

## **ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD APRIL 14, 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	Owen Murray, Trustee
	Diana Langshaw, Trustee	Sid Durham, Trustee
	Jon Scott, Trustee	

### Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was amended under Old Business: (D) Discussion of RFP for Fire Barn (E) P/C Payroll decision. Motion by Durham to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and was unanimously **approved**.

### Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Langshaw to approve the consent agenda which consists of the minutes of 3/10/09 and 3/24/09 and the Treasurer's Report for March, 2009. The motion was seconded by Murray and was **approved**.

### Reports:

#### Fire Board:

Genung reported that the Fire Dept. still has not received the new fire truck and they still have not taken the loan from the General Fund.

Murray questioned whether the Township should be investigating whether we qualify for funds from the stimulus money for the new fire barn or if there are grant dollars available.

#### Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Bither reviewed the ordinance enforcement report dated 4/3/09 from AGS. The Love property on 40<sup>th</sup> Street has been posted as a dangerous structure and a letter has been mailed giving her ten days to make the structure safe. Bither is going to look at another property on Midlake Dr. owned by Ramona Tucker that may need to be cited for blight and more. Bither stated that he, Durham and Murray inspected the Bishop property for blight and they found no violation.

#### Police Report:

Bither reviewed the Kalamazoo Cnty Sheriff's Police Report for March. Durham and Murray were not happy with the new format for the report; Bither will discuss the matter with Capt. Timmerman.

Public Comment:

Ron Slagell from LifeCare Ambulance was present to review their quarterly report from Jan, Feb and March. Slagell stated that membership is down due mainly to the economy. So far LifeCare hasn't received any of the bailout dollars; however they are waiting and watching what changes the healthcare reform will bring for them.

Lawn Care Bids:

Bither reviewed the five lawn care bids that were received for this season. Durham stated that Lawn Perfect has done a good job, they are \$350 more than the lowest bid; however he wants to continue with the contractor that is doing a good job. Motion by Durham for the Township to accept the bid from Lawn Perfect for the 2009 season. The motion was seconded by Genung and was **approved**.

Discussion on 44<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge:

The Board reviewed a letter from Marta LeRoy and a picture she submitted on the 44<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. Durham and Bither went out to the site and looked it over. It was the consensus of the Board that we will not be replacing this bridge as requested as it only benefits one family and there is not heavy use of this street; also the cost involved for replacement is more than we can justify.

RFP for new Fire Barn:

Scott reported that he and Dave Flook have put together RFP for design services for the reconstruction of the fire barn, they are ready to move forward to get a proposal out. Scott stated that we need to check with Attorney Rolfe regarding if we are allowed to accept bidding by invitation only or if the bidding has to be open. When the proposal is ready we need to submit the whole package to Attorney Rolfe for review. We need to explore the various ways of funding and determine what grants may be available.

Planning Commission payroll:

There was discussion regarding whether P/C members who show up for a meeting then not enough members show up for a quorum so the meeting is cancelled – should the members who show up and have to leave be paid for that meeting?

Motion by Durham that when not-sufficient members show up for a P/C meeting to make a quorum, the members who show up get paid ½ pay. The motion was amended by Durham that the members who show up get paid for a full meeting. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and was **unanimously approved**.

Cemetery Bids:

Motion by Scott to accept the bid and contract with Rob Stafford for grave openings/closings. The motion was seconded by Durham and was **approved.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Chambers  
Ross Township Clerk