

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JULY 12, 2005 MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Ross Township Board was called to order by Jeff Bither, Supervisor at 7:00 P.M. Roll Call of members showed as follows:

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

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Chambers to approve the agenda as proposed. The motion was seconded by Murray and carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Murray to approve the consent agenda as amended. The consent agenda consists of the minutes of June 14, 2005 which were amended, the bills paid and bills payable and the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Durham and carried.

Fire Dept. Report:

Genung stated that there has not been a Fire Board meeting since last month. The Fire Dept. responded to a garage fire in Augusta last weekend.

LifeCare Ambulance Quarterly Report:

Bither reviewed the quarterly report from LifeCare dated 7/6/05.

Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Bither reported that French has made significant progress in cleaning up the property and has obtained a building permit for a pole barn to store the machinery, etc. It was the consensus of the board to table any action on this property until August.

Bither reported that Powell's are working on their property. They have obtained permits and the property has improved. The board tabled any action on this property until the August meeting.

The Fowler file should be deleted as should the Willbur property. Bither stated that a letter has been mailed on the Bassett property regarding their violation.

Public Comment:

Bob Cox gave a "thank you" to LifeCare and the fire department for their assistance last week when he had an allergic reaction to a bee sting. Bob stated that he is unhappy with a ZBA decision in granting a variance for an accessory building on Sherman Lake and would like to know what his options are to have the ZBA rehear the request. Bither will check with the township attorney regarding this ZBA question.

Kalamazoo County Growth Plan:

Jeff Sorensen, Supervisor of Cooper Township was present to discuss a booklet, "Kalamazoo County Growth Plan" that was developed by a steering committee that he was part of. Sorensen also presented each member of the board a book entitled "The Price of Government" which he encouraged the board to read. Sorensen would like to set up a meeting of all the governments in Kalamazoo County in the fall to discuss the

book and the growth plan and how our community can use the information to our advantage to make government more effective for less cost.

Rescind Subdivision Development Ordinance:

Motion by Durham to rescind the Subdivision Development Ordinance that the Board approved in June. The motion was seconded by Murray. Roll Call of members showed all ayes and motion carried.

Motion by Langshaw to approve the revised Subdivision Development Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Murray. Roll Call Vote showed all ayes and the motion carried.

New Business:

Bither commented that the board may need to look at changing our fees to cover the additional expenses of the attorney and or planner that go over the flat application fee, maybe billing actual costs vs. a flat fee.

Jon Scott met with Joe Gesmundo regarding the Yorkville cemetery project. Scott had a few areas of concern regarding liability issues that are not clear, also scheduling and soil erosion control. Scott left these issues for Gesmundo to resolve and get back in touch with him.

Scott mentioned that he wants to obtain information regarding the rules for the use of the Brook Lodge property as he feels this is public property paid for with our tax dollars however the public is not being allowed to use the property.

Jim Schultz met with Bither regarding a parcel of property owned by Galesburg/Augusta Schools and school's desire to annex this property into the Village of Augusta. Bither thinks the annexation is mainly for them to obtain water and sewer from the Village.

Motion by Genung to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Langshaw and carried with the meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Chambers
Ross Township Clerk