

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING JUNE 10, 2008 MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Ross Township Board was called to order by Jeff Bither, Supervisor at 5:00 P.M. Roll Call of members showed as follows:

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

Also in attendance was Township Attorney, Craig Rolfe.

Motion by Genung to go into **Closed Session** for the purpose of the Township Board having discussions with the Township Attorney, Craig Rolfe regarding his letter dated May 15, 2008 concerning the Kerman Dock issue. Also to be discussed is a confidential letter from Attorney Rolfe dated May 21, 2008 regarding the Township of Ross v. Alexandra Bedford – 8th District Court Case 08 1504A. The motion was seconded by Murray. Roll Call of members showed, Langshaw – aye, Durham – aye, Bither – aye, Chambers – aye, Murray – aye, Scott – aye and Genung – aye; the motion was unanimously **approved**.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Durham, second by Scott to go out of **Closed Session** and back into the **Regular Meeting** of the Ross Township Board, the motion was **accepted**.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Langshaw second by Durham to approve the Consent Agenda as amended which includes the May Treasurer's Report, the minutes of 5/13/08 and (5/15/08 as amended), the bills paid for May, 2008 and the bills payable for June, 2008. The motion was **accepted**.

Old Business:

Approval of Township Attorney:

Motion by Durham to appoint Craig A. Rolfe PLLC as Ross Township Attorney. The motion was seconded by Genung and was unanimously **approved**.

Gull Lake Sewer Proposed Ordinance Rate Resolution Approval:

Motion by Durham to approve Ordinance #179 Sewage Disposal System Ordinance Rates, Usage, Regulations, Mandatory Connection and Enforcement as proposed and the Resolution for Sanitary Sewer Charges as amended and subject to the corrected spelling on last page which shows in error Crain Lk which should be **Crane Lk**. The motion was seconded by Murray. Roll Call of Members showed: Scott – aye, Murray – aye, Chambers – aye, Bither – aye, Durham – aye, Langshaw – aye and Genung – aye. The motion was unanimously **accepted**.

Motion by Scott to approve a Resolution to Approve Amendment to Installment Purchase Agreement Re: Sherman Lake Sanitary Sewer Extension, the motion was seconded by Murray. Roll Call of Members showed: Scott – aye, Murray – aye, Chambers – aye, Bither – aye, Durham – aye, Langshaw – aye and Genung – aye. The motion **carried**.

Reports:

Fire Dept Report:

Durham reported that the Fire Board met last week to see demonstrations from two companies on air paks. The Fire Board authorized the purchase of 13 new air paks at a cost of approximately \$42,000, the old air paks will be reworked. The Board is also investigating the purchase of a new rescue truck. The Fire Board will be requesting the Township Board to borrow a portion of the funds for the truck so that the Fire Board has funds available for operating. The Fire Board does not have the authority to borrow money from a banking institution so this will have to be done by the Township Board. The Fire Dept. will have a truck at the Township Park for the July 4th fireworks. The firemen are requesting permission to use the park for a fire picnic after the park closes before the fireworks begin.

Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Bither reviewed the Enforcement Report from AGS dated 6/2/08.

Police Report:

Bither reviewed the Sheriff's Dept. Complaint Report for May, 2008.

Planning Commission Report:

Langshaw reported that the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing last week on the new zoning changes which they have been working on over the last few years. The rezoning was approved with a recommendation to forward the changes on to the Township Board. Jim Lauderdale will present the new zoning changes to the Board and answer any questions.

Action on Closed Session Discussion:

Motion by Durham to instruct the Township Attorney to proceed, at least through the formal hearing and come back to the Board with the results of the hearing for the Board to decide if Circuit Court is necessary next step. The formal hearing is scheduled for July 28th. The motion was seconded by Murray and **carried**.

It was the consensus of the Board to wait until after the ZBA hears the Kerman Dock variance request on their dock issue then make a decision regarding our next step.

Ordinance Compilation Project:

Attorney Rolfe is requesting that the Board approve the funds for him to complete the general ordinance compilation project that he started a few years ago. It was the consensus of the Board to table this request and revisit the request at a future meeting.

Yorkville Cemetery Lot Request:

Christine Warren Porter grew up in Idlewild and has since moved away. Her father, Robert Warren is buried in Yorkville Cemetery and she is requesting permission to purchase a burial lot in Yorkville Cemetery.

Motion by Murray that any one who is not currently a resident of the township but are a past resident can make an application to acquire a burial plot (to be approved by the Board on a case to case basis) in the cemeteries in Ross Township (if they choose Yorkville Cemetery, the only lots available for purchase would be in the **lower new section**). The motion was seconded by Chambers and was **approved**.

Resolution to Accept Alternate Date for July 2008 Board of Review:

Motion by Genung to approve a Resolution to hold July, 2008 Board of Review on Monday, July 21, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. The motion was seconded by Murray. Roll Call

of members: Scott – aye, Murray – aye, Chambers – aye, Bither – aye, Durham – aye, Langshaw – aye and Genung – aye. The motion was unanimously **accepted**.

Members Time:

Scott will set up a meeting for June going forward with the new fire barn.

Motion by Genung to approve a fire works permit for Mike Mulholland for the 4th of July fireworks to be held at the township park subject to all proper certifications and insurance being submitted to the township office prior to the 4th of July. The motion was seconded by Scott and **carried**.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Chambers
Ross Township Clerk