

## **ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 2006 MINUTES**

The Regular meeting of the Ross Township Board was called to order by Jeff Bither, Supervisor at 6:30 P.M. Roll call of members showed as follows:

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

The meeting was scheduled as a joint meeting with the Kalamazoo County Road Commission from 6:30 to 7:00 P.M. Present from KCRC was Ron Reid, Managing Director also Michael Dunn, Tom Hohm and Jeff Maddox. Reid reviewed several road projects that have been completed by the Road Commission over the past year countywide and also what has been done in Ross Township.

Several residents were present who reside on 41st Street and wanted to discuss the bad condition of their street and how they can go about getting something done on the street. Reid stated that the approximate estimated cost for replacing 41<sup>st</sup> Street with the culvert is \$317,000 and approximately \$51,000 to put the street back to gravel.

Reid stated that Participation Funds should remain at the same level for 2007 as they were in 2006. For the last two years KCRC has been working on a new Procedures, Guidelines and Specifications for Developing New Public Roads. Reid stated that he will be happy to meet with the Ross Twp. Planning Commission to go over the new procedures manual.

The Regular Board Meeting was convened at 7:00 P.M

### Approve Consent Agenda:

Motion by Durham, second by Genung to amend a motion from the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page under "Draft of Proposed Emergency Services Fees Ordinance" to read "to approve the Emergency Services Fees Ordinance concept" (the actual Ordinance is not complete nor ready for approval). The motion carried with all ayes.

Motion by Durham, second by Langshaw to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the amended minutes of the 10/10/06 board meeting, the bills paid for October, and the bills payable for November; also to accept the November Treasurer's Report. The motion carried.

### Committee Reports:

#### Fire Dept:

Genung reported that the Haunted House was held the 28<sup>th</sup>. Because of the bad weather, the turnout wasn't as good as usual with only 350 children participating.

#### Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Bither reviewed the Enforcement Report dated 11/8/06 from AGS.

#### Police Report:

Bither reviewed the Sheriff's Dept. Complaint Summary for Ross Twp. covering October, 2006. Murray was concerned with the low number of traffic stops (23 for the month); Bither will check into previous reports and get back to the board.

#### Public Comment:

Donald and Joanne Juberg reside at 2062 Midlake Dr. Juberg appeared before the ZBA in October and November, 2006 with a request to replace an awning with a

permanent roof over the deck. Juberg's deck is 50% on their property and 50% on the promenade; they were granted a variance for the portion of the roof that is on their property only. The ZBA did not feel that they had the authority to grant a variance for the portion of roof on the promenade; the only way a variance could be considered would be if Gull Lake Ministries were a co-applicant which would require another variance request.

Juberg is requesting that the Board waive the variance fee because this will be the third time that he has been before the ZBA and now the fee has been increased to \$1,000. It was the consensus of the Board that the fees can be reduced to 50% if there is another applicant going before the ZBA in a future month (Juberg will need to wait until another property owner needs a variance) this will help to absorb the expenses incurred.

Old Business:

Schultz Land Divison Request:

Motion by Genung to approve the Schultz Land Division request as proposed at the October 10, 2006 meeting. The motion was seconded by Murray and carried.

ZBA Fees for Special Meetings:

Motion by Genung to set the fee for a Special ZBA Meeting at \$1,500; the motion was seconded by Langshaw and carried. It was the consensus of the Board not to schedule any special meetings of the ZBA for now as the time frame to submit materials for a regular meeting, because of the new laws requiring public noticing, is three weeks prior to the meeting.

Open Snow Plow Bids for 2006-2007:

Motion by Durham to accept the snowplowing bid from Jay's Lawn & Garden Services which is the lowest bid received. The motion was seconded by Murray and carried unanimously.

Review of Zoning District Draft from P/C:

Motion by Murray to approve in principle the concept of the new zoning districts as set forth by the Planning Commission and the Board is sending the proposed text back to the P/C with Attorney Rolfe's memo dated 11/08/06 regarding recommendations and changes to the text. The Board would like to see Rolfe's recommendations incorporated into the proposed text at which point we will move toward a public hearing. The motion was seconded by Durham and carried.

Members Time:

The budget workshops have been set for 12/2/06 and 12/9/06 at 9:00 A.M. Bither stated that Allan Harmon has submitted his resignation from the Planning Commission and the ZBA, effective 12/31/06. Bither is going to appoint Rob Layne to the Planning Commission and Jim Lauderdale as the new member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Chambers  
Ross Township Clerk

