

## **ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, 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	Sid Durham, Trustee
Absent:	Jon Scott, Trustee	

### Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was amended with the addition under Old Business of item "B" Emergency Fee schedule. Motion by Langshaw, second by Murray to approve the agenda as amended; motion carried with all ayes

### Consent Agenda:

Motion by Durham to approve the Consent Agenda which contains the minutes of August 14, 2007, the bills paid for August, the bills payable for September and the August Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Murray and was unanimously accepted.

### Reports:

#### Fire Report:

The Fire Board did not have a meeting since the last Township meeting.

#### Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Bither reviewed the Ordinance Enforcement Report from AGS dated September 10, 2007. The Love property on 40<sup>th</sup> Street was inspected and junk still remains on the property. Bither authorized that a citation be issued.

The Bedford/Abushmais property is still in the process of requesting a variance so it is on hold until a ZBA decision is reached.

#### Police Report:

Capt. Tom Shull from the Sheriff's Dept. was present to review the August, 2007 police report and answer any questions for the Board members.

#### Emergency Services Fees Ordinance:

Motion by Durham to approve the adoption of the Emergency Services Fees Ordinance contingent upon the Village of Augusta's approval of the same Ordinance. The board recommended that the Fire Board consider a tiered fee structure based on the number of instances of false alarms. The motion was seconded by Murray. Roll call vote showed all ayes and the motion carried.

#### Approval of Resolution for "911" Funding Change:

Motion by Langshaw to approve a Resolution for "911" Funding which will urge Kalamazoo County to fund the "911" Emergency Telephone Services by charging up to .80 (eighty) cents per phone in Kalamazoo County to fund this program. The motion was seconded by Chambers. Roll Call Vote showed all ayes and the motion unanimously carried.

Amendment to Burning Ordinance:

The board would like language added to the Burning Ordinance that states that no individual shall haul in to their property any combustible material. Also wording needs to be added that allows for campfires within the Township. Bither will refer the Burning Ordinance to the Township Attorney so the wording for these changes can be added.

Member's Time:

Durham would like to know where the Yorkville Cemetery renovation project is at as it has been a couple of years since the project was proposed and we have not heard anything. Bither stated that Robert Cox submitted his resignation from the Planning Commission effective 12/31/07.

The Township Park will be closed for the season on October 14, 2007.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Chambers  
Ross Township Clerk