

**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 10, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Ross Township Board was called to order by Jeff Bither, Supervisor, at 6:30 P.M. Roll Call of Members showed as follows:

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

Also in attendance: Gary Moore

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Durham to approve the Amended Agenda adding under New Business (C) Fireworks at Yarrow and; (D) Park Pass request. The motion was seconded by Murray and **carried**.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Durham to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the May, 2014 Treasurer's Report, Bills paid for May and payable for June, 2014 and the Amended Ross Township Board Minutes of May 13, 2014. The motion was seconded by Murray and **carried**.

Reports:

Fire Dept.:

Genung reported MDOT will be providing the Township with new emergency lighting which will include a new flasher cabinet for the Ross-Augusta Fire Station and Ambulance Bays. Genung stated MDOT will supply the equipment however, will not install the new system. Genung presented a quote from Strain Electric in the amount of \$575.00 to remove the existing cabinet and auxiliary pushbutton system and install and hardwire the new system.

Motion by Durham to approve the estimate submitted by Strain Electric for the installation and wiring of the new emergency lighting system at the Ross-Augusta Fire Station. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and **carried**.

Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Bither reviewed the Ordinance Enforcement Report for May, 2014. The Board inquired about the status of several properties listed in the violation report including, 16511 East C Ave, 8905 N. 48<sup>th</sup> St., 12500 M89 and 11444 East CD Ave. Langshaw discussed the status of two properties that involve tall grass. Langshaw noted the location of the two properties: (1) 40<sup>th</sup> St. near M89; and (2) the corner of 43<sup>rd</sup> and M89. Bither stated he will contact the Violations Officer to discuss the status of the properties in question.

Police Report:

Bither reviewed the Police report dated May, 2014.

Planning Commission:

Scott provided an update on Planning Commission business. He stated the proposed Ordinance No. 193 has been completed and is being presented for Township Board Consideration under New Business (A).

Supervisor Report:

Bither shared a letter from Mark Williams, Physical Plant Service Leader for the Kellogg Bio Station (KBS), regarding the service project that took place at the Ross Township Park on May 5<sup>th</sup> & May 6<sup>th</sup>. Bither reviewed the list of work that was performed by KBS staff, students, and a group of 4 Military Veterans. The Board Members conveyed gratitude for the work that was completed and for the time that was contributed by all who were involved. Scott suggested the Board send a thank you card to KBS and the various volunteers for their service. Bither stated he will send a card.

Public Comment:

No Public comment.

Trees at the Ross Township Park:

Motion by Durham to accept a bid submitted by Boles Tree Service for the removal of 5 trees including debris cleanup and flush cutting the stumps in the amount of \$2500. Included in the motion is the agreement to request the work be completed during the week and ASAP as the trees have been identified as dangerous. The motion was seconded by Markillie and **carried.**

Parks Committee Bylaws:

Postponed until the July 8th Township Board Meeting for further review.

Proposed Township Building Fund:

Durham inquired about the current balance of the Proposed Building Fund. Genung reported the Proposed Building Fund has a current balance of \$726,540.

New Business:

Ordinance No. 193 (reorganized/amended Zoning Ordinance Text):

Motion by Genung to adopt Ordinance No. 193 which will reorganize and reformat the existing Zoning Ordinance Text. The motion was seconded by Scott. Roll Call Vote showed:

Scott-aye, Genung-aye, Murray-aye, Markillie-aye, Bither-aye, Langshaw-aye and Durham-abstained. **The Motion carried.**

Pirate's Day:

The Board received a letter from a citizen regarding Pirates Day which is an event that takes place at the sand bar on Gull Lake. The letter disclosed some issues associated with the event and provided information regarding various Law Enforcement Entities to contact for patrol in that area. Bither stated he has contacted the DNR and KCSD Marine Patrol Division to request additional patrols near the Sand Bar the day of the event. Bither reported in addition he will contact the Michigan State Police (MSP) to inquire about having MSP patrol the land near the sand bar. The Board agreed the letter was very informative. It was the consensus of the Board to post the letter to the website that advertises the Pirate's Day event.

Fireworks at Yarrow:

Bither reported the Township has received a proposal from Captain Boom, LLC. Fireworks Company. The proposal is for an application to display fireworks at a wedding on July 12, 2014 at the Yarrow Golf and Conference Center. Included in the proposal is a copy of the

site plan for the event which indicates a radius of approx. 300 feet. Sufficient for 4" shells in accordance with NFPA 1123 (see attached). Bither stated all of the necessary paperwork and permits have been filed and meet all of the legal requirements. Scott inquired about liability insurance for the event. Bither reported he has consulted with the Township's Insurance Agent, Geoff Lansky, and stated since the event will not take place on the Township's property, the Township isn't required to provide the insurance. Bither stated Captain Boom has submitted a copy of their Liability Insurance for this event. Genung reported the Fire Department will be on site for any emergencies.

Motion by Scott to approve the application for the display of fireworks at the Yarrow Golf and Conference Center on July 12, 2014. The motion was seconded by Murray and **carried**  
Park Pass Request:

Bither reported Resident Doug Stanton requested a park pass for the 2014 season. He stated Stanton uses a metal detector at the park for removing debris. After much discussion the item became null due to the lack of a motion.

Members Time:

The Township Board thanked and recognized Supervisor Bither, who will be retiring June 30<sup>th</sup>, for providing service as the Township Supervisor for the past 11 years. Genung presented Bither with an engraved clock as a retirement gift from the Board. Bither expressed much gratitude to the Board for the gift.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Monica Markillie  
Ross Township Clerk