

Waverly Township Regular Meeting
Thursday November 1, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Wilfong who asked the 9 assembled residents 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 Attorney.

Motion Wilfong to approve the agenda with the following additions.

- 1. Review Land Use Amendments.**
- 2. Add Dave Silent after Sheriff's Department report.**
- 3. Amend budget. Sec. Ruiter. Voice vote, all yes.**

Motion Ruiter to approve the October 4, 2007 minutes as prepared and presented. Sec. Dorr. Discussion. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried.

Dave Silent, representing the Lake Brownwood association discussed the weed assessment approved last year and asked the board to hold meetings to do the weed assessment program again this. Mr. Silent did not have cost figures for the project. Atty. Schuitmaker is going to review the paperwork for the project last year, Mr. Silent will get dollar figures to him. Mr. Silent left the building at 7:10.

Payment of Bills: Dahms. Before tonight's bills can be approved board needs to amend the budget.

Motion Dahms to add \$5,000.00 to 101-000-477 (income) and \$5,000.00 to 101-371-711 inspection services, (expenses). Sec. Ruiter. Voice vote all yes, Motion Carried.

Payment of Bills: questions none. Motion Dahms General Fund Payroll ck. #'s 10237 to 10246 plus FICA for \$5302.61, General Fund Vendor #'s 9733 to 9754 for \$6,608.18 payroll 995-996 for \$42.52, Sewer Vendor 514-515 for \$252.22 for a grand total of \$12,209.53 Sec. Ruiter. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried.

Supervisor's Report: Wilfong. Met with the Road Commission October 24 to discuss road maintenance for next year. Approved the following.

1. Miscellaneous Ditching \$2,500.00
2. Contract Gravel 1,500 yds. \$12,500.00
3. Boom mowing \$2,500.00
4. Driveway Culverts wash.
5. Seal Coat 3-5 Miles @ \$12,850 per mile.
6. Extra hot mix. (patching) \$3,000.00
7. Dust Control. One (1) spring application and a second if needed later in the year. \$11,800.00 per application.

8. Asked for estimate on paving ½ mi. on 39th. Ave. from 37 ½ St. to 36 ½ St.

9. Estimate for preparing to pave 38th. Ave & 36 ½ St. from 39th Ave. North & East to 36st

Local road millage is \$35,558.00

Primary Road Millage \$5,724.

Carry Over \$4,531
 \$10,255

Clerk's Comments: Gentleman is interested in the chair from the old township hall. Clerk will contact Historical Society in Hartford . If they are not interested he will make an offer on it.

Treasurer Dorr: Volunteered last month to get cost to light up township sign a the road. Would need to be underground wiring from the back of the hall to the road and would be a very expensive project. Board discussed a solar light on a pole and another yard light closer to the road or moving one of the lights we presently have closer to the road. **Motion Ruitter to not light the sign at the present time and to look into moving or adding another light near the road. No support.**

Reflectors around sign was also discussed, and moving light closer to road.

Treasurer Dorr suggested since the Donora property has been cleaned would the board be interested in cleaning up the brush /trees and the mound of dirt making the hall more visible from the road.

Putting sign on the hall was also discussed. **Motion Dorr to hire someone to clean brush and trees and remove mound of dirt next to the propane tank at the south end of the hall. Sec. Ruitter Discussion included asking the Sheriff's Department first if the jail inmates could perform the service. Roll call Dorr yes, Millek yes, Wilfong yes, Ruitter yes, Dahms yes. Motion Carried.** Treasurer Dorr will report next month.

Receipts to taxpayers: Last month it was suggested a postage meter might help save the township money for sending receipts. Post office charges \$75.00 per month rental fee and there are no discounts available. Treasurer Dorr said she signs her name between 1200-1500 per year. Pontom Software has the ability to put her hand written signature on the receipts. Discussion. **Motion Dorr to allow the treasurer to spend \$100.00 to purchase the Automatic Signature software. Sec. Millek. Discussion. Voice Vote, all yes Motion Carried.**

Trustee Millek: Smiley property: Treasure Dorr had contacted 5 volunteers who agreed to help with the cleanup of the blight in the yard of John Smiley on 24th. Ave. Trustee Millek said the blight problem is 75% cleaned up and people passing by would notice a huge improvement.

