

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

January 11, 2006 Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Ross Township Board was called to order by Jeff Bither, Supervisor at 7:00PM. Roll Call of members showed as follows:

Present: Jeff Bither, Supervisor Cynthia Genung, Treasurer
Diana Langshaw, Trustee Owen Murray, Trustee
Jon Scott, Trustee

Absent: Martha Chambers, Clerk Sid Durham, Trustee

Motion by Murray, supported by Langshaw to approve the agenda as amended. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Langshaw, supported by Murray to accept the Consent Agenda as amended which includes the minutes of the December meeting (corrected verbiage to follow from Trustee Murray), the December Treasurer's report, bill's payable for the month of January and bill's paid for the month of December. All ayes, motion carried.

REPORTS:

Fire Report:

Genung gave an update regarding the Fire Departments Grant from FEMA. The Grant has been completed on our end. We are just waiting for a reply from FEMA. We purchased a thermal-imaging camera and 33 complete sets of turnout gear for approximately \$6,700. FEMA paid approximately \$52,000.00.

Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Bither reviewed the Enforcement report from AGS dated 1/4/06. There are only two items left on the report at this time. Powell's have been sent a letter. Buckner's need to find a place to dispose a lot of tires. Bither will contact the DEQ to see what they can do.

Police Report:

Bither introduced our new officer, Jack Ryan, to the Township Board. He is replacing Officer Jim VanZile, who was bumped back to the County.

Murray questioned why we have not received a summary report with our Police Reports from Kalamazoo County. He stated that we have not had one for the past two reports.

Public Comment:

Kay Dack and Lynda Moss-Perrin wanted to know when we were going to replace the bridge on 43rd Street. Both would like to see the bridge replaced. Mrs. Perrin asked if a petition signed by all the residents who wanted the bridge replaced would be beneficial. Bither stated he would take this information to the budget meetings we have planned, but wondered who was going to pay for it. Bither also stated that the 44th Street Bridge will be replaced next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

LifeCare Ambulance Quarterly Report:

Ron Slagell from Life Care gave an update on the Ambulance Service. October through December had 60 emergency calls. They currently have 338 families with LifeCare memberships. Murray questioned how well LifeCare and PrideCare of Richland were getting along. Slagell stated that it was working out well.

NEW BUSINESS:

Walk for Warmth Resolution:

Motion by Murray, supported by Scott to adopt the Walk for Warmth Resolution. Roll call of Members: Bither – aye, Genung – aye, Langshaw – aye, Murray – aye, and Scott – aye. Motion carried.

Appointments to Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals:

Motion by Murray, supported by Langshaw to appoint Rusty Fry and reappoint Robert Cox to the Planning Commission. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Scott, supported by Langshaw to reappoint Allen Harmon and David Carpenter to the Zoning Board of Appeals. All ayes, motion carried.

MEMBERS TIME:

Murray stated that he felt some reservations and concern at the December Board Meeting regarding the Planning Commissions proposed re-districting project they are working on. He stated that if the Township Board has reservations about where the PC is heading, that the Twp Board needs to inform the PC so that they don't waste valuable time.

Langshaw stated that this is why she suggested that the Boards should have a meeting together and discuss where each Board is heading.

Scott stated his concerns to Trustee Murray about the Planning Commission. He stated that he was on the PC back when the density issue was first addressed several years ago. There seemed to be a considerable amount of residents who strongly opposed the proposal back then. Murray stated that he would talk with Planning Commission Chairman Harmon.

Bither stated that Sewer Authority is having a Sherman Lake Informational Meeting at the Kellogg Bio Station at 7:00PM on Wednesday, February 1, 2006.

Motion by Bither, supported by Genung to adjourn at 7:50PM,

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Genung, Treasurer