

**MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2010
MEETING OF
WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Supervisor Doug Byas. Board members present, in addition to the Supervisor were: Clerk Nancy Mulder-Paul, Treasurer Carolyn L. Wise and Trustee Barb Thole. Trustee Larry Bennett was absent. Planning Commission member Ed Woodhams was also present.

Minutes from the January 4, 2010 meeting and the January 25, 2010 Special Show Cause hearing for enforcement of the Dangerous Building Hearing Officer Order of 5-4-09 were presented to each Board member prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Thole to accept the January 4, 2010 minutes as written and Treasurer Wise seconded. Voice vote, passed. Supervisor Byas made a motion to accept the January 25th minutes as written and Treasurer Wise supported. Voice vote, passed.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk Mulder-Paul presented a bill of monthly payments in the amount of \$38,224.20. Clerk Mulder-Paul requested of the Board to add a late bill from Beard Cemetery to the monthly payments and to amend the budget to transfer \$20,000.00 from [7000]- Contingencies/accounts payable to Roads & dust control [446-818] to cover the Kalamazoo County Road Commission bill. Supervisor Byas made a motion to amend the budget and pay Beard cemetery. Treasurer Wise supported, voice vote, passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Wise reported to the Board the account balances as follows: Tax Checking-\$847.94; Tax Savings-\$31,769.96; General Checking-\$19,930.99 and General Savings-\$64,013.76. Trustee Thole made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Clerk Mulder-Paul supported. Voice vote, passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

ZONING ORDINANCE REPORT: as reported in the January 25, 2010 minutes.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: Clerk Mulder-Paul reported to the Board that the Township has a new Electrical inspector, Art Earl. Lee Bailey has retired. Clerk Mulder-Paul also told the Board that the U.S. Census would be testing for census positions in the Wakeshma Township Hall this Saturday, February 6, 2010.

FIRE AUTHORITY UPDATE: Supervisor Byas informed the Board that the 1987 Pumper Truck is slated to be sold. Wakeshma Township will acquire a newer truck as a replacement.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Supervisor Byas discussed the possibility of the Township hall joining a pre-pay program, which would set a price for propane, with Best Propane for the upcoming fiscal year, 2010-2011. The Board asked Supervisor Byas to proceed and report back.
2. The 2010-2011 budgets were further discussed. As this was the first budget hearing, Supervisor Byas asked that Board members begin to construct new values to accounts, keeping in mind the declining State revenue sharing and shrinking PAR funds.
3. Clerk Mulder-Paul noticed that the budget had not been adjusted to compensate for the new employee (payroll) assessor position. Supervisor Byas made a motion to amend the budget by moving an additional \$450.00 from [7000] Contingencies/accounts payable to [209-702]. Treasurer Wise supported, voice vote, passed.

CITIZEN COMMENT: none

BOARD COMMENT: Ed Woodhams told the Board that the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the extension of the Wakeshma Township Master Plan on May 10, 2010 and requested that the Clerk put the notice in the newspaper between April 5th and the 9th.

A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Wise and supported by Clerk Mulder-Paul. Voice vote, passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Nancy Mulder-Paul
Wakeshma Township Clerk**