

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD
August 10, 2015 MINUTES

The rescheduled regular meeting of the Ross Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Dykstra at 7:00 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	Jon Scott, Trustee
	Robb Blain, Trustee	

*The regular August 11, 2015 meeting of the Ross Township Board was rescheduled and noticed for August 10, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Amended Consent Agenda:

Motion by Genung to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the June 2015 Treasurer's Report, the draft July 2015 Treasurer's Report, the bills paid and payable for June and July; and the Amended Township Board Minutes of the June 8, 2015 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Markillie and **carried**.

Reports:

Fire Dept.:

Durham recognized Bogema and Shirley along with a few others from the Fire Dept. who attended the Township Open House on August 8th.

Ordinance enforcement:

Dykstra reviewed the Ordinance Enforcement Report for June and July. The Board discussed the status of the violations listed in the report. Dykstra reported he is aware of 6 weekly rental cases within the Township and expressed concern about the language of the Ordinance and how it relates to enforcement procedures concerning rentals. It was the Consensus of the Board to have the Planning Commission review the Ordinance Language regarding weekly rentals. Durham recommended Dykstra consult with Attorney Thall to request guidance regarding this topic as well.

Police report:

Dykstra reviewed the Sheriff's Dept. Reports for June and July (see attached).

Planning Commission:

Scott provided an update on Planning Commission business stating recent topics of discussion have been focused on landscaping, dock placement and dock rentals.

Parks Committee:

Scott reported the Parks Committee held an ice cream social at the Township Park on July 20th. Scott further discussed business the Committee is currently working on including the development of a brochure that will provide messaging regarding the Ross township trail

system proposed to connect to the KRVT. Blain inquired about the long term plan of the KRVT. - Scott stated the KRVT is proposed to eventually connect to Battle Creek after the extension - from Galesburg to Augusta has been completed. -

Supervisor report: -

Dykstra reviewed the Supervisor's report for June and July. Dykstra provided an update on the items listed in the report including, progress on current road projects, the Township Park and the completion of the ICA Bridge.

Public Comments:

No Public Comment.

Old Business:

New Ross Township Offices and Fire Station update:

Dykstra provided an update on the status of the proposed new Fire Station and Township office. He stated Overbeek received feedback from Board Members and the Fire Dept. regarding a few changes to the building design. The changes include adding two drive through bays and adding separate showers, changing rooms and bathrooms for men and women.

New Business:

Boundary and topographic Survey Proposal-Ross Township Park:

Dykstra reported in order to receive grant funds for play equipment to be added to the Township Park, a survey must be completed. Dykstra requested the Board consider a proposal submitted by Prein & Newhof for a Boundary & Topographic Survey of the Park in the amount of \$6,350. The survey would include the location of all improvements, elevation of all buildings with observed site utilities and site contours at a 1-foot interval. Scott advised the 1-foot interval isn't very common and suggested to have Dykstra inquire about a 2-foot spacing option to reduce the cost.

Motion by Durham to approve the proposal submitted by Prein & Newhof for Survey Services at the Township Park which includes a Boundary & topographic Survey. Included in the motion is to request the proposal to be amended to include the site contours spaced at 2-foot intervals instead of 1-foot intervals. The motion was seconded by Scott and **carried**.

Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Letter:

Motion by Markillie to amend the Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Agreement to add an additional \$1,000 for the HHW program to cover the remaining 2015 calendar year. The motion was seconded by Scott and **carried**.

Member's Time:

Scott suggested the Board consider looking into Community Development Block Grants. Scott further stated the program offers funding to local Governments which can be used for infrastructure.

Dykstra discussed how complaints are handled in the Township and suggested the Board consider adopting a Township Complaint policy. It was the consensus of the Board to consider this issue at the September Board Meeting.

Dykstra reported the township received a donation from the Croasdale Family along with a letter recognizing Fire Chief Bogema for his service to the Community. The Board further discussed the letter.

Genung reported Bogema recently applied for a grant to be used toward the purchase of a new rescue boat. Dykstra reported the Township owns 25 ft. of Lake Frontage in the Bay area. He added the County Marine Patrol currently has a boat docked in that area, but there is room for an additional boat.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Monica Markillie
Ross Township Clerk