

**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 13, 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
	Owen Murray, Trustee	Diana Langshaw, Trustee
Absent:	Jon Scott, Trustee	

Motion by Durham, second by Langshaw to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried with all ayes.

Motion by Murray to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the minutes, treasurer's report, and the bills paid from November along with the bills payable for December. The motion was seconded by Genung and carried.

REPORTS:

Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Bither reviewed the Ordinance Enforcement Report from AGS dated 12/5/05, there are only two violations at this time which are the Powells' and Cheerie Buckner both of which are being watched.

Police Report:

Captain Shull was present to review the Sheriff's Dept. November activity report and answer any questions.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Public Cable Access:

Bither sent a letter dated 11/17/05 to Jackie Light, Cable Commission Treasurer requesting information regarding what Ross Twp. gets for the 5% of our franchise fees that we pay each year to the Cable Access and invited a member of the Commission to our December board meeting. Bither also asked why Ross Twp. has not been involved in the budget process and why we have not received an audit over the last few years when the Cable Access Contract that we signed clearly stated these requirements.

A response letter dated 11/21/05 from Jackie Light stated that an audit has not been done since 1998 nor has a budget been done in the last few years.

After much discussion by the Board regarding there is never anything on the three cable stations 2, 9 and 11 and that we are not receiving any benefit for the approximately \$25,000 that we give them each year and this is not the best use of tax dollars. Having not received a budget or an audit in years is a concern. It was the consensus of the board that we should pay the fees that we are holding from January thru June and send them a letter stating that Ross Twp. is withdrawing from the Cable Commission.

Motion by Durham to withdraw from the Cable Access Commission, the motion was seconded by Murray. Roll Call Vote showed: Genung - aye, Chambers - aye, Bither - aye, Durham - aye, Langshaw - aye, and Murray - aye. The motion carried.

New Business:

Bither stated that he received three bids for a security system for the township hall which ranged in price from \$599 to \$2,100. It was the consensus of the board that we don't need a security system at this time. At budget time we will discuss getting a scanner and copying our records and storing them offsite. Jeff will price a fire alarm system.

Cemetery Fee Change:

Motion by Durham to adopt cemetery fees as proposed to cover the increase in rates that Stafford is charging which is \$50.00 more than Stafford's increase on all rates. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and carried with the increase being effective 1/1/06.

Budget Workshops:

The budget workshops were set for 1/21/06 and 1/28/06 at 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Chambers  
Ross Township Clerk