

**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**MAY 10, 2005 MINUTES**

Ron Dundon and Evelyn Schmidt from the AED Fund of Kalamazoo County were in attendance at tonight's meeting to present two defibrillators to Fire Chief, Chris Noteboom and Assistant Chief, Doug Bogema for the Augusta/Ross Fire Department. The fire department will now have a defibrillator in each fire station. Also present were Gary Counbers and Rich Agrizovich from Local 357 Plumbers & Pipefitters Union who donated funds toward the two defibrillators.

The regular meeting of the Ross Township Board was called to order by Jeff Bither, Supervisor at 7:06 P.M. Roll Call of members showed as follows:

Present:           Jeff Bither, Supervisor           Cynthia Genung, Treasurer  
                  Martha Chambers, Clerk       Diana Langshaw, Trustee  
                  Jon Scott, Trustee               Sid Durham, Trustee  
                  Owen Murray, Trustee

Motion by Langshaw to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Murray and carried with all ayes.

Motion by Durham, second by Langshaw to approve the Consent Agenda with an amendment to the minutes of April 12, 2005. The motion carried with all ayes.

**Ordinance Report:**

Bither reviewed the AGS Ordinance report dated May 2, 2005. Bither stated that the French property will be ready for inspection at the end of May. The township attorney determined that the township has no authority on the Fowler violation.

**Police Report:**

Bither reviewed the police report for April from the Sheriff's Dept.

**Ross Township Road Contracts:**

Bither stated that the Board has \$31,838 left to spend on roads but that we need to make a decision and sign the road contract by May 15<sup>th</sup> or we will lose approximately \$15,000.

Motion by Langshaw to approve Bither signing a contract with KCRC for 42<sup>nd</sup> Street from C to B Avenue; the contract not to exceed \$19,000 and also to sign a contract for 38<sup>th</sup> Street, M-89 to D Avenue per estimate of \$18,775. The motion was seconded by Durham and carried with all ayes.

**Hillcrest Water System:**

Rich Pierson from the Gull Lake Sewer Authority was present to discuss the proposed Hillcrest public water system. Hillcrest went to the Village of Augusta requesting that the Village supply water to their plat. As the project is moving forward, they need an owner of the water system as Augusta would not own the system, they would just operate it. Because the Hillcrest Plat is located in Ross Twp., the Board will make the decision on who will own the water system.

Motion by Murray to table a decision on the Hillcrest water request until the June Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Durham and carried unanimously.

**Yorkville Cemetery Presentation by Joe Gesmundo:**

Joe Gesmundo would like to make improvements to Yorkville Cemetery which will be paid for by him and perhaps other contributions as he goes. Joe is proposing to

remove the chain link fence and replace it with a wrought iron fence to match the wrought iron gate and out side of the new fence plant an evergreen hedge. (a copy of the drawing is enclosed with the minutes) Joe is also thinking of setting up a funding process to repair the old stones in the cemetery that are broken.

Motion by Durham to accept the conceptual sketch plan presented by Mr. Gesmundo as proposed. The motion was seconded by Murray and carried.

Scott requested that Gesmundo submit a more detailed plan before anything is set in the ground. It was the consensus of the Board that when Gesmundo has a more detailed final drawing that he will meet with Scott to review the plan and plantings before proceeding with the project.

**Powell Dangerous Structure:**

Bither stated that Powell's passed an electrical inspection on Tuesday and they have applied and paid for mechanical and plumbing permits. They have cleaned the property up so that the Township is not getting daily complaints from neighbors.

Motion by Durham to table the Powell Dangerous Structure matter for one month. The motion was seconded by Genung and carried.

**Property Survey:**

Genung suggested that the township have a survey done on our hall property. It was the consensus of the Board that we find out exactly where our property lies and that a survey will be needed if we apply for grant dollars for a new building.

Motion by Murray to approve having a survey done with the cost of the survey not to exceed \$1,800. The motion was seconded by Genung and carried with six ayes and one nay.

**Internet Services Proposal:**

The Township is having a web site developed. We would like to add tax information with a program from BS&A. Plan A is free to the Township with the user paying on a per hit basis. Plan B costs the Township with the fee based on the approximate parcels in the township and the number of times per year we update.

Motion by Murray to select Plan A with BS&A for internet services which is free to the Township and paid by the user on a per hit basis. The motion was seconded by Durham and carried.

**Open Space Protection Requirements:**

In a letter to the Township Board dated May 10, 2005 from Craig Rolfe it was stated that the documentation for Open Space is very deficient. The Township Attorney would like to create a check list for open space developers to complete.

Motion by Murray to have Craig Rolfe develop a check list for open space developments with the cost not to exceed \$750.00. The motion was seconded by Durham and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Chambers  
Ross Township Clerk