Planning Commission: Dorr. Computer lessons are going well, she suggested it was a great way for Planning Commission members to get the training they need.

Commercial areas were expanded along M-40 and 40th. St and along M-43.. Time table for completion after board approval was reviewed.

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| 1. Approval of Commercial and Horticulture changes | November 2007 |
| 2. County P&Z review of changes takes 20 to 90 days. | December to February |
| 3. Public hearing at the township hall | March 2008 |
| 4. Township Board adopts the re-opened five (5) year plan | April 2008. |

Removal of Horticulture from the Land Use Plan was discussed and maps were reviewed and discrepancies were noted. Atty. Schuitmaker will contact Ted Thar to see if he has the original map.

Appendix D & E Discussion. D pertains to the lack of Commercial land available in the Township.

Included for the expansion of the Commercial District-shows that the Planning Commission considered Commercial District. PZ needs something to support the addition of the expanded Commercial /district,

Appendix E New Master Plan working report, Planning Commission was asked to expand Commercial and remove Horticulture. Planning/Zoning board want the two appendix included on the advice of Patrick Hudson.

Motion Ruitter Appendix D be included in the Land Use Plan. Sec. Dorr. Discussion. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried Appendix D supports the expansion of the Commercial District-support shows that we considered Commercial District.

Motion Ruitter Appendix E tabled while Atty. researches questions board had. No second. Died for lack of support.

Board discussed need to change language for the Farmland Preservation Language, size and map change were discussed.

Motion Ruitter Appendix E include farm land Community Survey and that Waverly Township include a graphic summary of the survey results be the back sheet. Sec. Dorr. Voice vote, all yes, Motion Carried. Planning Commission needs to delete Horticulture Language and Horticulture on the map.

Board discussed removing Paragraph page V11.5 extensively resulting in the following . **Motion Millek that page v11.5 1st and 2nd paragraph be modified as follows: remove the first sentence of the top paragraph. Remove partial sentence after M-40 or M-43 and put in it's place have limited highway entrences and /or joint driveways. Sec. Dorr voice vote all yes.M.C.**

Motion Dorr to send the land use map back to the Planning Commission and note mistake in the South East corner of Waverly Township on M-40 and be certain of the changes to the horticulture district. Sec. Ruitter. Voice vote all yes. Motion Carried

Discussion of who sends minutes to Planning Commission members was asked. Diane Julien, secretary for the P/Z will get minutes to board members. Not clear on who puts minutes on the computer for residents to view.

Treasurer Dorr asked board members to get information to her IMMEDIATELY for any information they want printed in the news letter. Letter has to be to the County Treasurer by November 16th.

Appointment of zoning Board Member. Supervisor Wilfong tried to reach Nathan Roer to see if he was still interested in the position. Clerk had received an application postmarked October 30. Printed add asked all applications be at the hall on October 29. Asked board to allow her to disallow the application. **Motion Millek to keep the application process open till next month. Sec. Ruitter. Voice vote yes 3 no 2. Motion Passed.**

Audience Comments: Dave Forester recommended board should approve Supervisors recommendation

Ted Major- Boy Scouts and the Rotary club have a combined project to clean the Paw Paw River

for canoeing. River is cleared to CR665. There is no landing on 40th. St. and CR665.

Ernie Brown asked what had happened with the Timkovich problem addressed last month. Supervisor had discussed the project with Joe Parman, the County Drain Commissioner who said the project wasn't finished . The Timkovich's are addressing their complaints at the County Commissioner's meeting.

Bernard Wilcox- where did the Dog Ordinance problem start? Pine Grove Township.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:24 by Supervisor Wilfong.

Respectfully Submitted: Jean Dahms, Clerk.