

**ROSS TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 27, 2008 MINUTES**

The Special Meeting of the Ross Township Board was called to order by Jeff Bither, Supervisor at 2:00 P.M. The meeting was duly noticed. Roll Call of members showed as follows:

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

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Durham to approve the Agenda as proposed. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and **carried**.

Public Comments:

Linda Link, Executive Director of Community Inclusive Recreation (CIR), a non-profit organization based in Battle Creek along with Val Karam from the Board of Directors were present to familiarize the Township Board about their organization.

Link and Karam are asking the Board for permission to use Ross Township Park for water skiing activities on a Monday or Tuesday; possibly on July 14th or 15th from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Bither stated that the Board would need to discuss the request and we will probably make a decision at the April 8th Board Meeting.

Fire Dept. 2008-2009 Budget:

Motion Durham to accept the Augusta/Ross Fire Dept. Budget for fiscal year 2008-2009. The motion was seconded by Genung and was **accepted**.

Liability Insurance Bids:

The Township currently has liability insurance with MCM Group which has again given us a bid for the upcoming fiscal year. We have also received a bid from Geoff Lansky with the Ted Hartleb Agency. After reviewing the bids, it was the consensus of the Board to approve the bid from Geoff Lansky as the coverage is more comprehensive. The Township currently has Blue Cross using Geoff Lansky as our agent and his service has been excellent.

Motion by Chambers to accept the bid from Geoff Lansky from the Hartleb Agency for the 2008-2009 fiscal year with a cost to the Township of \$15,313 and the Fire Dept. cost is \$11,280. The motion was seconded by

Durham. Roll Call of members showed as follows: Scott, aye – Genung, aye – Chambers, aye – Bither, aye – Durham, aye and Langshaw, aye. the motion was unanimously **approved**.

Member's Comments:

Durham stated that the Fire Board met last week and one of the topics of discussion was the need of a new rescue truck with an approximate cost of \$130,000 to \$150,000. The Board will meet with a salesperson at the Township Hall on April 15th. The Board also needs to purchase new air paks.

Scott stated that he is meeting with Ray Wolfram to discuss the work on the fire house remodeling.

Langshaw stated that the P/C is not going to put the Y-Center or Cheff Center in the Ag Preservation district; however, because of the expense of adding them at a later date, the Chair or Vice Chair is going to talk to both to see if they want to be included in the district. The P/C is looking to go to a Public Hearing in May.

It was the consensus of the Board to open the Township Park April 12th.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Chambers
Ross Township Clerk