

**ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD
AUGUST 12, 2014 MINUTES**

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

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

Also in attendance were several Residents of the Island Cove Acres Neighborhood and of the Grandview Beach Neighborhood (see attached attendance sheet).

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Durham to approve the Amended Agenda adding under Old Business (A) Park Committee Bylaws and under New Business (H) Appointment of Park Committee Members. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and **carried**.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Murray to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Treasurer's Report for June & July, 2014, the bills paid and bills payable for July & August, 2014, and the Regular Township Board Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2014; plus, Special Board Meeting Minutes of June 17th and July 1st of 2014. The Motion was seconded by Scott and **carried**.

Reports:

Fire Dept.:

Fire Chief Bogema was present to discuss Fire Dept. business. Bogema reported the Fire Board will begin discussions regarding the purchase of new fire trucks. He stated the Fire Dept. has a 1979 fire truck that will need to be replaced in the near future. Genung reported the Fire Department is requesting to renew and increase the current fire millage expiring after levy in 2014. Genung stated the current millage is less than a ½ mill which raises an estimated \$135,000. Per year. Genung added the Fire Board would like to increase the millage to a full mill for a five year period.

Motion by Murray to consult with Attorney Rolfe to pursue language for the proposal of increasing the fire protection millage that is currently levied at less than a ½ mill to a full mill. Included in the motion is the agreement the millage would be placed on the ballot in 2015 and would be for a five year period of time. The Motion was seconded by Durham and **carried**.

Ordinance Enforcement:

Dykstra reviewed the Ordinance Enforcement Report dated August 11, 2014. Dykstra reported there are four violations still open, three involving blight and one involving ATV track/noise.

Police Report:

Dykstra reviewed the Police Report for July, 2014. Murray inquired about the Summary report specifically relevant to the calls listed for service that occurred in other jurisdictions involving traffic stops. Murray stated he would like to consult with Captain Bowen to inquire

about changing the Summary Report to only include service calls that occur within the - township. -

Planning Commission: -

Scott provided an update on PC business. Scott reported the PC is currently discussing the definition of guest house structures within the township and in the Ross Township Zoning Ordinance.

Supervisor Report:

Dykstra introduced himself to the Board Members and Public, noting he was appointed to the Ross Township Supervisor position on August 4, 2014. Dykstra provided an update on current Township Business.

Park Committee Report: Postponed until the September 9, 2014 Board Meeting

Public Comment-Non Agenda Items: No Public Comment

Old Business:

Park Commission Bylaws: Postponed until the September 9, 2014 Board Meeting

New Business:

Approval of Yarrow Fireworks in September:

Motion by Durham to approve the proposal submitted by Captain Boom Fire Works Company which includes the permit for the display of fireworks at the Yarrow Golf and Conference Center on September 28, 2014; and the permit for the display of fireworks on September 29, 2014 which has been scheduled as an alternate day in the event the September 28, 2014 event is cancelled due to rain. The Motion was seconded by Markillie and **carried**.

Yorkville Concrete Border-Shaw:

Motion by Langshaw to approve the proposal submitted by Shaw Funeral Home which includes the installation of a concrete border around the Hawk Family Cemetery lot within the Yorkville Cemetery. Included in the motion is the understanding that Brutsche Concrete, the Company ~~performing~~ **performing** the concrete work, must provide the Township with a copy of their liability insurance. **The motion was seconded by Durham and carried.**

Township Hall Landscaping-Trees:

Langshaw discussed the issue of the dead trees located on the Township Hall grounds near the road. It was the consensus of the Board to have the trees removed. Bogema recommended the Board avoid planting any new trees along the road as they may block the view of the Firefighters as they drive out of the parking lot. Scott stated he would be willing to volunteer his time to remove the trees and requested Dykstra to arrange a time when they can meet to discuss the matter further.

Resolution 2014-1 Policy and Procedure for Public Inspection and copying of Assessing Records:

Motion by Murray to approve the Ross Township Resolution 2014-1 which adopts policies and procedures for public inspection and copying of assessing records of Ross Township. The Motion was seconded by Durham. Roll Call Vote showed: Scott-aye, Langshaw-aye, Dykstra-aye, Markillie-aye, Murray-aye and Genung-aye. The vote **carried with all ayes**.

