

## ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MAY 13, 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            Monica Markillie, Clerk  
                  Diana Langshaw, Trustee        Sid Durham, Trustee  
                  Owen Murray, Trustee  
Absent:        Cynthia Genung, Treasurer    Jon Scott, Trustee

### Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Durham to approve the Amended Agenda removing item (B) Parks Committee Bylaws under Old Business. The motion was seconded by Murray and **carried**.

### Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Langshaw to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the April, 2014 Treasurer's Report, Bills paid for April and payable for May and the Amended Ross Township Board Minutes of April 22, 2014. The Motion was seconded by Murray and **carried**.

### Reports:

#### Fire Dept.:

Doug Bogema, Ross-Augusta Fire Chief, was present to request the Board to consider a quote submitted by Kendall Electric to purchase new light bulbs and fixtures for the Ross-Augusta Fire Station. Bogema reported the station is in need of new lights as the current bulbs do not provide sufficient lighting. He added the lighting system offered by Kendall Electric would include 12 T-8 6 Lamp energy efficient light bulb & fixtures @ \$125/each totaling an estimated \$1500 in lights. The cost of labor is undetermined at this time.

Motion by Murray to approve the quote submitted by Kendall Electric to purchase new light bulbs and fixtures for the Ross-Augusta Fire Station. Included in the motion is for the total cost including labor not to exceed \$3,000. **The motion was supported by Durham and carried.**

#### Ordinance Enforcement:

Bither reviewed the Ordinance Enforcement Report (see attached) for April, 2014. The Board discussed the Status of the fence located at 11444 East CD Ave.

#### Police Report:

Captain Bowen of the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Dept. was present to review the Police Report dated April, 2014.

#### Planning Commission:

No new business.

#### Supervisor Report:

Bither discussed Township business including the Lawsuit involving the City of Kalamazoo and the Gull Lake Sewer Authority.

#### Public Comment:

No Public Comment

Old Business: -

Trees at Ross Twp. Park: -

Bither reported the MSU Bio-Station submitted a revised list of trees to be removed at the Township Park. Bither stated the original list included the removal of eight trees identified as dead and hazardous. Bither added, a service group from MSU removed three of the eight trees included in the list. It was noted the Township received quotes from three different tree service Contractors for the cost to have the trees removed. Bither reported he has contacted one of the Contractors to request a re-quote for the five trees. Langshaw recommend to have Bither request a quote from Boles Tree Service out of Battle Creek. After much discussion, it was the Consensus of the Board to contact Boles Tree Service to request a quote and postpone this item until the June 10<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting for further review.

New Business:

AGS Fees

Bert Gale and Troy Feltman from Associated Government Services (AGS) were present to discuss the proposed Rate increase for building and zoning services provided by AGS.

Motion by Murray to approve the Rate increase for building and zoning services provided by AGS. The motion was seconded by Durham and **carried**.

Cemetery Repairs:

The Board reviewed quotes submitted by Furrow Family Monument and Richland Monument Company to repair and remount the deteriorating Cemetery foundations located in the Yorkville and Day Cemeteries

Motion by Durham to accept the quote submitted by Furrow Family Monument to repair and remount 8 foundations at Yorkville Cemetery and 2 foundations at Day Cemetery. Included in the motion is for the cost to not exceed \$3,000. The motion was seconded by Murray and **carried**

New Lights for the Ross-Augusta Fire Barn:

Discussion regarding this matter took place previously in the Meeting under the Fire Dept. Report item on the Agenda.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Monica Markillie  
Ross Township Clerk