

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING August 9, 2016 MINUTES

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

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

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Durham to approve the amended agenda which relocates the Banghart Land Division Appeal to New Business (D) and removes the Ordinance Enforcement Report and the Planning Commission Report from the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Markillie and **Carried**.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Durham to approve the Amended Consent Agenda which includes the June 14, 2016 Amended Township Board Minutes, the June 2016 Treasurer's Report, the July 2016 Draft Treasurer's Report, the bills paid and payable for July & August, 2016. The motion was seconded by Markillie and **carried**.

Reports:

Fire Department:

Ross-Augusta Assistant Fire Chief, David Shirley, and several Members of the Fire Department were present to request approval from the Board for the bid submitted by Midwest Fire for the purchase of a new Ford F550 Fire Truck. Rob Leatherman, Member of the Ross-Augusta Fire Department, provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Leatherman reported the purchase amount for the new truck is \$169,868. Leatherman further stated the new truck will replace their current Rescue truck (451) which is currently used for brush fires and water & ice rescues. It was noted the new truck would also be used to assist house fires. The Board discussed the proposal at this time.

Motion by Durham to grant the Ross-Augusta Fire Department the authority to accept the bid submitted by Midwest Fire in the amount of \$169,868 for the purchase of the new Ford F550 Fire Truck provided in the proposal. The motion was seconded by Markillie and **carried**.

Police Report:

Dykstra reviewed the Police Report submitted by the KCSD on calls in Ross Township for June 2016 (see attached).

Quarterly Ambulance Report:

Ron Slagell, CEO of Life Care, was present to review the Quarterly Report for April-June 2016. Slagell reported Membership is up from 245 families last year during this time to 252 families currently. Slagell stated Life Care continues to find new methods for advertising.

Additionally, he stated the Billboard on M-89 has been very effective. The Board thanked Slagell for attending the meeting and for Life Care's continued partnership with Ross Township.

Parks Committee:

Dykstra reported the majority of the work that was being done by the GLAT Committee has shifted over to the Kalamazoo County Parks Foundation (KCPF). Dykstra added Ross Township received \$10,200 in private donations which will be used to hire a Planner to work with the Township Parks Committee on the continued development of the Township bike trail.

Supervisor Report:

Dykstra reviewed the Supervisor's Report for August, 2016 and provided an update on several topics including, Ordinance Enforcement, Proposed Zoning Ordinance text Amendments, and the Township Fire Station/Building Project.

Road Committee:

Durham reported the Road Committee held its first Meeting on Saturday July 30, 2016. He stated the Committee consists of Two Township Board Members which includes himself as Township Board Liaison and Supervisor Dykstra as the Committee Chairman, as well as three Township Citizens. Durham stated the main focus of the Committee is to find a method for funding a road improvement plan that will allow the Township to repair and maintain every road in Ross Township. Additionally, Durham spoke about two funding options the Committee is considering which includes a Township wide road assessment and a Township road millage. Durham stated the Next Meeting is scheduled for August 22nd.

Ross Township Income Statement—2016-2017 Fiscal Year 1st Qtr.

The Board reviewed the General Fund Income Statement reflecting activity for the 1st quarter of fiscal year 2016-2017.

Public Comment:

Martin Jansen of the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority was present to discuss changes to the County bus system. Jansen reported the County bus system now offers expanded hours of service on Sunday and in the evenings. Additionally, the Kalamazoo Metro Connect Community Van offers transportation to Senior Citizens and people with disabilities.

Joseph Michaud of 8749 N. 42nd Street was present to submit a request to have the speed limit reduced on 42nd Street to 35 mph. Mr. Michaud submitted a petition to the Board signed by Residents in support of the Request. After extended discussion, it was the Consensus of the Board to postpone the request to the September 13, 2016 Township Board Meeting.

Old Business:

Fire Station/Office Update: Discussed previously under Supervisor's Report.

Island Cove Acres (ICA) Bridge-SAD Refund:

Motion by Durham to approve the ICA Bridge SAD refund in the amount of \$10,204.14. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and **carried**.

Proposed Approval of Lot Line Adjustment-3052 Oakdale:

Motion by Durham to accept the recommendation by the Township Assessor to approve the Platted lot line adjustment of Parcel No. 3904-07-430-102 and Parcel No. 3904-07-430-113. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and **carried**.

Proposed Approval of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments-Ord No. 201:

Dykstra reviewed the Text Amendments (Ordinance No. 201) proposed for Board consideration. Durham questioned the language of Article 20 Item 13.B.2 which reads “Buildings and parking areas shall be provided with access from a County primary road or State Trunk line”.

A question was also raised regarding the time frame given for construction on non-conforming structures. Upon extended discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to postpone approval of the proposed Amendments until the questions can be addressed at the September 13th Township Board Meeting.

Township Assessor Leave of Absence:

Township Assessor, Angela Story, submitted a letter to the Township Board regarding notice of her Maternity Leave of Absence. Dykstra stated the Assessor plans to take 4 weeks of Maternity Leave.

Banghart Land Division Appeal:

Postponed until the September 13, 2016 Township Board Meeting.

Additional Information:

Sheriff Patrol in Kalamazoo County Study:

The Board received a report that included a study regarding the number of Kalamazoo County Sheriff patrol units that are currently on the road. The Report also included a two year taxable comparison by Unit from 2015-2016. The study was conducted by the Charleston Twp. Supervisor, Jerry VanderRoest and Texas Charter Township Trustee, Jeff VanderRoest.

Prairieville Township Ordinance-Aquatic Invasive Species Control:

Dykstra submitted a copy of Prairieville Township’s Aquatic Invasive Species Control Ordinance to the Board for review.

Protecting Michigan’s Inland Lakes: A guide for Local Governments:

The Board received a guidebook for local governments on Protecting Michigan’s Inland Lakes.

KCRC-2016 Paser Ratings:

Dykstra distributed the Kalamazoo County Road Commission Paser Ratings for 2016.

Luchsinger Communication:

Dykstra provided a copy of correspondences to the Board Submitted by John Luchsinger who resides at 1513 W. Gull Lake Drive. The Board reviewed the letters at this time.

Dumont Communication:

Dykstra provided an email correspondence submitted by Marijane Dumont who resides at 12258 N. Sherman Lake Drive. The Board reviewed the emails at this time.

Adjournment:

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: Monica Markillie-Ross Township Clerk