

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2009 MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Ross Township Board was called to order by Jeff Bither, Supervisor at 6:30 P.M. Roll Call of members showed as follows:

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

The meeting was scheduled for 6:30 P.M. in order to give the Township Board the ½ hour prior to the regularly scheduled meeting to meet jointly with the Board of Trustees and staff from the Kalamazoo County Road Commission. Joanna Johnson, Managing Director introduced members of the Board for KCRC and reviewed the projects that have been done in Ross Township from 2005-2009.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Durham to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Murray and **carried**.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Langshaw to approve the Consent Agenda which contains the Treasurer's Report, the Minutes of September 8, 2009 and the Special Meeting of September 30, 2009 as proposed plus the bills paid for September and bills payable for October, 2009. The motion was seconded by Scott and **carried**.

Reports:

Fire Dept. Report:

Durham reported that the Fire Board has not met since our last meeting. Durham reminded the Board that the Haunted House, which is hosted by the Fire Department, is planned for Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Bither reviewed the AGS Ordinance Enforcement Reported dated 10/1/2009 (see attached report).

Police Report:

Bither reviewed the police report for September 2009 from Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Dept. Bither introduced the Board to one of the new contract officers, Matt Fleury. Steve Beers is the other officer assigned to Ross Township.

Planning Commission Report:

Scott reported that the Planning Commission is working on various zoning districts, making sure the districts match with the Long Range Plan. Scott stated that the P/C has been pro-active in working with residents discussing what their needs are in the various districts.

LifeCare Quarterly Report:

Ron Slagell, CEO of LifeCare Ambulance Service was present to review their Quarterly Report which covered July-September, 2009. Slagell noted that calls are down due primarily to the bad economy; people don't have insurance coverage so they don't call for an ambulance. Also memberships are down compared to 2008.

Public Comment:

Tonya Schuitmaker introduced herself as a candidate for the State Senate in 2010. She is now serving the 80th District in the House of Representatives but is term limited and cannot run again for the House in 2010.

Approval of Resolution for 2009 Costs for Sherman Lake Weed Special Assessment District:

Motion by Durham to approve a Resolution to Approve Redetermination of Costs for 2009 Special Assessments for Sherman Lake Improvement Project. The motion was seconded by Murray. Roll Call Vote showed as follows: Scott – aye, Langshaw – aye, Durham – aye, Bither – aye, Chambers – aye and Murray – aye, and the motion **unanimously carried.**

Member's Time:

Murray reported that we have not had any word as yet regarding the Fire Grant application.

Bither will send out letters for bids on the snowplowing for 2009-2010.

Bither stated that revenue sharing is down but doesn't know the final figures yet.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Chambers
Ross Township Clerk