

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD
March 15, 2016 MEETING/BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

The Rescheduled Regular Meeting/Budget Hearing of the Ross Township Board was called to order by Supervisor 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
	Jon Scott, Trustee	Sid Durham, Trustee
	Rob Blain, Trustee	

Also Present: Rob Thall, Township Attorney
Mark Worden, Asset Management Director of the KCRC -
Bill Johnson, Gull Lake View Golf Club (GLVGC) -
Mike Gallagher and Pete Hawke of the Gull Lake Quality Association -
Rob Ranes, Hasting City Bank -
Gordon Graves, Cornerstone Construction Management, Inc. -
Several Residents of Ross Township (please see attached sign in sheet) -

Approval of the Amended Agenda:

Motion by Durham to approve the proposed Amended Agenda moving approval of the Agenda to item (2) and adding the following items: under New Business (G) recommendation of the GLV Liquor License request; Under New Business (D) approval to allow the Treasurer to use the bank depository of her choice and the addition of the February, 2016 Treasurer's Report to the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Scott and carried.

New Ross Township Office and Fire Station:

Attorney Thall reported the Township has contract agreements for the new building and Fire Station with Cornerstone Construction and Hastings City Bank that will need to be executed at the Meeting and requested the Board to consider the documents presented.

Construction Agreement-Cornerstone Construction:

Motion by Durham to approve the Construction Contract Agreement between Ross Township and Cornerstone Construction Management in the amount of \$1,482,000.00 for the new Township Hall and Fire Station. The motion was seconded by Markillie and **carried**.

Financing Agreement: Resolution Approving installment Purchase Agreement for Construction of Township Hall and Fire Station:

Scott resolved to approve the Installment Purchase Agreement Resolution for the Construction of the new Township Hall and Fire Station for a purchase price of \$1,482,000 of which \$882,000 will be paid to ~~the Contractor (Cornerstone Construction Management) in installment payments~~ **Hastings City Bank** over a 10-year period with interest at 2.51 percent per annum on the unpaid balance. The resolution was seconded by Durham. Roll Call Vote showed: Scott-aye, Blain-aye, Genung-aye, Dykstra-aye, Markillie-aye, Langshaw-aye and Durham-aye. The vote **carried with all ayes**.

Assignment of Installment Agreement:

Motion by ~~Scott~~ **Durham** to approve the Agreement assigning the financial interest in the Installment Purchase Agreement of Cornerstone Construction Management to Hastings City Bank. The motion was seconded by Scott. Roll Call Vote showed: Scott-aye, Blain-aye, Genung-aye, Dykstra-aye, Markillie-aye, Langshaw-aye and Durham –aye. The vote **carried with all ayes**.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion by Durham to approve the consent agenda which includes the Treasurer's Reports for January & February, 2016, the Amended Minutes of the February 6, 2016 Township Board Meeting/Budget Workshop and the bills paid and payable for February and March, 2016. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and **carried**.

Public Comments:

Several Residents of Ross Township were present for discussion regarding the Ross Township Roads. Mike Murphey who resides at 8590 43rd Street reported he received information from a KCRC Representative who was working on 43rd Street recently and informed him that he was in the process of measuring the road for purposes relating to a potential plan to have 43rd Street pulverized. Murphy asked Dykstra if he had any knowledge regarding such a plan. Dykstra stated he wasn't aware of plans to have 43rd St. pulverized, stating it is not being considered by the Township Board and added a road project including pulverization would be considered during a public hearing and Residents would receive notification. Mark Worden, Asset Management Director of the KCRC, who was present to address questions regarding road projects, stated he was not aware of a current plan to have 43rd St. pulverized. Linda Moss-Perrin who resides at 9802 N. 43rd St. discussed issues that have occurred near the bridge on 43rd St. Connie Bennet who resides in the Township expressed concern regarding pulverization as a treatment option. Worden discussed the KCRC's asset management plan and reviewed various treatment options and funding. Further discussion took place during this time and various questions were addressed by the Board. It was the consensus of the Board to revisit the issue of Roads when information relating to the road question included in the Township survey becomes available. The Board thanked the Residents for attending the Meeting and sharing their thoughts and concerns regarding the Township Roads.

2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget Public Hearing:

Motion by Langshaw to open the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Genung and **carried**.

The Board reviewed the proposed 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget at this time.

Public Comments: No Comment

Member Comment: No Comment

Close Public Hearing:

Motion Blain by to close the Budget Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Genung and **carried**.

