

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 8, 2011 MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Ross Township Board was called to order by Jeff Bither, Supervisor at 6:30 P.M. Roll Call of Members showed as follows:

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

Joanna Johnson, Managing Director of the Kalamazoo County Road Commission, along with Kenneth Oscarson, Bill DeYoung, Jeffrie Maddox and Travis Bartholomew were present. The KCRC meets with the Township Board on an annual basis for discussion and to answer questions from the public and Board Members.

The Board Members were issued a report that included a review of the 2005-2010 road projects, the 2011 completed projects, and projections of future improvements through 2015. The Board praised the KCRC for providing excellent service and agreed that the report will be very helpful for planning future road projects in Ross Township.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Langshaw to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Murray and **carried**.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Genung to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Treasurer's Report for October, 2011, the bills paid for October, the bills payable for November, the Minutes of the 10/11/11 Township Board Meeting and the Minutes of the 10/17/11 Special Township Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Murray and **carried**.

Reports:

Fire Dept:

Genung stated the Annual Haunted House was a huge success, noting there were approximately 475 attendees.

Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Bither reviewed the Ordinance Enforcement Report dated 11/1/11, see attached.

Police Report:

Bither reviewed the Police Report for the Month of October. Murray questioned why the Police Report wasn't included in the packet for review prior to the meeting. Bither stated he didn't receive the report until after the packet was already mailed. Murray inquired about having the Police Reports sent to the Board members via email so that the reports can be reviewed prior to the meetings. Bither stated he will contact Captain Bowen to inquire about having the Police Reports emailed to the Board members.

Planning Commission:

Jim Lauderdale, Chairman of the Planning Commission, was present to provide an update on what the Planning Commission is currently working on. He stated the Planning Commission continues to work towards getting all of Ross Township's Master Plan and Zoning Ordinances up to date. He also stated the Planning Commission is in the

process of conducting the rewrites for the Commercial Districts located within the township. Lauderdale stated he will respond to any questions pertaining to the Agenda items under New Business, A&B.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment

Old Business:

Road Patrol Contracting:

Motion by Murray to authorize the Township to contract for one Deputy to work on a ~~rotating~~ **rolling** time schedule, effective January 1, 2012, for one year. The motion was seconded by Genung and **carried**.

Township Fire Station Update:

Bither reported that two Architects stopped in to see the Township Hall and Fire Station. He stated information pertaining to their responses should be available for review by the December Meeting/Budget Workshop.

Snow Plow Bids:

Motion by Genung to accept the snowplow Bid from Premier Lawn and Snow Removal Services based on their references checking out ok. The motion was seconded by Murray and **carried**.

New Business:

Resolution Approving Amendments to Ross Township's Master Plan:

Jim Lauderdale was present to answer questions pertaining to the Amendments to the Master Plan and Rezoning of property in land Section 31. Lauderdale addressed questions from the Board Members.

Motion by Langshaw to approve the Amendments to the Ross Township Master Plan (text and Future Land Use Map) that were recommended by the Planning Commission at the public Hearing on September 26, 2011. The Motion was seconded by Murray. Roll Call Vote Showed: Langshaw-aye, Genung-aye, Murray-aye, Markillie-aye, and Bither-aye. The vote **carried with all ayes**.

Ordinance #185 (Rezoning of Property in Land Section 31):

Motion by Langshaw to approve the Ross Township Ordinance NO. 185, which amends the Ross Township Zoning Ordinance/Zoning Map to rezone property in land section 31. The motion was seconded by Murray. Roll Call Vote Showed: Langshaw-aye, Genung-aye, Murray-aye, Markillie-aye, and Bither-aye. The vote **carried with all ayes**.

Members Time:

The Board Members thanked Jim Lauderdale for attending the meeting and praised him for providing excellent leadership. It was the consensus of the Board that it would be a good idea to have a joint meeting with the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. A tentative date was set for November 15th or 16th.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Monica Markillie, Ross Township Clerk