Island Cove Bridge:

Jim Pejka, President of the Island Cove Plat Association, and Various residents of that area were present to discuss the condition of the Island Drive Bridge located in the plat of Island Cove Acres. Pejka reported the bridge is part of a private road that crosses a channel and services six residents who live on the island and provides deeded access to all owners within

the plat. Several Residents expressed concern regarding safety of the bridge. Bogema reported the Fire Department equipment is not permitted to cross the bridge as the bridge doesn't have the load bearing capacity to accommodate a fire truck or ambulance vehicle. Pejka requested the Township Board consider establishing a special assessment district to cover the cost of a new bridge. Christina Hutchings, who is a resident in the Island Cove Plat and also a member of the Island Cove Association, reported they have received a quote from an engineering firm for the cost to have a new bridge constructed. Hutchings provided pictures of the current bridge for the board to review and a budget for the proposed bridge project which totals \$100,000. She stated a petition has been circulated and believes the Association has 100% support from the residents who live on the Island and over 51% support from the residents who reside in the common areas within the plat.

Jean Kubiak who resides at 6070 Island Dr. inquired about paying for the cost of the bridge in advance. Genung stated she would need to consult with the Township Attorney regarding the question stating the Township typically doesn't accept tax payments in advance.

Margaret Sayen who resides at 11961 Yorkshire Dr. inquired about the status of the undeveloped lots that are not buildable. She questioned if those parcels would be taxed.

Scott discussed the development of an assessment that would name the Island Cove Association as the payee. The Board considered various assessment options for funding the proposed new bridge. Following extended discussion regarding this matter, it was the consensus of the Board to further research the issue and table the item until the September 9, 2014 Board Meeting. Murray requested the Association Members provide the Board with the estimate submitted by the Engineering Firm for the proposed bridge along with the notarized petition. Genung stated she will contact the Township Attorney to request information regarding the various questions raised at the meeting.

ATV Noise-South Gull Lake Dr.

Katie Zamora who resides at 8093 Yorkville Lane and various residents who reside within the Grandview Beach Plat were present to discuss an issue involving ATV's. Zamora reported the ATV's are being raced around a track at night on the Devrou's Property and have become a nuisance due to the noise. Dan Margules who resides at 861 S. Gull Lake Dr. reported the ATV's are being driven on his property. Margules expressed concern regarding safety and liability. Sean Devrou and Cathi Devrou, owners of the property where the ATV's use is occurring, stated they were not aware of the issue until they received a letter from the Ordinance Enforcement Officer indicating the violation. Devrou stated they have allowed ATV use on their property however, stated they were not aware of the issue involving racing of the ATV's at night. Following extended discussion, the Board suggested to have no trespassing signs posted in the area where the trespassing and racing of the ATV's occur. Sean Devrou accepted full responsibility for the issues associated with ATV use on his property and reported he will follow through to ensure it does not continue.

Rebecca Harvey Invoice:

The Board reviewed an invoice submitted by Rebecca Harvey for planning services dated for the month of June, 2014. Genung questioned the charge for General Communications with the township staff. Murray recommended having the inquiries regarding Rebecca's billing directed to Planning Commission Chair, Jim Lauderdale.

Attorney Rolfe Memo:

The Board discussed the memo from Rolfe dated June 20, 2014 to the PC as well as an earlier correspondence in August, 2013. Following extended discussion, the Board requested Supervisor Dykstra to solicit RFP's from Law Firms practicing Municipal Law and report the results to the Board for further consideration.

Members Time:

Langshaw reported tall grass/vegetation at 40th St. and C. Ave and 44th St. and M-89. She recommended to have the issue reported to the KCRC.

Adjournment:

Motion by Durham to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:10 P.M. The motion was seconded by Scott and **carried**.

Respectfully submitted:

Monica Markillie
Ross Township Clerk