

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING APRIL 13, 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	Martha Chambers, Clerk
	Sid Durham, Trustee	Owen Murray, Trustee
	Diana Langshaw, Trustee	
Absent:	Cynthia Genung, Treasurer	Jon Scott, Trustee

Also present were members of Scout Troop #296 who were present to lead the board members and public in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag which was done very professionally by the young men.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Chambers to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the bills paid for March, the bills payable for April, 2010, the Treasurer's Report and the amended minutes of 3/9/10. The motion was seconded by Durham and **carried**.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Bither reviewed the Ordinance Enforcement Report from AGS dated 4/25/10. Bither stated that he received a complaint on Powell's property on Sherman Lake which he will have AGS review.

Police Report:

Captain Bowen was present to review the Sheriff's Dept. report of calls for March and to answer any questions from the board and the public. Bowen stated that the law enforcement millage is coming up in May and encourages everyone to support this renewal.

Public Comment:

Ron Slagell, CEO at LifeCare was present to review their quarterly report covering memberships and number of calls. The cost of a family membership is \$38 per year which covers all members of the household. Chambers received permission from Slagell to put the LifeCare membership application on the Township website.

Road Update:

Murray and Bither made a tour of the Township roads this week and came up with recommendations for which roads should receive work for 2010.

Motion by Murray to approve the following roads for maintenance: (1) Fernwood (M-89 to Trillium) wedging only for 2010 at a cost of \$27,200). (2) East Gull Lake Dr. (D Ave. to C Ave.) wedging multiple locations & chip seal 8,100' x 22' for a cost of \$51,650. (3) Sherman Lake (3,341' west of 39th St. to 39th St.) wedging 12 locations & chip seal for a cost of \$29,203. (4) Idlewild (3,051' West of 37th St. to 1,640' East of 37th St. chip seal at a cost of \$16,317. and Wild Dr. chip seal at a cost of \$1,585.50 and Idle Dr. chip seal at a cost of \$1,239. plus vacuum sweeping \$960.00. (Total cost of Idlewild area is \$20,101.50). (5) 37th Street (CD Ave to Idlewild) chip

seal and vacuum sweeping for a cost of \$5,790.50. The motion was seconded by Durham and **carried**.

Approval of Lawn Bids:

Motion by Durham to accept a bid from Lawn Perfect for the 2010 lawn mowing in the amount of \$8,875. plus any additional mowings as needed at \$455. per time. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and **carried**.

New Business:

Motion by Durham to accept the resignation of Sandy Kiger from the Planning Commission and to appoint Sherri Snyder to complete Kiger's term. The motion was seconded by Murray and **carried**.

Approval of seal coating bids for Hall and Park:

Motion by Chambers to accept the bid from Tustins Asphalt Sealing for the Ross Township Park in the amount of \$2,620. and the Township Hall in the amount of \$3,340. The motion was seconded by Durham and **carried**.

Approval of Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness:

Motion by Bither for Ross Township to approve a Proclamation for the month of April, 2010 as **Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Ross Township**. The motion was seconded by Chambers. A Roll Call Vote showed as follows: Murray, Chambers, Bither, Durham and Langshaw all voted aye and the motion **carried**.

Approval of Liquor License:

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission is seeking Ross Twp. Board Approval for a Liquor License for the Augusta Armory located at 3100 Dickman Rd., Augusta, Mi. There was no information provided on the who and where and when for this license. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to table this request until further additional information can be supplied by the Military as we do not want to issue a blanket approval.

Cemetery Upkeep:

A letter was received by Esther James regarding the condition of Ross Center Cemetery requesting that something be done about the bad condition of the cemetery. Chambers will try to get some information on what other Townships are doing about upkeep of their cemeteries and how they are funding it also maybe get names of who does this type of work and costs involved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Chambers
Ross Township Clerk