

**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING/BUDGET HEARING
MARCH 14, 2017 MINUTES**

The Regular Board Meeting/Budget Hearing of the Ross Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Dykstra at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Paul Dykstra, Supervisor Cynthia Genung, Treasurer
Monica Markillie, Clerk Diana Langshaw, Trustee
Jon Scott, Trustee

Absent: Rick King, Trustee
Sid Durham, Trustee

Also Present: Doug Bogema, Ross-Augusta Fire Chief

Please see attached sign- in sheet for additional attendees

Approval of Agenda

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

- The deletion of #6 item (a) Kalamazoo County Dispatch Proposed Resolution of Support
- The Postponement of item (a) under Old Business—Roads SAD proposed Resolution of Support
- The addition of item (f) under New Business—Approval of Bank Depositories Authorized by the Township Treasurer

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Scott to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the tentative February 2017 Treasurer’s Report, the Bills paid for February and Payable for March, 2017, and the amended minutes of the February 28, 2017 Special Board Meeting with the following revision: Under Kalamazoo Mortgage Charitable Gaming License, GLVC was changed to **GLVGC**. The motion was seconded by Markillie and **carried**.

Reports

Fire Department:

Bogema provided an update on the status of the new Fire Truck that is expected to be available for pick up in May. Additionally, Bogema stated the Fire Department had approximately 10 runs on March 9th related to the wind storm including a brush fire that occurred on 43rd and B Ave.

Police Report:

Dykstra reviewed the Kalamazoo County Sheriff’s Department Reports for January and February, 2017. Additionally, Dykstra discussed an issue that occurred in the Island Cove Acres

Neighborhood and reported Captain Christensen will be in attendance to provide an update at the April 11, 2017 Township Board Meeting.

Park's Committee:

Scott discussed Parks Committee Business including the status of the KRVT extension from Galesburg to Augusta. Scott reported he is scheduled to meet with KRVT representatives to discuss an up-coming fund raiser at the GLVGC. Additionally, Scott stated the Parks Committee is moving forward with the plan to have Food Truck Events at the Park during 2017.

Recommendation on acceptance of Landscape Architect:

Scott presented a proposal submitted by O'Boyle, Cowell, and Blalock & Associates for the Development of a Township Park Master Plan. Scott reported the Committee has been working with Planning Consultant, Lee Adams, on improving the Park and noted the Committee solicited RFP's for the development of a Park Master Plan and stated four proposals were submitted by the following Landscape Architects:

1. McKenna Associates,
2. Viridis,
3. Progressive AE,
4. O'Boyle, Cowell, Blalock & Associates

Scott stated the Parks Committee has selected the local Landscape Architect Firm, O'Boyle, Cowell, and Blalock & Associates as their recommendation to the Board for the creation of a Township Park Master Plan.

Motion by Scott to accept the Proposal submitted by Landscape Architect Firm O'Boyle, Cowell, Blalock & Associates for the development of a Ross Township Park Master Plan with the understanding the cost for the services to be funded by previous donations held in the Parks Committee Professional Services expense account. Included in the motion is to have the proposed Park Master Plan completed within 5 months and submitted for Board review upon completion. The motion was seconded by Markillie and **carried**.

Ordinance Enforcement:

The Board discussed the Ordinance Enforcement Report for February, 2017. Langshaw inquired about the Devrou violation listed on 12537 E D Ave. Dykstra reported the violation occurred during the summer of 2016 and stated the issue has since been brought into compliance.

Supervisor's report:

Dykstra reviewed the Supervisor's Report for January and February 2017 (see attached).

Planning Commission:

Scott discussed Planning Commission Business including storm water runoff and water shed strategies. Scott also discussed the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments proposed for consideration under new business (please see attached amendments to Section 17.2 and 22.4).

Public Comment

No public Comment

Ross Township Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Open Public Hearing:

Motion by Markillie to open the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget Hearing. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and **carried**.

Public Comments:

No Public Comments

Member Comments:

No Member Comments

Close Public Hearing:

Motion by Scott to close the Budget Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Genung and **carried**.

Old Business

Resolution of Support for Roads SAD Proposed Plans and Costs:

Postponed to the April 11, 2017 Township Board Meeting

New Business

Approval of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments –Sections 17.2 & 22.4(Ordinance No. 202):

Motion by Genung to adopt Ordinance No. 202 which amends the Zoning Ordinance in Sections 17.2 and 22.4 (please see attached text amendments). The motion was seconded by Markillie. Roll Call Vote Showed: Langshaw-aye-Scott-aye, Markillie-aye, Dykstra-aye and Genung-aye. The Motion **carried with all ayes**.

Approval of the Ross-Augusta Fire Dept. 2017-2018 Budget:

Motion by Markillie to approve the proposed 2017-2018 Ross-Augusta Fire Budget in the amount of \$157,500.00. The motion was seconded by Scott. Roll Call vote showed: Genung-aye, Dykstra-aye, Markillie-aye, Langshaw-aye, and Scott-aye. The motion **carried with all ayes**.

Approval of the Ross Township 2017-2018 General Appropriations Act 2017-2018 Budget Resolution:

Motion by Genung to approve the 2017-2018 Ross Township General Appropriations Act Budget Resolution which approves an allocated Millage of 0.6500 mills; a voter-authorized Fire Millage of 1.000 mills; General Fund revenues at an estimated \$1,071,197 and miscellaneous Fire Fund Revenues (not included in the General Fund Budget) totaling an estimated \$322,543. The motion was seconded by Scott. Roll Call Vote Showed: Genung-aye, Dykstra-aye, Markillie-aye, Langshaw-aye and Scott-aye. The Motion **carried with all ayes**.

Approval of the 2017-2018 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting dates:

Motion by Markillie to approve the proposed Zoning Board of Appeals 2017-2018 Fiscal Year dates. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and **carried**.

Approval of Outside Contractors for Fiscal Year 2017-2018:

Motion by Markillie to approve the following Outside Contractors for the 2017-2018:

- Township Attorney- Rob Thall -Bauckham, Sparks, Thall, Seeber, Kaufman, P.C.
- Auditor-Jeff Rood (Siegfried Crandall, P.C.)
- Engineer-Prein & Newhof
- Building and Zoning Services- Associated Government Services
- Township Lawn Care- Lawn Perfect

The motion was seconded by Genung and **carried**.

2017-2018 Bank Depositories:

Motion by Markillie to authorize the Township Treasurer to use the Bank Depositories of her choice during the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year. The motion was seconded by Scott and **carried**.

Member's Time:

Markillie recognized the Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Clerk for their continued excellent work. Additionally, Markillie reported the Clerk's Office is beginning to prepare for the May 2, 2017 Special election.

Dykstra discussed a personnel issue related to compensating an employee during office leave.

The Board discussed wind storm damage that occurred at the Yorkville Cemetery on March 9th. Dykstra reported two trees came down and possible headstone damage occurred. Dykstra stated he has contacted Boles Tree Service for removal of the two trees. Further, it was noted an insurance claim may be necessary to cover the cost associated with the damage. It was the Consensus of the Board to assess all of the Township Cemeteries for tree trimming/removal as soon as the weather permits.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: Monica Markillie, Township Clerk

