

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
PUBLIC HEARING  
OCTOBER 14, 2008 MINUTES

The Regular Meeting/Public Hearing 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  
          Jon Scott, Trustee                             Sid Durham, Trustee  
          Owen Murray, Trustee

The Public Hearing was opened with the purpose of the hearing to spread the roll for the Sherman Lake Weed Control Project.

Bither stated that the original roll was to be 119 parcels with 1 benefit factor at \$277.47 and 3 parcels with .5 benefit factor at \$138.73; however, after the 9/9/08 Public Hearing Attorney Rolfe removed two parcels from the district.

Motion by Murray, second by Durham to close the Public Hearing and the motion was approved.

Motion by Murray to move action on the Public Hearing to #3 after the Public Hearing. Motion was seconded by Durham and was approved.

Motion by Durham to accept Proposal Alternate #2 for the special assessment roll for 2008 at 116 lots/parcels with 1.0 benefit factor at \$283.35; this amount will be reviewed each October by the Township Board and the payment amount could change. There are 4 lots/parcels with .5 benefit factor at \$141.67. These amounts will be reviewed each October by the Township Board and the payments may change. This is a five year assessment. The motion was seconded by Scott and was approved.

Motion by Durham to set the interest rate at 6% on all unpaid assessments after the due date of February 15, 2009. The motion was seconded by Scott and was approved.

Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority:

Greg Sharon and John White from Kalamazoo Co. Trans. Authority was present to request the Township Board to approve a Resolution in support of their November 4<sup>th</sup> Ballot Proposal.

LifeCare Ambulance Service:

Ron Slagell, CEO of LifeCare was present to review the quarterly report from LifeCare. Slagell stated that memberships are down and fuel costs are up. LifeCare is seeing an increase of users that do not have insurance coverage.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Langshaw to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Treasurer's Report for September, the minutes of September 9, 2008, the bills paid for September and the bills payable for October, 2008. The motion was seconded by Murray and was approved.

Ordinance Enforcement:

Bither reviewed the Ordinance Enforcement Report from AGS dated October. Durham requested that the violation on Barney at 16737 Stoney Creek be on the November agenda.

Sheriff's Dept.

Bither reported that Ross Twp. now has two new deputies, Ron Kelly and Tracey Austin. Bither reviewed the Sheriff's Report for September, 2008.

Planning Commission Report:

Langshaw reported that they again worked on the Ordinance.

Bedford Abushmaies Report:

Bither stated that Attorney Rolfe has recommended sending the definition of pasture vs. paddock back to the Planning Commission to be reworked. Langshaw stated that some of this language has already been addressed by the Planning Commission; Bither will check into this.

Member's Time:

Murray wants Bither to survey other Townships' to find out how they spend road dollars. Murray wants a Master Plan on roads to be made up and kept up on a yearly basis. Also, Murray would like to see the Planning Commission consider the issue of regulations for dumpsters.

Durham would like to see the cemeteries spruced up, maybe a new fence in front of Day Cemetery; also Day needs a new sign.

Motion by Durham to put up a new fence in front of Day Cemetery.

Motion was seconded by Langshaw and was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Chambers  
Ross Township Clerk

