

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING JUNE 8, 2015 MINUTES

The reschedule regular meeting of the Ross Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Dykstra at 2:00 P.M. Roll Call of Members present showed as follows:

Present:	Paul Dykstra, Supervisor	Cynthia Genung, Treasurer
	Monica Markillie, Clerk	Diana Langshaw, Trustee
	Sid Durham, Trustee	Robb Blain, Trustee
Absent:	Jon Scott, Trustee	

Also Present: Doug Bogema, Ross-Augusta Fire Chief

*The Regular June 9th Meeting of the Ross Township Board was rescheduled and noticed for June 8, 2015 at 2:00 P.M.

Approval of Amended Agenda:

Motion by Durham to approve the Amended Agenda adding under New Business (A) The Adoption of the Ross Township Freedom of Information (FOIA) Procedures and Guidelines Resolution. The motion was supported by Langshaw and **carried**.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion by Durham to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the draft copy of the May, 2015 Treasurer's Report, the bills paid for May and payable for June, 2015 and the Minutes of the May 12, 2015 Township Board Meeting. The motion was supported by Blain and **carried**.

Reports:

Fire:

Ross-Augusta Fire Chief, Doug Bogema, was present to discuss Fire Dept. business. Bogema discussed two structure fires that occurred within the Township during Memorial weekend. Bogema reported the fires took place on 42nd St. and Shoal Drive and further stated both fires originated in the garage. It was noted the fire on 42nd St. was a total loss and the fire on Shoal Ave involved damage to the garage and master bedroom.

Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Dykstra reviewed the Ordinance Enforcement Report Dated June 4, 2015. The Board discussed enforcement procedures regarding docks relevant to dock placement, uses and renting. Durham stated the Township Board eliminated enforcement procedures concerning dock placement and location several years ago. He further added the issue regarding the renting of docks is a separate matter which requires Ordinance Enforcement. Dykstra stated he would research the issue and reported the Township received six complaints regarding docks during the month of May.

Police Report:

Dykstra reviewed the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Dept. Report for May, 2015 (see attached).

Planning Commission:

No new business to report.

Parks Committee:

Dykstra reported the Park Committee's main focus continues to center around the development of a bike trail within the Township. He added the KRVT will eventually extend from Galesburg to Augusta and into Ross Township. Dykstra stated the Committee's next Meeting is scheduled for June 9th at 7:00 P.M. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor's Report:

Dykstra reviewed the Supervisor's Report for May and discussed the status of items listed in the report including the Township Park. Durham complimented on the appearance of the Park grounds and beach access areas. The Board discussed the idea of installing an automated gate at the Township Park entrance. Dykstra reported the cost would be approximately \$40,000. Langshaw inquired about having playground equipment at the Park. Dykstra reported the application to receive grant money for the Park has been submitted to the State. He expressed support in having playground equipment at the Park and ~~sated~~ **stated** there is sufficient space in the open area to the right of the entrance.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Old Business:

New Township Hall-Fire Barn Discussion:

Dykstra reported he and Durham had a meeting with Ron Slagell, CEO of Life Care, to discuss the proposed new Building and Fire Station. Durham expressed positive feedback regarding the meeting and added Slagell was in support of a long term contractual agreement between Life Care and the Township. Durham reported Slagell will request consideration of a financial contribution toward the new building with the Life Care Board.

After extended discussion, it was the Consensus of the Board to proceed with the next phase of the proposed new Fire House and Township Hall which would include a request submitted to Howard Overbeek and Associates for construction drawings of the proposed building project. Dykstra stated he will contact Howard Overbeek to request construction drawings for Board review at the August Township Board Meeting.

Town Hall Open House:

It was the Consensus of the Board to schedule an Open House on either August 8th or August 6th. It was suggested to have the open house from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. The Board discussed activities to offer during the event including an ice cream social. Durham suggested offering a Building and Fire House tour. The Board also discussed having the proposed building design displayed for public viewing. After extended discussion, it was the Consensus of the Board to send a post card including information regarding the event via mail to Township Residents. Dykstra stated the information will be posted to the Township Website as well.

New Business: -

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Procedures Guidelines Resolution: -

Motion by Langshaw and supported by Genung to approve the Resolution Adopting the Ross Township Freedom of Information ACT (FOIA) Procedures and Guidelines. Roll Call Vote Showed: Langshaw-aye, Markillie-aye-, Dykstra-aye, Genung-aye, Blain-aye and Durham-aye. The **Vote carried with all ayes.**

Sherman Lake Private Road SAD Inquirer:

Dykstra reported the status of an inquiry submitted by a Resident regarding a potential request for a Road Special Assessment for a private Drive off South Sherman Lake Dr.

Status of the July 14, 2015 Regular Township Board Meeting:

Motion by Genung to cancel the July 14, 2015 Township Board Meeting. The motion was supported by Markillie and **carried.**

Adjournment:

Motion by Durham and supported by Genung to adjourn the Board Meeting at approximately 3:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Monica Markillie
Ross Township Clerk