

**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD
BUDGET/PUBLIC HEARING
March 25, 2014 MINUTES**

The Rescheduled Regular Meeting/Public Hearing 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, Trustee Sid Durham, Trustee

Budget Public Hearing

Motion by Markillie to open the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Genung and **carried**.

Bither reviewed the proposed budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. Bither reported the budgets for the Special Assessments, which include the Street Lights and the Sherman Lake Weed project, have been added. Bither mentioned Jeff Rood, auditor from Siegfried Crandall, recommended the Assessments be added to the budget. It was noted the Special Assessments are separate fund accounts and do not change the General budget totals proposed.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

Members Comments:

There were no Member comments.

Motion by Langshaw to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Markillie and **carried**.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Genung to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Scott and **carried**.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Markillie to approve the Consent Agenda which included the February 2014 Treasurer's Report, the Township Board Minutes of 2/11/14, 2/17/14 and Bills paid and payable for March. The motion was seconded by Genung and **carried**.

Reports:

Fire Dept.: No new business.

Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Bither reviewed the Ordinance Enforcement Report for February 2014 (see attached).

Police Report:

Bither reviewed the Sheriff's Dept. Report on calls within Ross Township for February 2014 (see attached).

Supervisor's Report: No new business.

Planning Commission:

Scott provided an update on Planning Commission business. Scott reported the Planning Commission is currently working with Attorney Rolfe and Rebecca Harvey to

reorganize/reformat the Zoning Ordinance Text. Scott discussed some of the types of changes that have been made noting the changes will provide for a more user-friendly document.

Public Comments: No Public Comments.

Old Business:

2014 Road Projects:

Postponed until the April 22nd Township Board Meeting.

New Business:

Approval of the 2014-2015 Ross Township Budget

Motion by Scott to approve the proposed budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. The motion was seconded by Markillie. Roll Call Vote Showed: Scott-aye, Langshaw-aye, Bither-aye, Markillie-aye and Genung-aye. The Motion **carried with all ayes.**

Approval of the 2014-2015 Ross-Augusta Fire Dept. Budget:

Motion by Langshaw to approve the proposed Ross-Augusta Fire Dept. budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. The motion was seconded by Scott. Roll Call Vote Showed: Genung-aye, Markillie-aye, Bither-aye, Langshaw-aye and Scott-aye. The Motion **carried with all ayes.**

Year End Journal Entries to Amend the 2013-2014 Ross-Augusta Fire Dept. Budget:

Motion by Markillie to accept the Journal entries (see attached) to amend the 2013-2014 Fire Dept. Budget. The motion was seconded by Scott and **carried.**

Year End Journal Entries to Amend the 2013-2014 Ross Township Budget:

Motion by Genung to accept the Journal entries (see attached) to amend the 2013-2014 Ross Township Budget. The motion was seconded by Scott and **carried.**

Approval of Outside Contractors for 2014-2015:

Motion by Genung to approve the Outside Contractors for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 which includes, Attorney Rolfe, Prein & Newhoff and AGS for Ordinance Enforcement and Building Dept. Services. Included in the Motion is to authorize the Treasurer to use a bank depository of her choice. The motion was seconded by Markillie and **carried.**

Right to Farm Act:

Motion by Scott to grant Attorney Rolfe the approval to review the Township's Zoning Ordinance to determine if any provisions conflict with the issued GAAMPS and proposed revisions of GAAMPS on agricultural subjects, such as manure management and animal care for the purpose of identifying recommended text amendments applicable to Ross Township. Included in the motion is the agreement the work be performed on a fee-shared basis not exceeding \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Markillie and **carried.**

Members Time:

Markillie reported Michigan State Biological Center has offered to provide a service project at the Ross Township Park on April 12th. Bither stated he is waiting to hear back from the Bio Center's Director of Maintenance to discuss further details.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Monica Markillie, Ross Township Clerk