

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2006 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
 Sid Durham, Trustee Owen Murray, Trustee
 Diana Langshaw, Trustee Jon Scott, Trustee
Absent: Martha Chambers, Clerk

Supervisor Bither requested a moment of silence to remember September 11th.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEWER DISTRICT:

Motion by Genung, supported by Langshaw to open the Public Hearing for the Y-Camp sewer project. Motion carried.

Rich Pierson stated that this district is only for the Y-Camp and asked if anyone had questions. There were none.

Motion by Durham, supported by Langshaw to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried.

Motion by Langshaw, supported by Durham to adopt a Resolution creating Special Assessment District, Approving Project Plans and Cost Estimates, and Granting Approval to Proceed with Project. Roll call vote showed all ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEWER ROLL:

Motion by Durham, supported by Murray to open the Public Hearing to Establish the Y- Camp Assessment Roll. Motion carried.

Bither stated that the 3 parcels owned by the Y-Camp will be charged over a three year period.

Motion by Murray, supported by Langshaw to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried.

Motion by Murray, supported by Scott to adopt a Resolution creating the Y-Camp Special Assessment Roll. Roll call vote showed all ayes, motion carried.

AGENDA:

Motion by Langshaw, supported by Genung to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Murray, supported by Durham to approve the consent agenda which includes the amended minutes of August 12th, to accept and place on file the August Treasurer's Report, bills paid and payable. Motion carried.

FIRE REPORT:

Durham stated that the Fire Board met last week and that there is strong interest from the Chief and other Board members to pass a proposed Fire and Emergency Services Charges Ordinance. Also, there will be some personnel changes as we will be looking for four more fire men and the Chief reported that he will be making some improvements to the building of the Fire Station in Augusta.

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT:

Bither reviewed the Ordinance Enforcement Report from AGS. It was the consensus of the Board to have Cini and Stevens re-inspected. If no change has occurred they should be ticketed. Powell was tabled.

POLICE REPORT:

Bither reviewed the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department report. B.J. West will be leaving. Jack Ryan is returning. Jon Scott stated that he was surprised at how information was not shared between the Officers from the Sheriff's Department. He has had several different Officers at the Golf Course due to numerous break-ins and it appears that not all the information is passed among the different Officers. Bither stated that he will call Capt. Timmerman and discuss with him the issue of communication between the different Officers.

CABLE ACCESS:

Jackie Light, Linda Cramer, Rosemary Woodward, Jim Knox, and Willie McDonald, appeared and requested the Board to reconsider our decision to withdraw from the Cable Access Center. Willie McDonald thanked Sid Durham and Owen Murray for visiting the Cable Access Center. He also stated that Cable Access is not a television station. Jim Knox stated that they are not charged with producing the programs.

Murray asked to have detailed information as to what every township/village is paying. He wants to know who is paying what. Jackie Light stated that she would get that information for us.

RIGHT TO FARM ACT:

Motion by Murray, supported by Durham to adopt the Right to Farm Act, Ordinance #174 based on the advice of our counsel. Motion carried.

KALAMAZOO COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:

Motion by Durham, supported by Langshaw to adopt the resolution to participate in the Kalamazoo County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried.

MARTIN D. GLISTA:

Martin Glista is running for Kalamazoo County Circuit Court Judge. At this time, he introduced himself and gave us some background.

INTERNET ADVERTISING:

Consensus of the Board was not to participate at this time.

ORDINANCE #173

The Planning Commission recommended that the Board approve Ordinance #173. Scott commented that he doesn't disagree with the 30% maximum although he does think there should be some consideration of some other amenities that might be involved. He would like to see more developers use open space development.

Murray recommended that we pass this ordinance and that what Scott is recommending be sent to the Planning Commission for further review.

Motion by Murray, supported by Genung to adopt revised Ordinance #173. Motion carried.

FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICE ORDINANCE:

Durham presented the Fire & Emergency Services Ordinance that Murray and Durham have prepared. Durham suggested that we send it to our counsel for review and table it for next month's meeting.

ZBA EXPENSES:

ZBA expenses run approximately \$980.00 per meeting. The price allocated to a ZBA request is \$500.00. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Bither state that he reluctantly accepts Mr. Murray's resignation from the Planning Commission, but will delightedly appoint Diana Langshaw.

MEMBER'S TIME:

Murray questioned whether all of the wish lists for building improvements have been returned. Once all lists are prepared, they can be consolidated. He would like to see this project move forward so that the Board can decide how to proceed. Bither stated that he will make copies of three proposals submitted with respect to his project.

Durham stated that the Car Show was a complete success. This is great PR for the Fire Department. They should clear approximately \$1,200.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Genung, Treasurer and Acting Secretary

