

**Meeting of the Ross Township Board
JULY 11, 2017 Minute Report
Ross Township Hall
12086 M-89
Richland, MI 49083**

**Meeting also held via teleconference at:
1598 San Silvestro Dr.
Venice, FL 34298**

The Regular Meeting of the Ross Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Dykstra at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Paul Dykstra, Supervisor Cynthia Genung, Treasurer
Monica Markillie, Clerk Diana Langshaw, Trustee
Rick King, Trustee Robb Blain, Trustee
Sid Durham, Trustee (in attendance via teleconference)

Also in attendance: Rob Thall, Township Attorney
Doug Bogema, Ross-Augusta Fire Chief

See attached attendance sheet for additional attendees

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Durham to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Blain and **carried**.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Langshaw to approve the amended agenda which includes the Special Township Board Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2017, the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2017 and the draft Treasurer's Report for June 2017. The motion was seconded by King and **carried**.

Reports

Fire Department:

Bogema reported the Department's number of runs has increased significantly from this time last year and noted 80% of the calls have been medical related. Bogema discussed the incident involving the Comstock Fire Chief, Ed Switalski, who was struck by a vehicle and killed on June 14th. Additionally, Bogema talked about the Ross-Augusta Fire Department's participation in the Rose run and Richland Village 4th of July Parade.

Ambulance Report:

Ron Slagell, CEO of Life Care, was present to discuss Quarterly Reports for January-March 2017. A handout including response times were distributed to the Board.

Ordinance Enforcement Report:

Dykstra reviewed the Ordinance Enforcement Report for June 2017, (see attached).

Police Report:

Lieutenant Christensen from the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Dept. was present to provide an update on Police Activity for the Quarter January-March 2017. Christensen discussed a home invasion that occurred on N. 48th Street. Further discussion regarding police activity in the Township ensued at this time.

Planning Commission:

Jim Lauderdale, Chairman of the Planning Commission, was present to discuss a proposal to pursue the development of Placemaking relative to Township Planning. A Handout was distributed for review and discussion (see attached).

Motion by Markillie to authorize the Ross Township Planning Commission to Explore potential Placemaking Destination/Location Districts within the Township. The motion was seconded by Dykstra and **carried**.

Parks Committee:

Dykstra reported the first Trucks and Tunes event at the Township Park was a huge success. Dykstra reported the next event in the series of Truck and Tunes is scheduled for July 31st.

Supervisor Report:

Report submitted and reviewed.

Public Comments

Judy Geary, Resident of Ross Township, suggested the Township Board consider having the Meeting Agendas emailed to Residents who are included in the Resident email list. Geary further stated it would make it easier for the Residents to learn about upcoming meetings and events.

Old Business

Road Special Assessment District (SAD) Proposal:

General discussion ensued at this time regarding the Township wide road SAD proposal. The Board reviewed the number of parcels included in the proposed district and discussed the status of the tax exempt properties. The response letter submitted to the Gull Lake Ministries relevant to their proposal for the SAD was reviewed at this time. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with holding the first Public Hearing on August 8, 2017.

Trustee Resignation/Appointment:

Motion by Markillie to appoint Jeff Price to fill the Trustee Vacancy effective July 28, 2017. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and **carried**.

Supervisor Appointment/Interviews:

It was the Consensus of the Board to hold a Special Meeting on August 1, 2017 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. for the purpose of conducting interviews of all qualified Candidates who submitted their resume for the Supervisor Position.

Motion by Blain to accept the Resignation submitted by Supervisor Dykstra effective August 8, 2017. The motion was seconded by Langshaw and **carried**.

New Business

Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments-Adoption of Ordinance No. 204:

Motion by Durham to adopt Zoning Ordinance No. 204 which includes the Following amendments listed below:

1. Article 20, Item 20-Campgrounds
2. Article 20, item 21-Seasonal Campgrounds
3. Article 2, Section 2.2-Definition of Terms

The Motion was seconded by Genung. Roll Call Vote showed: King-aye, Blain-aye, Genung-aye, Dykstra-aye, Markillie-aye, Durham-aye and Langshaw-aye. The Motion **carried with all ayes**.

Member's Time:

Dykstra discussed an idea submitted by a Township Resident for the installation of a lighted Flag at the Yorkville Cemetery. Dykstra stated additional information regarding the proposal will be submitted for consideration in the near future.

Markillie submitted her letter of Resignation form the Township Clerk position effective October 3, 2017.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Monica Markillie
Ross Township Clerk