KCRC Asset Management and 2016 Road Projects:

Mark Worden, Asset Management Director of the KCRC, further discussed the KCRC's Asset Management plan for Ross Township and funding. Worden provided information regarding Neighboring Townships in Kalamazoo which have Road Assessments and road

millages in place for raising funds for Road projects. Once more, it was the Consensus to hold - off on considering funding option for roads until the survey information becomes available by - April 14th. -

Gull Lake Quality Organization-Mike Gallagher: -

Mike Gallagher and Pete Hawk were present to provide information regarding the Gull Lake Quality Organization. Gallagher discussed the Organization's Mission, the work they have completed and projects they are currently working on. The Board thanked the Gentlemen for attending the Meeting and for providing the presentation to the Board and public.

Old Business:

Ross Township Signs-Park & Yorkville Cemetery:

Dykstra provided an update on the sign repair projects relating to the Yorkville Cemetery sign and the Township Park Sign. Dykstra reported insurance claims were filed for the cost of both signs and noted there was a \$500 deductible cost to the Township for each sign.

Motion by Durham to approve the quote submitted by the Sign Shop for the cost to repair the Park sign in the amount of \$2100.00. The motion was seconded by Scott and **carried**.

New Business:

Approval of the 2016-2017 Ross-Augusta Fire Dept. Budget:

Motion by Durham to approve the Ross-Augusta Fire Department's 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget. The Motion was seconded by Langshaw. Roll Call Vote showed: Scott-aye, Blain-aye, Genung-aye, Dykstra-aye, Markillie-aye, Langshaw-aye and Durham Aye. The vote **carried with all ayes**.

Approval of the Ross Township General Appropriations ACT 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget Resolution:

Motion by Genung to approve the Ross Township General Appropriations Act 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Resolution/2016-2017 Budget (see attached Resolution). The motion was seconded by Blain. Roll Call Vote showed: Durham-aye, Langshaw-aye, Markillie-aye, Dykstra-aye, Genung-aye, Blain-aye and Scott-aye. The vote **carried with all ayes**.

Approval of 2016-2017 Meeting Dates-Ross Township Board and Ross Township Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA):

Motion by Durham to approve the 2016-2017 Township Board Meeting dates as presented. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and **carried**.

Motion Langshaw to approve the 2016-2017 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting dates as presented. The motion was seconded by Durham and **carried**.

Approval of 2016-2017 Outside Contractors:

Motion by Durham to approve the list of outside Contractors for fiscal year 2016-2017 which includes Township Attorney Rob Thall (~~Baukham~~ **Baukham**, Sparks, Thall, Seeber and Kaufman, P.C.), Auditor, Jeff Rood of Siegfried Crandall, P.C., Prein & Newhoff, Associated Government Services and Lawn Perfect. Included in the motion is to allow the Township Treasurer to use the bank depository of her choice. The Motion was seconded by Blain and **carried**.

Approval of the proposed Ross Township Trespassing Ordinance NO. 199:

Motion by Durham to approve the proposed Ross Township Trespassing Ordinance No. 199 as presented by Attorney Thall. The motion was seconded by Scott. Roll call Vote showed: Scott-aye, Blain –aye, Genung-aye, Dykstra-aye, Markillie-aye, Langshaw –aye and Durham-aye. The vote **carried with all ayes.**

Approval of the proposed Ross Township Noise Ordinance No. 200:

Motion by Scott to approve the proposed Ross Township Noise Ordinance No. 200 as presented by Attorney Thall. The motion was seconded by Durham. Roll Call vote showed: Durham-aye, Blain-aye, Genung-aye, Dykstra-aye, Markillie-aye, Langshaw-ay and Durham-aye. The vote **carried with all ayes.**

Approval of the Gull Lake View Golf Club, Inc. (GLV) Liquor License Request-~~Stroatin~~ **Stoatin Brae**:

Trustee Scott recused himself from the Board at this time. Bill Johnson, Vice President of Gull Lake View Golf Club, was present to provide information regarding their new golf course named Stoatin Brae Hospitalities, LLC. Johnson informed the Board of GLV plans to operate a restaurant at ~~Stroatin~~ **Stoatin** Brae Hospitalities and serve alcoholic beverages to their customers. Johnson stated there is a Class C Liquor License they are in need of to do this. Johnson requested the Board to recommend to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission that the License be issued to ~~Stroatin~~ **Stoatin** Brae Hospitalities, LLC.

Motion by Durham to recommend to the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission the Requested Class C Liquor License be issued to ~~Stroatin~~ **Stoatin** Brae Hospitalities, LLC. The motion was seconded by Blain and **carried.**

Member's Time:

Langshaw inquired about the recently retired Firefighters and asked if anything has been completed to recognize their years of service to the Fire Dept. Markillie acknowledged the Election Inspectors for their dedication to the Township and praised Assistant Fire Chief David Shirley for dedicating his time to assist with election set-up. The Board commended Attorney Thall for providing exceptional guidance and service to the Township and thanked Thall for attending the Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Monica Markillie
Ross Township Clerk