

**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD
BUDGET/PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 9, 2010 MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting/Public Hearing for the Ross Township Board was called to order by Jeff Bither, Supervisor at 7:04 P.M. Roll Call of members showed as follows:

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

Public Hearing

Motion by Durham to open the Budget/Public Hearing. Seconded by Genung. Motion **carried**.

Bither reviewed the 2010-2011 proposed Budget

Public Comment:

No public comment.

No comment by Board Members

Motion by Durham to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Genung. Motion **carried**.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Genung to approve the Consent Agenda as proposed which includes the Treasurer's Report, the minutes from February 10, 2010, the paid bills from February, 2010 and the bills payable for March, 2010. Seconded by Durham. Motion **carried**.

Reports:

Fire Board:

Durham reported there will be a meeting March 10, 2010.

Genung, Secretary for the Fire Board reported they did not have to borrow the money from the Township to pay off balance on fire truck. They were able to work within the monies they had.

Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Letter sent to Bruce & Karen Quick at 108 E. Gull Lake Drive re: junk vehicles.

Police Report:

Scott spoke about his concern of not having continuity with the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department. It takes time for an officer to learn the layout of the township and make adjustments, then the Department replaces them in six months. Durham and Genung concurred. Steve Beers, the present officer assigned to Ross Township, stated it was a Union decision in regards to those with seniority and wanting to move positions. Bither will make a phone call to the Sheriff with the Board's concerns.

Planning Commission:

Scott said the Commission continues to work on the Bay Commercial draft. They are making progress but could be three (3) months before completion.

They received a letter asking for consideration of having certain times that construction could take place. No action was taken.

He **Scott** has been receiving e-mails from Michigan State University & Rebecca Harvey regarding the Recreation Plan.

Scott stated that Commissioner Member Rick Jones had to resign due to his new work responsibilities. Gregg Pierce of 529 S. Gull Lake Drive was appointed to fulfill the vacancy.

Public Comments: Non-agenda items, 2 minutes limit per topic

No public comments

Old Business:

Chip Seal Estimates:

The chip seal estimates were looked at. Genung suggested the decision be tabled until more Board Members are present.

New Business:

Approval of 2010-2011 Budget:

Motion by Genung to approve the 2010-2011 Budget. Seconded by Scott. Roll Call vote showed: Bither, Genung, Durham and Scott were all ayes and motion unanimously **carried**.

Approval of Fire Dept. Budget for 2010-2011

Motion by Durham moved to approve the 2010-2011 Budget contingent on the Fire Board approving it at their Board Meeting March 10, 2010. Seconded by Genung. Motion **carried**.

New Computer for Angela Kirby, Assessor

Motion by Durham to purchase a new computer, for the Assessor, not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00). Seconded by Genung. Motion **carried**.

Bither will talk with Kirby regarding what she would like.

Noise Ordinance for discussion

A copy of the Oshtemo Township Anti-Noise Ordinance was given out for review. Steve Beers, KCSD officer, presented a copy of an old Ross Township Noise Ordinance and stated that it could not be enforced as written. Durham moved that a copy of the Oshtemo Township Ordinance be given to the Planning Commission to review and give input. Seconded by Genung. Motion **carried**.

Members Time:

Bither stated that the Adaptive Water Sports Day sent a letter asking to reserve Ross Township Park, Friday, July 16, 2010 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Genung moved the request by granted. Seconded by Durham. Motion **carried**. Shirley Lund will be contacted and asked to put the event on our web site.

Durham noted there was an oversight last month stating that the Trustees did not take a salary increase for the budget year 2010-2011 along with the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer.

Genung brought attention to an invoice from Mall City Mechanical for parts and service calls. Some of the charges were under warranty but all of the service calls should not have been the Township responsibility. Several phone calls were made to Mall City but all were not returned. Bither is to ~~writing a~~ **write a letter to Mall City** stating the concerns regarding the excessive charges for service calls due to the circumstances of defective parts brought to the repair site.

Genung stated she had turned over her tax records for 2009 to the County.

Genung stated the Board of Review completed their interviews and will be meeting one more time to finish up the mail requests.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Carol Wilkins
Ross Township Deputy Clerk