

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING JULY 10, 2007 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	Diana Langshaw, Trustee
	Owen Murray, Trustee	Jon Scott, Trustee
	Sid Durham, Trustee	

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Langshaw to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the minutes of June 12, 2007 as proposed, bills paid for June, bills payable for July and the June Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Chambers and carried.

Reports:

LifeCare Report:

Bither reviewed the LifeCare Quarterly Report covering April through June, 2007.

Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Bither reviewed the AGS Ordinance Enforcement Report dated 7/3/07. The Sheerin property is in compliance and the file can be closed. The Love property on 40th Street has not been cleaned up; the Health Dept. is investigating the septic system and potential health hazards the garbage and sewage presents. Bedford/Abushmais have removed the manure; they are in the process of seeking a variance from the ZBA.

Police Report:

The Police Report for June was not readable as Captain Shull was out of town; he will redo the report and submit it at the August meeting.

Public Comment: none

Stoney Creek #5:

Rich Rosenberg is requesting an extension of Step 1 Preliminary Plat Approval. When the meeting started Rosenberg stated that is also requesting approval of Step 2 Final Preliminary Approval. Since all requirements have not been submitted for Step 1, it was the consensus of the Board that we can only give approval for the extension and before Step 2 can be approved the Board needs a written review from AGS stating that all requirements have been met and documentation received.

Motion by Durham to approve an extension of 150 days to Stoney Creek #5 for Step 1 – Preliminary Plat Approval. The motion was seconded by Genung and was approved.

Planning Commission involvement in Plat Review Process:

Motion by Murray that the Township Board refer all proposed township plats to the Township Planning Commission for the optional pre-application conference and for an advisory recommendation to the Board on at least steps 1 and 2 of the mandatory three-step process, with the proviso that the referral to the Planning Commission after mandatory step 1 may be bypassed if referral to the Commission will preclude review and approval consideration by the Township Board within the applicable statutory timeline as

recommended in Craig Rolfe's letter dated 6/14/07. The motion was seconded by Durham and was unanimously approved.

Sherman Lake Weed Control:

Roger Schweitzer and Pam Moseley were present to discuss what they need to do to continue with the weed control assessment. The Board stated that the five year assessment has expired and if they wish to have another special assessment they need to go through the whole petition process again and must obtain signatures from 51% of property owners along with public hearings. Schweitzer stated they are going to request a one year assessment to give them time to do studies and decide what course of action the Sherman Lake Association wants to take in order to better control the weeds.

Closed Session:

Motion by Durham to go into **CLOSED SESSION** to discuss a Confidential Attorney-Client Communication letter dated June 29, 2007 from Attorney Kenneth C. Sparks to the Ross Township Board regarding the Village of Augusta/Hillcrest Wastewater Matter. The motion was seconded by Langshaw. Roll Call Vote showed the following: Scott – aye, Langshaw – aye, Durham – aye, Bither – aye, Chambers – aye, Murray – aye and Genung – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Durham to go out of Closed Session, second by Chambers. Motion approved with all ayes.

Motion by Scott to approve the mailing of Attorney Spark's letter (copy dated 6/29/07 attached) to the attention of the Village of Augusta Board. The motion was seconded by Murray and was unanimously approved.

Review Plat Fees:

It was the consensus of the Board to table discussion of the fee schedule until August and to review the proposed Building & Structure Numbering Ordinance for another meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Chambers
Ross Township Clerk