

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2010 MINUTES

Due to a snow storm, the regular Township Board was canceled and rescheduled and re-noticed to be held Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 10:30 A.M.

The meeting of the Ross Township Board was called to order by Jeff Bither, Supervisor at 10:40 A.M. Roll Call of members showed as follows:

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

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Genung to approve the Agenda as amended (adding under Old Business (G) Approve application for name change for liquor license for Yarrow and (H) Resolution for 17th Kalamazoo County Walk for Warmth). The motion was seconded by Chambers and **carried**.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Chambers to approve the Consent Agenda which contains the Treasurer's Report for January, 2010, the bills paid for January, the bills payable for February and the minutes from the 1/12/10 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and **carried**.

Fire Board Report:

Genung stated that there has not been a fire board meeting. Genung noted that the Fire Dept. will not need to borrow funds for the new fire truck as they managed to pay off the truck with funds from the general account.

Ordinance Enforcement:

Bither reported that we have no enforcement items this month.

Police Report:

Bither reviewed the Sheriff's Summary Report for January, 2010. It was the consensus of the Board that our officers are doing an excellent job for us.

Motion by Genung to approve the Police Contract with KCSD for 2010-2011 for two officers in the amount of \$131,700.68. The motion was seconded by Chambers and **carried**.

Approval of Salary Resolutions:

Motion by Langshaw to approve Salary Resolutions for the Supervisor, Treasurer and Clerk in the amount of \$42,500 each for the fiscal year 4/1/10 to 3/31/11; also for the four Trustees in the amount of \$1,800. The motion was seconded by Genung. Roll Call Vote showed Genung, aye – Chambers, aye – Bither, aye and Langshaw, aye and the motion **carried**.

Bither noted for the minutes that all salaries have remained the same amount with no increase for the last two years.

Approval of Resolution to Accept Protests for BOR by Mail and Poverty Guidelines:

Motion by Chambers to allow Board of Review members to accept Protests by Mail and the Poverty Guidelines for the March 2010 Board of Review which will be held

March 2, 8, and 9th. The motion was seconded by Genung. Roll Call Vote showed as follows: Langshaw, aye – Bither, aye – Chambers, aye – Genung, aye and the motion **carried**.

Approve Planning Commission Appointments:

Motion by Genung to accept the resignation of Rick Jones from the Planning Commission. The motion also included the approval of the appointment of Gregg Pierce as a member of the P/C. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and **carried**.

Approval of a Name Change on Yarrow Liquor License:

Motion by Chambers to approve the application from Yarrow, Inc. to add Roxanne V. Wilson as Co-Licensee along with Yarrow, Inc. The motion was seconded by Genung. Roll Call Vote showed: Genung, aye – Chambers, aye – Bither, aye and Langshaw, aye and the motion **carried**.

Approve bid by My Pro Audit:

Bither explained that My Pro Audit has proposed to review the Township's Consumer Energy bills for four years back and if they find overcharges on the bills, they will split the refund 50/50 with the Township for their fee. It was the consensus of the Board to let My Pro Audit go ahead and see what they come up with as it won't cost us anything.

Approve Meeting Schedules for 2010-2011:

Motion by Genung to approve the meeting schedules for the Township Board, the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals for the 2010-2011 year. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and **carried**.

Approval of Outside Contracts for 2010-2011 fiscal year:

Motion by Chambers to allow the Township Treasurer to use the banking depository of her choice and to approve contracts with the Township Attorney, Craig Rolfe; retain the audit services of Siegfried, Crandall PC; the engineering services of Prein & Newhof; and to have the Supervisor be responsible for the Sheriff's Dept. deputies, the township employees and the Ross Township Park. The motion was seconded by Genung **carried**.

The motion was amended to include approval of the outside contract for Associated Government Services. The amended motion carried.

Approval of Resolution for 17th Walk for Warmth:

Motion by Langshaw to approve a Resolution for Ross Township to support the 17th Walk for Warmth to be held February 27, 2010 departing at the First Baptist church in downtown Kalamazoo. The motion was seconded by Genung. Roll Call Vote showed: Genung, aye – Chambers, aye – Bither, aye and Langshaw, aye and the motion **carried**.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Chambers
Ross Township Clerk

