

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING May 12, 2015 MINUTES

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

<u>Present:</u>	Paul Dykstra, Supervisor	Cynthia Genung, Treasurer
	Monica Markillie, Clerk	Diana Langshaw, Trustee
	Rob Blain, Trustee	Jon Scott, Trustee
	Sid Durham, Trustee	

Also in Attendance:

Otis Ingraham, Parks Committee

Howard Overbeek & Rick King, Howard Overbeek & Associates

Agenda:

Motion by Durham to approve the Amended Agenda. The Motion was supported by Langshaw and **carried**.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Durham to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the April, 2015 Treasurer's Report, the bills paid for April and payable for May, and the Township Board Minutes of April 14, 2015. The motion was supported by Langshaw and **carried**.

Reports:

Fire Dept.:

It was noted the May 5th Fire Millage Proposal was approved by voters with 812 yes votes and 558 no votes. Markillie reported the Township turnout percentage was 34%

Ordinance Enforcement:

Dykstra reviewed the Ordinance Enforcement Report for April, 2015 (see attached). Dykstra discussed the status of two similar Ordinance Violations included in the report involving rental properties. He stated the property owners have taken action to bring the violations into compliance.

Police Report:

Dykstra reviewed the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Dept. Report for April, 2014 (see attached).

Planning Commission:

The Board received an annual report which included an update regarding the Planning Commission's work plan for fiscal year 2015-2016. Scott stated the PC held a Public Hearing on April 27th for the consideration of two requests submitted by GLVGC, Inc. Scott noted he was in attendance as the applicant seeking approval for the requests, therefore recused himself from PC Board Participation.

Parks Committee:

Scott stated the KVRT Association is raising funds to extend the trail from Galesburg to Augusta. He added the plan is for the Ross Trail System to connect to Augusta once that portion has been completed. Parks Committee Member, Otis Ingraham, reported the Parks Committee will meet with the Village of Augusta Council to discuss the Trail System at their regular scheduled Board Meeting on June 1, 2015 at the Augusta Village Hall.

Supervisor's Report:

Dykstra reviewed the Supervisor's Report for May, 2015. He stated the beachfront project at the Township Park has been completed. Dykstra discussed the status regarding the installation of the warning siren being installed on Sherman Lake Drive.

Public Comment:

No public Comment.

Old Business:

New Township Hall-Fire Station update-Howard Overbeek & Rick King:

Howard Overbeek and Rick King, of Howard Overbeek & Associates, were present to discuss the Proposed New Township building and Fire Station. Overbeek provided a Site Plan including floor plans to the Board for review. Overbeek reported a Topographic map will be created as soon as the survey work has been completed by Prein & Newhof. Overbeek discussed a fire suppression Sprinkler System that would need to be installed in the new building per code requirements. He stated the approximate cost would be \$50,000.

After extended discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to present the Site Plans to Fire Chief Bogema, Assistant Chief Shirley and Ron Slagell, CEO of LifeCare to see if any changes are needed prior to moving forward. Durham suggested having a long term agreement between the Township and LifeCare Ambulance Service if the Township Board proceeds with the construction of the new building. Overbeek stated he will request a proposal for the Sprinkler System and report the information to the Board for review at the June Board Meeting.

It was the Consensus of the Board to reschedule the June 9th Township Board Meeting to June 8th at 2:00 P.M. Dykstra reported he will consult with Attorney Thall to request contract language for an agreement with LifeCare. He further stated he will schedule a meeting with the Fire Chief and Assistant Chief as well as Ron Slagell, CEO of LifeCare to request feedback regarding the new building Site plan.

Town Hall Meeting Discussion:

It was the Consensus of the Board to schedule a date for the Open House at the June 8th Board Meeting. The Board discussed having an ice cream social during the event. Overbeek offered to provide drawings and maps of the new Township Office and Fire Station for public viewing at the event.

New Business:

507 South Gull Lake Drive (Smith) Parcel # 04-17-354-151:

Dykstra shared an email correspondence and letter to the Board regarding an issue related to parcel #3904-17-354-151 (507 S. Gull Lake Drive). Dykstra reported the issue involves the construction of a new detached accessory building. He further added recent zoning changes have caused the Owners of the property difficulty with the permit process and the proposed project. Dykstra reported Blok Builders, the Construction Company retained by

the Property Owners, have submitted a request for Special Land Use approval which will be considered at the Planning Commission Meeting/Public Hearing on June 22nd.

Motion by Durham to waive the Special Land Use Application Fee for the request that was submitted by Blok Builders for the proposed construction of a new accessory building located at 507 S. Gull Lake Drive (parcel 04-17-354-151). The motion was supported by Scott and **carried**.

Member's Time:

The Board received information regarding a Dedication Ceremony for the recognition of Revolutionary War Veteran, Daniel Wilson. Markillie reported the dedication Ceremony is scheduled to take place July 11th at 1:00 P.M. at Yorkville Cemetery.

Adjournment:

Motion by Durham to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. The motion was supported by Markillie and **carried**.