

**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2010 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
	Jon Scott, Trustee	
Absent:	Owen Murray, Trustee	Sid Durham, Trustee

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Chambers to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Treasurer's Report for November and December, the bills paid and bills payable for January, 2010 plus the minutes of 11/10/2009, the Joint Special Meeting of the Township Board, ZBA and Planning Commission from 11/18/2009 and the Special Budget Workshop Meeting from 12/5/2009 as proposed. The motion was seconded by Genung and **carried**.

Reports:

Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Bither reviewed the AGS Ordinance Enforcement Reported dated December 1, 2009.

Police Report:

Captain Bowen from the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Dept. was present to review with the Board reports summarizing the police activity for December, 2009. Bowen did a special report showing a map of Ross Township with red dots showing where police activity occurred over the past year.

LifeCare Report:

Steve Frisbee, Director of Operations from LifeCare Ambulance was present to review their quarterly report for October, November and December, 2009.

Public Comment:

Jase Bolger was present to introduce himself and discuss what issues are being discussed in the House and Senate.

Old Business:

Approval of Resolution Confirming Assessor as Township Employee:

Motion by Genung to approve a Resolution Confirming Angela Kirby, Assessor as an employee of Ross Township. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and was **carried**.

Approval of Resolution Confirming Ordinance Enforcement Officers:

Motion by Genung to approve a Resolution Confirming Independent Contractors Bruce Dean, Bert Gale, Tom Guthrie and Dave Hess of Associated Government Services as Ross Township Ordinance Enforcement Officers with the authority to issue ordinance violation citations/appearance tickets. The motion was seconded by Scott and **carried**.

Decision on Tower behind Ross Township Hall:

The tower that sits behind the Township Hall is no longer used and has become a hazard as pieces of the tower are falling off. The tower was originally built by the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's office. Ken Marshall from KCSD wants Ross Township to split the cost of removing the tower. It was the consensus of the Board that the cost of removing the tower should be paid by the County; Bither will relay the message to Marshall.

Approval of Ordinance 184: Addressing Floodplain Management:

Motion by Langshaw to approve Ordinance 184 – Addressing Floodplain Management Provisions of the State Construction Code. The motion was seconded by Genung. Roll Call vote showed: Langshaw – aye, Scott – aye, Bither – aye, Chambers – aye and Genung – aye. The motion **carried with all ayes**.

Approval of Resolution to Manage Floodplain Development for the National Flood Insurance Program:

Motion by Chambers to approve a Resolution to Manage Floodplain Development for the National Flood Insurance Program. The motion was seconded by Genung. Roll Call Vote showed: Genung – aye, Chambers – aye, Bither – aye, Scott – aye and Langshaw – aye. The motion **carried with all ayes**.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Chambers
Ross Township Clerk