

**MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2011
MEETING OF
WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Supervisor Doug Byas. Board members present, in addition to the Supervisor were: Clerk Nancy Mulder-Paul, Treasurer Carolyn L. Wise and Trustees Barb Thole and Larry Bennett. One citizen, Mike Finley was also in attendance.

The minutes for the regular January 3, 2011 Township Board meeting were presented to each board member prior to the meeting. A motion to amend "or" to "to" in the first sentence, fifth word and accept the minutes as amended was made by Treasurer Wise and supported by Trustee Thole. Voice vote, passed.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Mulder-Paul reported a monthly bill listing of \$8,301.97, noting that check# 9013 had been voided and replaced with check # 9021. Trustee Thole moved to pay the bills and was supported by Treasurer Wise. Voice vote, passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tax checking- \$2,130.16. Tax Savings-\$386,436.80. General Checking- \$10,116.33. General Savings-\$12,404.06. Clerk Mulder-Paul moved to accept the report and was supported by Trustee Thole. Voice vote, passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Clerk Mulder-Paul informed the Board that a Michigan Township Participating Plan-Risk Control representative, Pam Baker had visited the Township on January 17, 2011. Clerk Mulder-Paul discussed the recommendations and comments made by Ms Baker to the Board. In particular the Clerk asked the Board to review the Social Security Number Privacy Policy that she presented. After discussion, Treasurer Wise made a motion to adopt the privacy policy and was supported by Trustee Bennett. Voice vote, passed. The Board asked the Clerk to continue to investigate and update township policies that should be brought to the Board's attention.

2. Supervisor Byas received correspondence from Kalamazoo Township asking for a resolution of support for a full interchange at US 131/BR 131 which would facilitate both northbound and southbound traffic in northern Kalamazoo County. The resolution failed from lack of support.

ZONING/ORDINANCE REPORT: none

BOARD MEMBER REPORT: none

FIRE AUTHORITY UPDATES:

1. Supervisor Byas informed the Board that a problem with the air compressor in the one of the fire bays continues to trip a breaker. John Perkins will add another 20 amp breaker tomorrow to fix the problem.

2. Supervisor Byas also told the Board that the SKCFA has begun discussions on the possibility of a “cost recovery policy “when responding to township emergencies.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board was presented with a resolution to support the Kalamazoo County Community Action Agency 18th Walk for Warmth. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Clerk Mulder-Paul and supported by Treasurer Wise. Voice vote, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Budget Hearing

1. Supervisor Byas discussed the up coming budget meeting that will be held on March 26, 2011 at 2:00 pm. Discussions are on going with the Kalamazoo County Road Commission. PAR funds appear to be the same as last’s years. One and a half miles of 47th Street is under consideration for this year’s road project.

2. Supervisor Byas informed the Board that the real numbers on the Township’s state revenue sharing have yet to be firmed up. The State is waiting on new census numbers to determine allocations to the Township.

3. Further discussions on the upcoming budget also occurred.

CITIZEN COMMENT:

Mike Finley addressed the Township Board with concerns over the condition of the road on X Ave between 38th St. and 40th.

BOARD COMMENT:

Treasurer Wise told the Board that the taxes collection was almost done.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Wise and supported by Trustee Bennett. The February 7, 2011 meeting of the Wakeshma Township Board was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mulder-Paul
Wakeshma Township Clerk