

WAKESHMA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 7, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Supervisor Gatlin. Members present were Supervisor Gatlin, Treasurer Munn, and Trustee Thole. Clerk Fritz was present by phone conference. Trustee Bennett was absent. 19 citizens were present.

Treasurer Munn made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Thole supported. Voice vote; passed. The monthly bill total was \$3581.31.

Trustee Thole made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Supervisor Gatlin supported. Voice vote; passed.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: Someone asked if Chris from SCMCCI would be attending the meeting. She was out of town for the meeting.

Supervisor Gatlin thanked the cemetery clean up crew, consisting of Leonidas 4-H as well as the boy scouts.

It was asked if the Weeks could have a trailer on their property while the cleanup of their house fire takes place. They are staying in a tent. That is a question for Chris since there has to be a septic and well hook-up. The amount donated by the Red Cross was discussed. Pastor Otis from Fulton Christian Church has been helping the Weeks. He's been in contact with United Way. People are donating water and there is a lady willing to donate a queen bed. Is a permit needed to tear down the house? Supervisor Gatlin said yes, a demolition permit will be needed, Chris from SCMCCI needs to be contacted to apply for this permit. Pastor Otis said everything was on hold for the Weeks until this township meeting. Steve Morren said he would be willing to tear down the house for them since he has worked in Kalamazoo and knows the rules for demolition. Vic's Septic in Vicksburg may donate a port-a-john if asked. Leonidas Missionary Church wants to help the Weeks as well. The Red Cross gives cash for motel/hotel in the first 24 hours.

Mary Rhoades feels her family is being pushed out and treated unfairly.

The east side of the south cemetery needs work before the Memorial Day parade.

Someone asked about the school. VDS worked with Chris and contractors. An asbestos estimate was done and they are working on making it structurally sound. The fire in the hotel was mentioned.

ZONING ENFORCEMENT: From Chris Hamilton—field inspection reports. Blight report on 12701 E U Ave and 16326 E Y Ave. Yant property on V Ave. The court case was not won by Yant. The township could go in and clean up the property and add the charge to the tax bill.

911 was called at approximately 7:40pm because of disorderly conduct by Mary Rhoades during the meeting.

A letter needs to be sent to Yant's because they have chosen to work with us on clean-up, but not much progress is being made. The Yant's as well as the owner of the property will also be notified.

VDS had a manure spill on the roads outside of town.

NEW BUSINESS: The road commission will be at the board meeting on June 4 to give their presentation. It starts at 6pm.

There has been a lot of work done on the gravel roads. 48<sup>th</sup> St and a couple others were purposely skipped, once the work has been completed on them the brine will be applied. (48<sup>th</sup> between T and UV). There will be a special meeting at the township hall from 5:30 to 7:30pm on May 22nd to discuss the construction on 42<sup>nd</sup> St between Y and Z Ave. Letters will be sent to everyone that lives on 42<sup>nd</sup>. We will post about the meeting on the website as well as locally (store, post office, outside township hall). We received \$10,000 from the state for roads, these funds must be used this year and applied all paperwork turned into the road commission by June 8. We do not need to match these funds. It must be used on a current project in the township. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Street is a federal project, not state or county. The road committee has come up with a 10-year plan for the roads in the township.

OLD BUSINESS: The Rhoades were asked to be at this meeting. Ruth and Brad did not attend to discuss their properties. The Café at 13984 E W Ave is owned by Phillip Rhoades. To our knowledge he did not file an appeal. After May 25 the township will have the building demolished. Janet will approach Phillip again about selling property to her.

The township already has taken bids for the Demolition.

13985 S 42<sup>nd</sup> St (hotel) is in appeal, as is 14037 E W Ave (Masonic Temple). There is a notice of record. Our attorney will notify us of the court date. 14029 E W Ave (case #2017-02) Brad and Ruth Rhoades were to make repairs by April 15, 2018. Supervisor Gatlin made a motion to bring forth the resolution, Treasurer Munn supported. Voice vote; passed.

Resolution to uphold the order of the hearing officer of dangerous buildings to demolish the building at 14029 E W Ave. Gatlin: Yes. Fritz: Yes. Munn: Yes. Thole: Yes. Resolution passes.

Banners for Memorial Day will be going up at the four corners soon. Street light #7 is out Consumers Energy will be contacted.

FIRE AUTHORITY UPDATE: No new administrator has been hired. SKCFA will retain Tracy Locey who is now the Supervisor of Brady Twp. The former supervisor Randy Smith will now take on the role of trustee for Brady Twp.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 by Supervisor Gatlin.