

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MAY 11, 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	Jon Scott, Trustee
	Diana Langshaw, Trustee	Owen Murray, Trustee
Absent:	Sid Durham, Trustee	

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Chambers 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 as proposed which consists of the Treasurer's Report for April, the minutes from April 13, 2010, the bills paid for April and the bills payable for May. The motion was seconded by Murray and **carried**.

Fire Dept:

Genung stated that the Fire Board has not met. Because of the road being closed off in Augusta, the Board is unsure whether they will be able to hold the August Car Show.

Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Bither reviewed the AGS Ordinance Violations Report dated 5/1/10; all the violations listed are now in compliance.

Police Report:

Bither reviewed the Sheriff's Dept. Report on calls in Ross Township for April.

Planning Commission Report:

Scott reviewed the P/C's Annual Report for fiscal year 2009-2010 prepared by Chair, Jim Lauderdale which listed the P/C's activity during the year and a proposed work plan for 2010-2011. Scott commended Lauderdale for the amazing job he has done with the leadership of the P/C; his guidance has helped the P/C get a lot of work done during this last year.

Public Comment:

Lorence Wenke was present to introduce himself as a candidate for the Senate seat for the 20th District.

Cemetery Discussion:

Todd from Cambell-Murch Memorials will meet with Bither, Genung and Chambers to give the Township some pointers on cleaning up our cemeteries and fixing the old and broken stones.

Tabled Liquor License request from Augusta Armory:

A liquor license request from Augusta Armory was tabled at the April Board Meeting because not enough information was supplied by the applicant and the Board did not want to issue a blanket approval. Bither called Liquor Control and discussed our concerns and was told if we don't approve then they will have to obtain individual approval from the Board each time they want to hold a special event. It was the

consensus of the Board to table this request and let the Armory apply each time giving the Board more information and control.

Resolution for Intergovernmental Agreement-Kalamazoo Regional Water & Wastewater Commission:

Kalamazoo Regional Water & Wastewater Commission is requesting that Ross Township approve a Resolution for the second amended and restated intergovernmental agreement with Kalamazoo Regional Water & Wastewater Commission. It was the consensus of the Board to table this request until the June meeting and to invite Rich Pierson to be present to answer questions.

Approve the sale of assessing computer:

Bither has a buyer for the old assessing computer and it was the consensus of the Board to sell the computer after all information has been cleared off of the hard drive.

Request for discount on Park Passes for divers:

Bither received a request from divers at the township park for a discount on their park passes. It was the consensus of the Board to deny this request.

Approval of P/C request for intern for Recreation Plan:

Motion by Murray to approve the P/C request to hire an intern from WMU to help write a Recreation Plan for the Township with the cost not to exceed \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and **carried**.

Yarrow Liquor License name change request:

Motion by Chambers to approve a change in name to drop Hotel Investment Services, Inc. as Co-Licensee with the new name being Yarrow Golf & Conference LLC. The motion was seconded by Scott. Roll Call of members showed Scott, aye - Langshaw, aye - Bither, aye - Chambers, aye - Murray, aye and Genung, aye. The motion **carried**.

Member's Time:

Scott wants to get back on track to see what needs to be done to get the momentum going on building the new fire house. We need to start getting costs together along with design work.

Murray suggested that he, Scott and Dave Flook meet to discuss what the next step will be to get things moving again.

Langshaw has been hearing from several neighbors of Gull Lake Ministries regarding noise, parking and the purchasing of property outside of district created for them. Langshaw would like to have the agreement between the Township and Gull Lake Ministries revisited to see if they are adhering to the agreement. Bither will discuss the situation with Bruce Dean.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Martha Chambers
Ross Township Clerk

