

**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD
SEPTEMBER 8, 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
	Owen Murray, Trustee	Sid Durham, Trustee
Absent;	Jon Scott, Trustee	

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Langshaw to approve the Agenda as proposed. The motion was seconded by Durham and carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Murray to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the Treasurer's Report, the bills paid for August and the bills payable for September and the minutes of 8/11/09 as amended. The motion was seconded by Genung and carried.

Reports:

Fire Board Report:

Genung reported that the Fire Dept. car show was a success; they had approximately 200 cars and made a profit of about \$1,200. The 1980 fire truck that we tried to sell this summer (it was taken off the market as the highest bid was \$500) was put up for bid at Bidderg and was sold for \$5,000.

Ordinance Enforcement:

Bither reviewed the Ordinance Enforcement Report dated 9/1/09 from AGS. On the Love property we got a bid to demolish the shed/garage in the amount of \$600 which includes cleanup.

Motion by Chambers to accept the bid from Kal-Trek for \$600; the motion was seconded by Durham and carried. The expense involved will be added to Love's tax bill.

The junked vehicle at 7872 N. 43rd St. has not been removed from the property after a warning letter. Bither will direct a ticket to be issued.

The dangerous structure on the Tucker property at 1636 Midlake will be demolished by Kal-Trek.

The dock issue at 2098 Midlake is being reviewed as an application was submitted.

The keeping of chickens issue at 7921 N. 37th St. is settled in that they agreed to get rid of the roosters which are causing the noise problem.

Public Comment:

North Country Trail:

Jim Martin from the Chief Noonday Chapter of the North Country Trail was present to invite the public to their ribbon cutting ceremony on 9/26/09 which will open their scenic hiking trail.

Police Report:

Captain Mike Bowen from KCSD was present to review the police report for August, 2009 and to answer questions.

Murray requested that the Township do a comparison report on the figures when the Township had their own police department to the numbers that we are receiving since we contracted with KCSD. Genung questioned why the 8th District Court checks are so much less?

Land Division Fees:

Motion by Durham to approve a new fee schedule for land divisions as follows: Land Divisions remain the same at \$200 plus \$25 per parcel. Add: *Line Adjustments or Property Transfers - \$250 and Add: *Platted Lot Partitioning or Division - \$250. The motion was seconded by Chambers and carried.

Review of Letter from Barry Cnty Road Commission on 43rd St. Bridge:

The Office received a letter from Barry County Road Commissioners dated 8/24/09 that they are not interested in participating in the 43rd Street/Leppar Road bridge project (see attached letter).

Marta LeRoy is concerned that the road is not being plowed in the winter. She was told to contact KCRC regarding the plowing. LeRoy requested that the Board put aside long term funds each year for big projects such as the 43rd St. Bridge. It was the consensus of the Board that we struggle to budget road funds now and we do not have the funds to put aside for large projects at this time.

Fire Station Renovation:

Bither would like the Board to make a commitment to have someone in place to answer questions should we get calls from FEMA regarding our Grant Application.

Motion by Murray to approve the hiring of Dave Flook for telephone support with FEMA regarding the Fire Station Grant

Application, not to exceed ten hours or \$1,100. The motion was seconded by Durham and carried.

Murray requested that the question of “What the next step will be if the Township does not receive the FEMA Grant dollars?” be on the October Board Agenda.

Approval of Resolution for Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact:

Motion by Durham to approve a Resolution for Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and carried.

Budget amendment:

Motion by Langshaw to amend the 2009-2010 Budget to increase funds budgeted for Household Hazardous Waste by \$400. The motion was seconded by Chambers and carried.

Member’s Time:

Langshaw would like to see a newsletter mailed to residents in the near future with all members of the Board writing an article.

Murray wants to arrange a meeting with the Township Auditor and the Board to review the 2009 audit. Murray wants all materials for the board meetings to be submitted in advance and if the information isn’t submitted in time to be mailed in the packet it should not be considered at the board meeting.

Motion by Durham that all materials for the Township Board Meeting be submitted by the preceding Wednesday before the meeting to be mailed with the packet, if not submitted, the item will not be heard. The motion was seconded by Genung and carried.

Durham would like to have a policy forming workshop for procedures for the Board to follow on roads.

Bither stated that the new sign is in place at Day Cemetery and looks good.

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

Respectfully submitted:

**Martha Chambers
Ross Township Clerk**