

**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MAY 12, 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:

Motion by Scott to approve the agenda as amended (adding B.1 – Approval of the distribution of the Master Plan Amendment to adjoining townships and under New Business add item “D” Accept resignation of Gary Lane from the Planning Commission and the appointment of Rick Jones to the Planning Commission). The motion was seconded by Genung and **carried**.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Durham to approve the Consent Agenda as amended which includes the Minutes of April 14, 2009 (as amended) the bills paid for April and the bills payable for May, 2009 and to accept and place on file the Treasurer’s Report for April. The motion was seconded by Murray and **carried**.

Reports:

Fire Report:

Genung stated that the Fire Board has not met since our last board meeting. The fire department received their new 2008 Kenworth fire truck today and everyone is excited about it.

Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Bither reviewed the Ordinance Enforcement Report from AGS dated May 4, 2009. Bither will contact Attorney Rolfe and direct him to proceed to the next step on the Love property on 40<sup>th</sup> Street.

Police Report:

Capt. Bowen, Ross Township’s liaison officer from the Sheriff’s Dept. was present and handed out several new police reports for the month of March and April. Scott commented that he is pleased with the new information which is more clear and informative than what we have previously received. Scott also appreciates the fact that Capt. Bowen has responded to the questions and requests that the Board had when Bowen first started as liaison officer.

Planning Commission Report:

Scott, who is a member of the P/C and liaison between the Twp. Board and the P/C reported that at the last meeting the Commission amended and completed the Land Use/Zoning Plan and is asking the Twp. Board for approval to distribute the Plan to adjoining Township for review and comment.

Scott reported that the “Y” came before the P/C with a Site Plan for a tack room area and covered wash area for horses. The Commission waived a few minor requirements and approved the Site Plan for the “Y”.

Public Comments:

Marta LeRoy was present regarding the replacement of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge. She is requesting that the Board drive out and look at the existing bridge. Also she would like the Board to get an estimate from the KCRC so we know what costs we are dealing with. Bither will get an estimate on the bridge from KCRC.

Approval of 2009 Road Work:

Motion by Langshaw to approve the chip seal bid from KCRC for Lake Vista Dr. (37<sup>th</sup> St. to 1,050 east of 37<sup>th</sup> St.) in the amount of \$6,786.00 and Gull Vista Plat which includes Delmar (37<sup>th</sup> St. to 1,400 East of 36<sup>th</sup> St.) Merrimac St. (Littlefield to 770' N. or Delmar St., Merrimac to 650' E. of Sherbrook St.), Sherbrook St. (CD Ave. to Littlefield) this will be chip seal also; the bid is in the amount of \$22,467. The motion was seconded by Genung and **carried**.

Motion by Murray to divide the Cable Access funds, which have been allocated for use on roads, over three years beginning in 2009. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and **carried**.

Bither will ask KCRC what the status of the computerized road inventory is for Ross Twp that we discussed at our fall meeting with the KCRC Board.

Distribution of Master Plan per P/C request:

Motion by Durham to approve the distribution of the Ross Township Master to adjourning Townships for review and comment per the P/C request. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and **carried**.

Sherman Lake "Wake Zone" request:

Durham and Murray visited various sections of Sherman Lake including the public access and could see that some residences on low ground have a water problem but some of those properties have levees in their yard which could be holding water in the yard rather than letting it flow back into the lake. The lake is approximately 400 acres so the no wake zone would include the whole lake. Murray stated that if the Board requests the DEQ to do a study for a no wake zone and they approve it then the zone stays in effect and if the residents want it changed in the future they will have to go through the same process again with the DEQ so we need to know if the high water is a temporary thing that happens every twenty or so years and will go away by itself. Murray has a number of questions for residents before he would vote for a DEQ study.

Bither will get in touch with the Association and tell them the Board has questions before they will authorize a no wake study by the DEQ.

Planning Commission resignation and appointment:

Bither accepted the resignation of Gary Lane from the Planning Commission. He will appoint Rick Jones as a member of the Planning Commission.

Member Time:

Charlie Scott would like the Board to know that he feels it is not necessary for an architectural stamp for constructing a sign. Bither stated that he contacted AGS that the requirement for an architectural stamp is a State of Michigan requirement to be in code not a Ross Township requirement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Chambers

Ross Township Clerk