

**KINROSS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING**

**February 7, 2005**

**4884 W. Curtis St.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jason Oberle, Supervisor  
Marvin Besteman Jr., Clerk  
Vicki Ulrich, Treasurer  
Ed DeWitt, Trustee  
Dan Mitchell, Trustee  
Fred McClendon, Trustee

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Wayne Donaway, Trustee

Also, present Sheila Gaines, Joe Paczkowski, Mike Hoolsema, Woody VanVolkenburg, Alan Moses and Joe Micolo.

Supervisor Oberle called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. Trustee Mitchell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**#1 MOVED:** by Ed DeWitt, second by Dan Mitchell, to approve the February 7, 2005, meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**#2 MOVED:** by Ed DeWitt, second by Dan Mitchell, to accept the January 18, 2005, regular meeting minutes and the January 21, 2005, special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The finance committee reviewed the bills and found no withholdings. Treasurer Ulrich stated for the record that thirty four thousand dollars is for taxes paid on township owned properties and fifty one thousand dollars is expenditures for the Department of Public Works.

**#3 MOVED:** by Vicki Ulrich, second by Ed DeWitt, to pay the following bills.

General Fund	5,479.89
Fire Fund	1,189.71
Ambulance Fund	5,658.56
Property Management Fund	34,236.11
Recreation Fund	1,980.17
Fairgrounds Fund	180.74
Golf Course Fund	1,108.22
Public Works Fund	51,420.11
Police Fund	906.46

Grand Total \$102,159.97

Ck# 26936, 26948-27003

Motion carried

**EDWARD D JONES**

Representative Bill McLeod discussed the townships investments both short term and long term. Total investment is \$962,672.60 most of which belongs to the Department of Public Works.

**FLEIS & VANDENBRINK**

Representatives Jim Schiffer and Chris Markham updated the Board on progress with the M-80 Corridor project. The next step will be to schedule a meeting with MDOT, County Road Commission and Township Board to discuss estimate of charges and engineering.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING – suspension, of township Assessor/Zoning Administrator VanVolkenburg, pending review by Personnel Committee.**

- I do not have any clue as to what is going on with this suspension but I feel that maybe it is a personal vendetta. I say this person should be reinstated with pay. We need to get on with taking care of township business.
- Could we hear the Boards side on this issue? I have heard rumors that all the staff would be fired with the exception of one. I hope this is not all political.
- Did you discuss this issue with the Board or Personnel Committee prior to the suspension?
- My name is Leo Wiley I am the Chairperson for Planning & Zoning why didn't someone contact me about this. We are in compliance with the law.
- As an employee of the township, I would like to say that I heard the same rumors four years ago and there was no reason for it. You have those rumors with candidates running for office and unfortunately, the employees get the brunt of it. A good example is what happened after the August primary when the previous supervisor knowing filed false charges against me with the state police. Even now, the rumor is that I should be the first person the Board gets rid of. However, as an employee we have to continue to do the best job we can no matter what.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- What is the status on renovations to the clubhouse?
- Now that the DEQ has denied the lake dredging permit, where does the issue stand?
- Has there been any additional discussion about the Board receiving health care benefits.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT**

- Mr. MaClaren is here tonight I would like to thank him for printing my Supervisor Speaks. I will be submitting a report monthly.
- I along with the Clerk and Deputy Clerk attended the MTA Educational Conference. This is a great learning experience.
- Check out our web site at [www.kinross.net](http://www.kinross.net)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Board received the January 24, 2005, Police Board meeting minutes.

Personnel Committees January 7, 2005, and February 5, 2005, meeting minutes received. Trustee Mitchell stated that following review of records the committee recommends reinstatement of Woody VanVolkenburg.

**#4 MOVED:** by Dan Mitchell, second by Ed DeWitt, to reinstate Woody VanVolkenburg as township Assessor only effective February 8, 2005, reimburse pay back to first day of suspension, February 2, 2005, less fifty cents per hour. ~~Any statements made since December 2, 2004, not covered under a Board approved or enforced job description be removed from his personnel file.~~ (Adjustment made at the February 22, 2005, meeting)  
Motion carried with one no vote by Supervisor Oberle.

**#5 MOVED:** by Marvin Besteman, second by Vicki Ulrich, to approve agreement between Rudyard Board of Education and Kinross Township for the conduction of School Elections. Motion carried.

**#6 MOVED:** by Vicki Ulrich, second by Ed DeWitt, to adopt Budget Adjustment RESOLUTION 2005-A2. Roll call vote all members present voted yes. Resolution declared carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Treasurer Ulrich- Suspension of Township Assessor
- Mary Cobb- RV West Camp Host Request
- Heritage Society- Used Computer System
- Board of County Rd Commissioners- Emergencies
- County Treasurer- Meeting with Manatron Inc.
- DEQ- File #04-17-0030-P Kinross Lake Dredging Permit
- Charter Communications- Price Adjustments

Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

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Marvin Besteman Jr., Clerk

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Jason Oberle, Supervisor