

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING JANUARY 14, 2014 MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Ross Township Board was called to order by Jeff Bither, Supervisor, at 7:00 P.M. Roll Call of Members showed as follows:

Present: Jeff Bither, Supervisor Cynthia Genung, Treasurer
 Monica Markillie, Clerk Diana Langshaw, Trustee
 Jon Scott, Trustee

Absent: Owen Murray
 Sid Durham

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Langshaw to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Treasurer's Reports for November & December 2013, Bills paid and payable for November & December 2013, plus the Township Board minutes of 11/12/13 (No December Meeting). The motion was seconded by Scott and **carried**.

Reports:

Fire Department:

Genung reported fire runs are up from this time last year.

Ordinance Enforcement:

Bither reviewed the Ordinance Enforcement Reports for November & December 2013 (see attached). The Board discussed the status of all violations listed on the reports.

Police Report:

Bither reviewed the Sheriff's Dept. report on calls in Ross Township for December 2013 (see attached).

Planning Commission:

No new business.

Supervisor:

Bither reviewed the Supervisor's Report. The Board discussed the KCRC Road Side Vegetation Management Policy. Bither mentioned there has been an issue regarding the policy with regards to removing trees from public right-of-ways. Bither reported the KCRS is responsible for relocating fallen trees from the road right-of-way to the adjacent property; however, it is the property owner's responsibility to use/dispose the fallen trees.

Public Comment:

Ron Slagell, CEO of Lifecare, was present to discuss the Quarterly Report for the period October-December 2013. Slagell reported LifeCare currently has 273 families with LifeCare Memberships in the Gull Lake service area, compared to 269 families last year at this time.

New Business:

2014 Road Projects:

Bither submitted a report to the Board including a list of road projects that were completed in 2013. The Board also received a Road Project Estimate from the KCRC that included proposed road projects to be completed in 2014. It was the Consensus of the Board to Table the item for further review.

KCSD 2014 Sheriff Contract:

Motion by Markillie to approve the 2014 Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Dept. Agreement between the KCSD and Ross Township to contract for 1 Deputy in the amount of \$117,117.00. The Motion was seconded by Genung and **carried**.

Members Time:

Scott mentioned he has been in contact with representatives from the KRVT regarding the development of a bike path system within the township that would connect to the KRVT. Scott stated the first steps in moving forward will be raising funds to put together advertising and marketing materials to sell the idea to the township. Scott added the residents need to be informed and given the opportunity provide input and share their ideas regarding the bike path project. He stated he continues to receive positive feedback from residents in the township regarding the plan.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Monica Markillie
Ross Township Clerk