

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD FEBRUARY 10, 2009 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	Diana Langshaw, Trustee
	Sid Durham, Trustee	
Absent:	Owen Murray, Trustee	Jon Scott, Trustee

Motion by Langshaw to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Chambers and **carried**.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Durham to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the November and December, 2008 and January, 2009 Treasurer's Report; the November 11 and December 6, 2008 and January 26, 2009 minutes as proposed; the bills paid and payable. The motion was seconded by Genung and **carried**.

Reports:

Ordinance Enforcement:

Bither reviewed the Ordinance Enforcement Report from AGS dated February 3, 2009. It was noted that a Dangerous Building meeting was held in January and Fischers' have since vacated the building.

Police Report:

Bither reviewed the Police Report for November, December and January along with an additional review from Capt. Timmerman. Ross Township has a new liaison officer, Capt. Bowen.

Public Comment: None

Cemetery Signs:

Bither reviewed several pictures of various signs that could be purchased for the cemeteries. No decision was made on the signs other than the Board would like all the cemeteries to have the same type of sign.

Fire Truck purchase:

Genung stated that the Fire Dept. is going to purchase a new fire truck. They currently have \$100,000 in their general account to put toward the purchase and are looking to borrow the remaining amount. A down payment of \$25,000 has been put down on the new truck. It was suggested by Township Attorney Rolfe that the Township loan the Fire Dept. the remaining funds for the purchase out of the general account instead of going to a banking institution.

Motion by Durham to loan the fire department \$100,000 at 4% for five years with no prepayment penalties to complete the purchase of the new fire truck. The motion was seconded by Langshaw. Roll Call Vote showed Langshaw, Durham, Bither, Chambers and Genung all ayes and the motion unanimously **carried**.

Planning Commission/action on Master Plan:

Upon review of the Master Plan, Attorney Rolfe has noted several changes in his letter dated 2/8/09 to Board and Commission members. Rolfe is recommending that the

Board send the Master Plan back to the Planning Commission for revisions before we publish and distribute to other townships for their review.

Motion by Durham to send the Master Plan back to the Planning Commission to clean up proposed wording and make changes as recommended before a public hearing is held. The motion was seconded by Chambers and **carried**.

Planning Commission Report:

Langshaw reported that the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at the February 22nd meeting. The P/C has changed the meeting dates to the 4th Monday of each month beginning in February.

New Business:

Approval of Ordinance #182 – the Michigan Enabling Act, 2008 Public Act 33:

Motion by Durham to approve Ordinance #182 – The Michigan Enabling Act which is a Planning Commission Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Genung. A roll call vote was taken which showed: Genung, Chambers, Bither, Durham and Langshaw with ayes. The motion unanimously **carried**.

Roads:

Motion by Durham to approve HMA wedging on West Gull Lake Dr. in the amount of \$18,750 (D Ave. to 1,100' north of D Ave.) and chip seal of D Ave. in the amount of \$14,393.75 (37th St. to 38th St.) and HMA overlay on Shoal Dr. in the amount of \$12,525 (37th St. to West Gull Lake Dr.). The motion was seconded by Genung and **carried**.

Motion by Langshaw to approve double chip seal of 44th St. contingent upon the location being "B" Ave. (1,500' East of 44th St. to 3,100' East of 44th St.) (*the KCRC description is in error*) in the amount of \$21,303.75. The motion was seconded by Durham and **carried**.

Approval of Salary Resolutions:

Motion by Durham to set the salaries for Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer at \$42,500 for the fiscal year of 2009-2010 and the four Trustees' salaries at \$1,800 per year. The motion was seconded by Genung. A roll call vote showed Bither, Chambers, Genung, Langshaw and Durham all voted aye and the motion unanimously **carried**.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Chambers
Ross Township Clerk