

**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD
MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 3, 2017 MINUTES**

The Rescheduled Regular Meeting and budget workshop of the Ross Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Dykstra at 9:00 A.M.

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

Also Present: Gene McKay III, Deputy Treasurer

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Langshaw to approve the Amended Agenda with the following revisions:

- The removal of item (a) Ross Township SAD Discussion Old Business
- The deletion of the January 2017 Treasurer's Report
- The addition of the December 2016 Treasurer's Report

The Motion was seconded by Markillie and **carried**.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Markillie to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the December, 2016 Treasurer's Report, the bills paid for January 2017, and the Amended January 10, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and **carried**.

Public Comments: No Public Comments

New Business

BS&A Accounting Software and Service Agreement:

Motion by Markillie to approve the BS&A Accounting Software Proposal and Service Agreement for \$ 28,875. The motion was seconded by Genung and **carried**.

Proposed Budget Amendment (Line 101.265.978-Construction Building):

Motion by Genung to amend the 2016-2017 Ross Township Budget under expenses to add \$503,784.80 to Account # 101.265-978. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and **carried**.

2017 BOR Notice:

Motion by Genung to approve the proposed 2017 Board of Review Public Notice as presented. The motion was seconded by Scott and **carried**.

Resolution to accept BOR Protest Letters for 2017:

Motion by Langshaw to approve the Ross Township Resolution to accept protest letters for the March 2017 Board of Review. The motion was seconded by Scott. Roll Call vote showed: King-aye, Genung-aye, Dykstra-aye, Markillie-aye, Langshaw-aye and Scott-aye. The Motion **carried with all ayes**.

Resolution to approve the 2017 Poverty Guidelines:

Motion by Genung to approve the Ross Township Property Tax Poverty Exemption Guidelines Resolution for Tax Year 2017. The motion was seconded by King. Roll Call vote showed: King-aye, Genung-aye, Dykstra-aye, Markillie-aye, Langshaw-aye and Scott-aye. The Motion **carried with all ayes**.

Proposed Amendments to the Park Regulations Ordinance:

Scott submitted a Ross Township Park Amenity Development Matrix for Board review. Scott stated each Park Committee Member was asked to rate the importance in developing and improving eight different amenities at Ross Township Park. Additionally, Scott discussed the proposal for the Parks Committee to hold food truck events at the Park during 2017. The Board discussed the proposal at this time.

Motion by Genung to increase the Ross Township Park daily fee to \$10.00 with the agreement to offer a \$5.00 rebate to Ross Township Residents. The motion was seconded by King and **carried**.

Motion by Markillie to increase the Ross Township Park Seasonal fee to \$25.00 for Ross Township Residents and 40.00 for the non-Residents. The motion was seconded by King and **carried**.

Motion by King to approve not more than six Food Truck Events at the Ross Township Park during 2017. Included in the motion is the agreement to waive the entrance fees during the events and further consult with Township Attorney, Rob Thall and Township Insurance Representative, Geoff Lanskey to ensure proper licensing and State/Local Regulations are followed prior to scheduling the events. The motion was seconded by Markillie and **carried**.

2017-2018 Budget Workshops:

The Board worked on the proposed 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Township Budget during this time, see attached.

Member's Time:

Dykstra stated he would like to have a Special Board Meeting in February to discuss the proposed Road SAD and for the consideration of 2017 Road Projects.

Scott suggested utilizing a free product called "Doodle Poll" for scheduling the Special Meeting.

King asked Dykstra if the Township has considered contracting with the Village of Richland or the Village of Augusta for Police services. Dykstra stated he will research to see if contracting with the neighboring Villages is an option for Township Police coverage.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Monica Markillie
Ross Township Clerk