas station and convenience store was approved for the extension of the canopy over the existing two gas pumps farthest to the east.

Unfinished Business: Atty. Schuitmaker: Future Land Use/Master plan 2005 to 2010 as amended in 2007 & 2008 and updated maps will be an agenda item at the Planning/Zoning meeting Monday, November 10th. At 7:00 P.M. Atty. Schuitmaker reviewed corrections on the maps. **Motion Dorr to send the Zoning Maps as corrected to the Planning Commission. Sec. Ruiter. Discussion included having a special meeting after the Planning Commission meets for the Township Board to approve. New board will have to approve at the December meeting. Voice vote four yes. Motion Carried. Wilfong Absent.**

Beverly Page: New Survey will be recorded with the Register of Deeds office. The Cemetery fence has been installed.

Betty Jo Fields: (47350 CR 665) No response requested by October mtg. date. Does the board wish Atty. to proceed to Circuit Court? No, not at this time. Atty. Schuitmaker will try and contact her.

Lake Brownwood Special Assessment for Weed Control. Paw Paw Township has not received any petitions, nor do they believe a petition is being circulated yet. It is their understanding that people are still talking.

His Harvest Miniseries have withdrawn their application without prejudice for a special use permit at this time.

New Business: Disposal of Old Computers at the Hall. Butler Communications recommended destroying the hard drives and taking the remaining parts to the extension office in Paw Paw for disposal. Discussion: **Motion Millek to destroy the hard drives and dispose the old computers by giving them to Good Will. Sec. Ruiter. Voice vote, all yes. Motion Carried. Wilfong absent.**

Cremations: Trustee Millek: had discussed cemetery issues with Dave Clark, our Cemetery Sexton as to how many cremations can be put on one lot? Unknown at this time, ordinance needs to be reviewed and changes made. Clark said there were 500 empty lots at Austin Cemetery and 600-700 at Glendale Cemetery, so there was no need to purchase more land for cemetery use at this time. Fees for cremations and spots for them to be buried on were discussed, is there a need to set aside specific spots for cremation? Treasurer Dorr Suggested smaller long skinny plots in the cremation area be set aside and the use of flush markers on each grave so it could be mowed. Atty. Schuitmaker said other townships had tried this method and it caused problems. Clerk will get up to date fees from Dave Clark to see if cemetery fees need to be increased.

Audience Comments: His Harvest Ministries. They are holding outside services on the farm and people are parking on other lots in the area. Tom Fleetwood asked why his property is not zoned commercial. It should have been grandfathered in when zoning was established in 1978. There will be a problem if he should ever want to sell and property is not on the map as commercial. Bernie Wilcox asked if County Road Commission had responded to his request from last meeting? No they hadn't.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P.M. by Trustee Ruiter.

Respectfully Submitted: Jean Dahms, Clerk.

Clerk's Comment: After the meeting notification was received from the County Clerk as to how she wanted room set up for election with specific stations. There were not enough inspectors appointed. Cheyene Conart- Hoffman was asked by clerk to work and she agreed.

