

## **Ross Township Board Meeting April 22, 2014 Minutes**

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

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

### Agenda:

Motion by Durham to approve the amended Agenda, adding under New Business (B) Cemetery Stone Repair, (C) Supervisor's Resignation and (D) 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Demolition. The motion was seconded by Murray and **carried**.

### Consent Agenda:

Motion by Langshaw to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the April, 2014 Treasurer's Report, the bills paid for March, 2014 and payable for April, 2014, and the Township Board Minutes of March 25, 2014. The motion was seconded by Murray and **carried**.

### Fire Dept.:

Genung reported the Fire Dept. will have a Special Meeting (to be determined) to discuss the Fire Dept. Millage that will be expiring at the end of 2014.

### Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Bither reviewed the Ordinance Enforcement Report dated March, 2014. Durham inquired about the status of the shed located on 1372 Burlington Drive. Durham reported the owner of the shed was ordered to have it re-located. Bither stated he will contact AGS to inquire about the status of the shed.

### Police Report:

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

### Planning Commission:

Scott reported the Planning Commission has been working with Attorney Rolfe and Rebecca Harvey to reorganize and reformat the Ross Township Zoning Ordinance Text. Scott stated the PC continues to have discussion regarding the zoning of waterfront within the township.

### Supervisor's Report:

Bither reported MSU postponed the township park service project scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup> as they did not have enough volunteers to complete the work. He added MSU would like to reschedule the service project to May 1<sup>st</sup> or May 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was noted the work to be completed will include tree pruning and light maintenance.

### Public Comment:

No public comment

## Old Business:

### 2014 Road Projects:

The KCRC provided the Board a capital improvement plan that includes a list of proposed road projects for 2014-2016. The Board reviewed the road projects included in the list. Bither reported the Township Board will receive an estimated \$55,000 in par funds from the KCRC for 2014 road projects.

Motion by Durham to approve the following 2014 proposed road projects:

- 46<sup>th</sup> St. from M-89 to C Avenue (crack fill and chip seal) at an estimated cost of \$33,750. -
- 39<sup>th</sup> St. from G Avenue to FG Avenue (Pulverize and HMA paving 2 lifts) with an estimated cost of \$100,000.
- DE Avenue from 37<sup>th</sup> St. to West County Line (crack and chip seal) with an estimated cost of \$31,500.

Included in the motion is the agreement to have Bither contact Richland Township Supervisor, Al Bussema, to verify if the portion of ~~39<sup>th</sup>~~ **DE Ave.** located within Richland is scheduled to be improved this year; and contact Luke Austenfeld from the Sherman Lake YMCA (SLYMCA) to see if the SLYMCA is willing to contribute a percentage of the cost to have 39<sup>th</sup> St. from FG to 3120' north of FG improved. The motion was seconded by Scott and **carried**.

### Park Committee:

Scott presented a proposed Parks and Recreation Committee Bylaws Document for the Board to review. The Board reviewed the document and identified a few items that need to be revised. Genung suggested to have one Committee member serve as a Township Board liaison. Scott requested to be designated as the committee chairman and serve as the Township Board Liaison. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the development of a Parks and Recreation Committee would be beneficial for facilitating the development of bike paths. The Board requested to have Scott revise the Bylaw Document for further review at the May 13<sup>th</sup> Township Board Meeting.

Motion by Durham to create a Parks and Recreation Committee and appoint Jon Scott as the Chairman of the Committee. The motion was seconded by Markillie and **carried**.

### New Business:

#### Ross Twp. Park—Trees

Postponed until the May 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting for further review.

#### Cemetery Stone Repair:

Markillie reported the damage of a cemetery stone in the Yorkville Cemetery. She stated Campbell Murch, the monument company that produced the stone, provided a replacement estimate in the amount of \$900. Markillie also pointed out several other issues regarding some of the old stones and foundations including stones that need to be remounted in Yorkville and a stone that has been uplifted due to a tree root at the Day Cemetery.

Motion by Genung to approve the cemetery stone replacement estimate submitted by Campbell Murch in the amount of \$900. The Motion was seconded by Durham and **carried**.

Motion by Genung to approve the repair and maintenance of the stones and foundations that need to be remounted at Yorkville and the removal of the tree root that has caused the shifting of a stone in the Day Cemetery. The motion was seconded by Durham and **carried**.

Supervisor's Resignation:

Motion by Durham to accept the Supervisor's resignation effective June 30, 2014. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and **carried**.

42<sup>nd</sup> Street House Demolition:

Genung discussed the status of a house located within the township on 42<sup>nd</sup> St. that has been identified as condemned by the County of Kalamazoo. Genung reported the County has requested the township to participate in providing funds to demolish the house. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Board not to participate.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Monica Markillie  
Ross Township clerk