

**Ross Township
Special Board Meeting
March 29, 2018**

Meeting held at:
12086 M-89
Richland, MI 49083

And via teleconference at:
1598 San Silvestro Dr.
Venice, FL 34285

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Moore at 2:30pm

Roll Call was as follows”

Present:	Jeff Price	Diana Langshaw	Norm Kellogg
	Gary Moore	Cindy Genung	Robb Blain
	Sid Durham-via teleconference		

Also Present: Rob Thall, Township Attorney

Absent: None

Treasurer Genung Asked to amend the agenda to include a PTA Resolution consideration. This Resolution will waive penalty fees and interest for failure to file a property transfer affidavit. A motion by Trustee Langshaw and supported by Trustee Price to include this on the agenda was carried unanimously by Board vote. This will be added to the agenda.

The Public Hearing was opened by Supervisor Moore. Since there was no public comment, the Public Hearing was closed by Supervisor Moore.

A Resolution to Approve the 2018-2019 Budget, under the Ross Township General Appropriations Act 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Resolution was presented to the Board. Clerk Kellogg added two minor adjustments to the 2018/2019 budget. Two pay raises that amount to a 50 cent per hour increase for Mary Carol Wilkins and Nicole Bell. A motion by Trustee Durham, supported by Trustee Blain to approve this amended Budget for fiscal year 2018/2019 was presented to the Board. Roll Call vote was as follows:

Trustee Price-Aye, Trustee Langshaw-Aye, Clerk Kellogg-Aye, Supervisor Moore-Aye, Treasurer Genung-Aye, Trustee Blain-Aye, Trustee Durham-Aye-via teleconference.

Nays: None

The Motion was passed unanimously by a Board roll call vote.

A resolution to authorize the Michigan DNR Passport Grant Application was presented. A motion to approve was submitted by Trustee Durham, supported by Trustee Blain. A brief discussion was initiated by all Trustees to understand the Grant. This resolution was to support the Parks Committee with an amount of \$10,000 commitment from Ross Township to the \$40,000 Grant request or 25% of the total grant request cost. This commitment could possibly be paid back if the full grant request is approved. Roll Call vote to approve was as follows:

Trustee Price-Aye, Trustee Langshaw-Aye, Clerk Kellogg-Aye, Supervisor Moore-Aye, Treasurer Genung-Aye, Trustee Blain-Aye, Trustee Durham-Aye-via teleconference.

Nays: None

Resolution passed unanimously by a Board roll call vote.

A resolution to Vacate certain Special Assessments parcels (3) from the SAD roll. Parcels Nos. 3904-17-203-021, 3904-17-201-531 and 3904-27-355-030. The attached resolution was offered by Member Genung and supported by Member Jeff Price. A roll Call vote was as follows:

Trustee-Price-Aye, Trustee Langshaw-Aye, Clerk Kellogg-Aye, Supervisor Moore-Aye, Treasurer Genung-Aye, Trustee Blain-Aye, Trustee Durham-Aye-via teleconference.

Nays: None

The resolution passed unanimously by a Board roll call vote.

A Resolution to Adopt a Township Zoning Application Escrow Policy was presented to the Board. Attorney Thall discussed the new policies, procedures and fees involved. Escrow deposits will be required on commercial property requests for ZBA/Planning Commission meetings. Mr. Thall discussed the fees and content of the escrow policy. After some minor amendments a motion to adopt this new escrow policy was submitted by Trustee Langshaw, supported by Trustee Price. Roll Call vote was as follows:

Trustee Price-Aye, Trustee Langshaw-Aye, Clerk Kellogg-Aye, Supervisor Moore-Aye, Treasurer Genung-Aye, Trustee Blain-Aye, Trustee Durham-Aye, via teleconference. Resolution passed unanimously.

A separate resolution was presented to adopt our new Escrow Fee Schedule. Motion to adopt was presented by Trustee Price, supported by Trustee Langshaw. Roll call vote was as follows:
Trustee Price-Aye, Trustee Langshaw-Aye, Clerk Kellogg-Aye, Supervisor Moore-Aye, Treasurer Genung-Aye, Trustee Blain-Aye, Trustee Durham-Aye-via teleconference. Resolution passed unanimously.

A resolution to adopt, waiving the fees and interest for failure to file a Property Transfer Affidavit (PTA) was presented to the Board. A motion to adopt was presented by Treasurer Genung, supported by Trustee Durham. Roll Call vote was as follows:

Trustee Price – Aye, Trustee Langshaw-Aye, Clerk Kellogg-Aye, Supervisor Moore-Aye, Treasurer Genung- Aye, Trustee Blain-Aye, Trustee Durham-Aye-via teleconference. Resolution passed unanimously by Board vote.

Treasurer Genung presented the 2018 Ross Township Park fees to the Board for approval. Annual park passes will be \$25 for township residents, \$40 for non-residents. Daily passes will be \$5 for residents, and \$10 for non-residents. The Board voted unanimously to approve and carried.

Clerk Kellogg read a Proclamation from the Kalamazoo County Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Council. This proclamation states the April 2018 will be deemed Child Abuse Prevention Month. The

Township Board supported this proclamation and adopted April as our Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month.

Being no further business a motion to adjourn was presented by Trustee Blain and supported by Trustee Price and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Kellogg
Ross Township Clerk