

**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
APRIL 10, 2007 MINUTES**

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

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

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Durham to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Murray and carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Genung to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the minutes of 3/13/07 and 3/15/07, the March Treasurer's Report, the bills paid for March and the bills payable for April. The motion was seconded by Murray and was unanimously accepted.

Reports:

Fire Board Report:

There was no Fire Board meeting.

Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Bither reviewed the Ordinance Enforcement Report dated 4/3/07 from AGS which showed the Sheerin property still in non-compliance but he is working on it. The Dahmer property will be reinspected for compliance.

Police Report:

Bither reviewed the Police Report from the Sheriff's Dept. for March 2007. Captain Shull from the Sheriff's Dept. was present to answer any questions from the Board.

Public Comment:

Ron Slagall was present from LifeCare and presented a Quarterly Report for Jan – March, 2007. Slagall stated they have 338 family memberships in the Gull Lake service.

Mike Mulholland is requesting to use the Township Park again this year for the 4th of July fireworks.

Motion by Murray to allow Mulholland to use the Township Park for the 4th of July fireworks display subject to the completion of all the procedures that were carried out for approval in 2006 which would include obtaining liability insurance with Ross Township named as additional insured. The motion was seconded by Durham and carried.

Lawn Care Bids:

Motion by Genung to accept the bid for lawn care for the 2007 season from Lawn Perfect in the amount of \$8,375. The motion was seconded by Durham and carried.

Old Business:

41st Street Paving Proposal:

Bither talked to Brook Lodge and they have no interest in financing any paving project. It was the consensus of the Board to participate with the paving which would be in 2008 if the residents come in with signed petitions to go forward.

Motion by Murray for the Township to participate in the paving of 41st Street up to 50% (Township 25% Par Funds from KCRC at 25%) subject to the residents coming in with the required signatures/petitions for the project as determined by KCRC. The Township and KCRC are willing to participate up to 50% total subject to further discussions with Michigan State making sure they will pay their portion. The motion was seconded by Durham and carried.

New Fire Barn:

DeLoof Construction met with Bither and Murray about one year ago regarding a conceptual plan for the hall and fire barn and estimated they could do this conceptual plan for about \$3,000. It was the consensus of the board to go ahead and spend the dollars for a conceptual plan.

Motion by Durham, second by Murray to move ahead with having DeLoof Construction do a conceptual plan. The motion passed.

Township Park Request:

Pam Mosley along with the Four Township Water Resources Committee is requesting that the Board waive the fees so they can use the park for a canoe ride of Gull Lake which will be an educational project as well as recreational. This request was tabled until the May meeting; Bither will discuss with Mosley and get back to the Board.

Resolution to authorize GLSA to receive bids/Sherman Lake Sewer:

Motion by Durham to approve a Resolution of Intent to Finance Sherman Lake Sewer Project and receive bids to finance the project. The motion was seconded by Murray. Roll call showed: Bither – aye, Chambers – aye, Genung – aye, Langshaw – aye, Durham – aye, Murray – aye and Scott – aye. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Street Light pricing:

Genung stated that the Township currently has 82 street lights that the citizens pay which are billed two different ways, a flat rate and by a millage base. It would make the billing on the tax bills simpler if the street lights were all billed in the same manner. Genung is proposing to have a Public Hearing on the various street light districts which can be done with one Public Hearing for all (she feels that the Township should pay the expenses for the Public Hearing because we are initiating the change). This project needs to be done by October before the winter tax bills are printed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Chambers

Ross Township Clerk