

**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 12, 2008 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	Sid Durham, Trustee
	Diana Langshaw, Trustee	
Absent:	Owen Murray, Trustee	Jon Scott, Trustee

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Durham to approve the Consent Agenda with the following amendments – the minutes of 1/8/08 (2<sup>nd</sup> page under the Planning Commission heading – last line should be a new heading “Police Hours”). The bills payable should be amended to delete the bill for Fawley Door as the \$841.52 billing was already included in the VanDam & Krusinga bill. The bills paid and the Treasurer’s Report are accepted as proposed. The motion was seconded by Chambers and **carried**.

Reports:

Fire Report:

Genung reviewed the fire report for the year of 2007. Genung reported that at the last fire board meeting, the board raised the hourly pay rate from \$9.50 per hour to \$11.00 per hour as our fire department was one of the lowest paid in Kalamazoo County.

Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Bither reviewed the AGS Status of Violations report dated 2/5/08. There has been no change on the Love property – a default order has been issued. The Bedford/Abushmais are going to be issued a citation.

Planning Commission Report:

Bither reviewed a memo from Jim Lauderdale, Chair of the Planning Commission which was an overview of why they are doing the Ag rewrite, what is involved and the timetable for the public hearing for the ag, signs and the lighting.

Old Business:

Stoney Creek cul-de-sac decision:

Bither reviewed at letter from Fire Chief, Chris Noteboom recommending that the minimum cul-de-sac radius should remain at 50 feet.

Motion by Durham to keep the minimum cul-de-sac radius at 50 feet as recommended by the Augusta/Ross Fire Chief, Chris Noteboom in his letter to the Board dated 2/5/08. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and was unanimously **approved**.

Walk for Warmth Resolution:

Motion by Chambers to accept the Resolution to support the 2008 Walk for Warmth. The motion was seconded by Durham and **carried**.

Cemetery Marker Request:

The Board has received a letter from Scott Grinder requesting permission to place markers on the unmarked graves in Ross Township also he is requesting donations to help fund the purchase of materials to make the markers.

It was the consensus of the Board that we do not know of any unmarked graves in our cemeteries. Bither will contact Mr. Grinder to discuss the request.

Approval of Purchase of Township Truck:

Motion by Durham to approve the purchase of a GMC truck for the township from Mike Waldorf in the amount of \$15,398, along with up to \$200 for a lockable tool box for the truck. The motion was seconded by Genung and **carried.**

Cemetery Bid:

Genung handed out copies of a cemetery bid from Kuhn's Yard & Garden to review for the March board meeting.

Letter of Support for Grant Application from EPA:

Motion by Genung to approve a Resolution in support of the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services application to the EPA for funds to allow their office to coordinate two single day events for collection and incineration of unused medicines and prescriptions that are expired or no longer being consumed. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and was **approved.**

"EF" Avenue refund to MSU:

MSU donated \$70,000 toward the paving of "EF" Ave. The total estimate of the project was \$101,490, however, the project came at \$84,379.20 less participation funds of \$16,527.61 for a balance due of \$67,851.59. Bither would like to refund MSU the difference \$70,000 less \$64,851.59 which amounts to \$2,148.41.

Motion by Durham to refund \$2,148.41 to MSU for the "EF" Avenue project because the project was completed for that much less. The motion was seconded by Genung and **carried.**

Attorney proposal to amend Dangerous Buildings Ordinance:

Motion by Langshaw to authorize Attorney Rolfe to proceed with work to amend the Dangerous Buildings Ordinance #120 to bring it in compliance with State law. The motion was seconded by Genung and **carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Chambers  
Ross Township Clerk