

**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 26, 2009 (Rescheduled from 1/13, 2009)**

The Regular Meeting of the Ross Township Board was called to order by Jeff Bither, Supervisor at 10:35 A.M. Roll Call of members showed as follows:

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

The regular meeting scheduled for January 13, 2009 was cancelled due to lack of a quorum and was rescheduled for today to complete some pending business.

Motion by Langshaw to approve the agenda as amended (under new business add "E" Set Public Hearing for Planning Commission; "F" Approve Walk for Warmth Resolution and "G" Discussion of purchase of new fire truck. The motion was seconded by Scott and **carried**.

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Poverty Exemption Guidelines for Ross Twp.:

Motion by Scott to approve a Resolution accepting alternate dates and protests by mail for the March, 2009 Board of Review. The motion also accepts the Poverty Federal Income Guidelines and Poverty Exemption Guidelines as outlined and to provide asset guidelines (see attached guidelines) that provides for \$10,000. of assets excluding the home and one vehicle per licensed driver per household. The Board of Review may provide exemptions based upon the amount that the claimant can afford to pay.

The motion was seconded by Langshaw. Roll Call Vote showed Bither, Chambers, Genung, Langshaw and Scott all ayes and the motion **carried**.

Discussion of receptionist job:

Genung stated that Whitney has applied for disability, she has moved to East Leroy. Scott stated that the Township needs to have the support staff available in order for all of us to get our jobs done.

Motion by Scott to accept the letter of resignation from Jackie Whitney. The motion was seconded by Genung and **carried**.

Appointment of Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Members:

Motion by Scott to accept Bither's recommendation to appoint Jim Lauderdale, Ed Harvey and Dave Carpenter to the Zoning Board of Appeals with an expiration date of 2011. As ZBA Alternate Members, Bither recommends Jeff Price and Jon Scott with an expiration date of 2011. The motion also accepts Bither's recommendation of the appointment as members of the Planning Commission as follows: Robb Blain and Rusty Fry to expire 2009; Sandra Kiger and Gary Lane to expire 2010; and Jim Lauderdale and Russell Fry to expire 2011; and Diana Langshaw to expire 2012.

The motion was seconded by Langshaw and unanimously **carried**.

Planning Commission Public Hearing:

Motion by Genung to approve setting a Public Hearing for the Planning Commission for their February meeting which will change R-1 lot coverage from 15% to 20% and to change the R-3 lot coverage from 25% to 30% based on these changes being

consistent with existing zoning districts, the master plan and density goals. The motion was seconded by Chambers. and **carried.**

Walk for Warmth:

Motion by Langshaw, second by Chambers to adopt a Resolution for the 2009 Walk for Warmth to be held February 28 in downtown Kalamazoo. The motion was seconded by Chambers and **carried.**

Fire Dept. purchase of new fire truck:

Genung stated that the Fire Department would like to request Township Board approval for the purchase of a new fire truck. Procedures state that this large a purchase has to be approved by the Village and Township Board. The approximate cost of the truck is \$220,000 and the fire fund has \$100,000 in their account to be used toward this purchase. The remainder of the funds will have to be borrowed by the Township because the Fire Dept. does not have the authority to borrow money. The new truck will fit inside the fire barn without a problem and will be kept at the Ross fire barn. This truck also serves as a tanker. Genung stated that there should be enough incoming funds in the fire fund to pay the truck off, the ½ mill that the fire department collects brings in approximately \$120,000.

Motion by Scott to approve the authorization of the purchase of a 2008 Kenmore fire truck with a down payment of \$25,000 for the Fire Department; the purchase price is not to exceed \$210,000. The motion was seconded by Langshaw. There was a Roll Call Vote showing ayes from Bither, Chambers, Genung, Scott and Langshaw and the motion unanimously **carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Chambers  
Ross Township Clerk