

Ross Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
12086 M-89
Richland, MI 49083
August 18, 2020
6:00 P.M.
Virtual Zoom Platform

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Baker at 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present:	Mike Sulka	Diana Langshaw	Norm Kellogg
	Rob Baker	Cindy Genung	Dave Senkewitz
	Lynn Harmon		

Absent: None

Also Present: Rob Thall Township Attorney

A motion to approve the amended agenda, June Treasurers and Bills Payable Reports should read July Treasurers Report and Bills paid and payable. Motion presented by Trustee Langshaw, supported by Trustee Harmon. Roll Call vote was, Sulka Aye, Langshaw, Aye, Kellogg Aye, Baker Aye, Genung Aye, Senkewitz Aye, Harmon Aye. Motion carried 7-0

Consent Agenda: Trustee Sulka pulled Nos. 10 and 11 from the report. No. 10) MTA Report, Mr. Pagett stated that it does not affect the constitutional Shared revenue from the State. The August Statutory payment will be affected. Townships have not received this payment in the past. No> 11) Supervisors report – rezoning letters. What has been done by the Township- Allendale/JB McKay property-discussion.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was presented by Trustee Sulka, supported by Trustee Senkewitz. Roll Call vote was as follows: Sulka Aye, Langshaw Aye, Kellogg Aye, Baker Aye, Genung Aye, Senkewitz Aye, Harmon Aye. The motion carried 7-0.

Public Comments: Resident comments – Who is managing boat docks around Gull Lake. Creating traffic problems. Not enough parking places for each boat slip. McKay rezoning strongly opposed. Bay area commercial rezoning – what are the boundaries. Bret Padgett- property tax deferments, property taxes are still due as of today. Roger Schweitzer – gave an update as to Sherman Lake weed and water control.

Old Business:

Employee Policy and Procedures: Amend the Health and Benefit Policy. Remove the last two pages Feb. 2005 and June 16, 2020. A motion to remove the last two pages with the non-discrimination policy and reasonable accommodation policy by Trustee Senkewitz, supported by Trustee Langshaw. Roll call vote was as follows: Sulka Aye, Langshaw Aye, Kellogg Aye, Baker Aye, Genung Aye, Senkewitz Aye, Harmon Aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Budget Amendments: Proposed budget amendments, Street Lights, Weeds, and Roads as presented. A motion to resolve to adopt these budgets as presented by Treasurer Genung, Supported by Trustee Harmon. Roll Call vote was as follows, Sulka Aye, Langshaw Aye, Kellogg Aye, Baker Aye, Genung Aye, Senkewitz Aye, Harmon Aye. The motion carried 7-0.

Sherman Lake SAD and Weck Control and Water Quality: 111 full parcels around the Lake. Trustee Sulka moved to receive the petitions for the Sherman Lake Assessment and to have prepared plans describing the improvement and the location of the improvement with an estimate of the cost of the improvement spread over a seven-year period, with the plans and estimate to be filed with the Township Clerk. Seconded by, Trustee Langshaw. A roll call vote was as follows: Sulka Aye, Langshaw Aye, Kellogg Aye, Baker Aye, Genung Aye, Senkewitz Aye, Harmon Aye. The motion carried 7-0.

Public Hearing for Local Watercraft control on Gull Lake-scheduled to September 15, 2020.

Short Term Rentals: Attorney Thall to provide copies of other Township Ordinances that Ross Township can adjust/amend. These will be circulated by e mail.

Any Other Old Business: None

New Business:

Vacant Lot Split Lot Combination. Polmanteer/Stoddard properties. A motion to accept the equal split of non-conforming lots to both parties and combine parcels was presented by Trustee Langshaw, supported by Trustee Harmon. A Roll Call vote was as follows: Sulka Aye, Langshaw Aye, Kellogg Aye, Baker Aye, Genung Aye, Senkewitz Aye, Harmon Aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Annual CPA Audit and Review: A motion to approve the completion of the Representative Letter to finalize our annual audit was presented by Trustee Senkewitz, supported by Supervisor Baker. Roll Call vote was as follows: Sulka Aye, Langshaw Aye, Kellogg Aye, Baker Aye, Genung Aye, Senkewitz Aye, Harmon Aye. Motion carried 7-0.

Schedule Tax Tribunal Meeting: Preview of the Gull Lake View and Stonehedge Golf Course properties. Five separate appeals, numerous properties. What are the revenues generated from these properties? Provide monthly updated to the Board.

ZBA Alternate Resignation: James Gilbert/ A motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Gilbert was presented by Trustee Harmon, supported by Treasurer Genung. A Roll Call vote was as follows: Sulka Aye, Langshaw Aye, Kellogg Aye, Baker Aye, Genung Aye, Senkewitz Aye, Harmon Aye. The motion carried 7-0.

No Smoking in the Township Park and Closing at 8PM – disturbances and noise issues. Do we have a Park Ordinance? If not adopt a new/amended one. Recommendation from the Park Committee – closing time. Review daily rate changes for next year.

Planning Commission Ordinance No. 119 – GAMPS. This fills in the gaps in our Ordinance under the Michigan Right to Farm Act, Public Act 93 of 1981. GAMPS control the right to farm Act in the State of Michigan. A motion to pass this Ordinance No. 119 as written was presented by Trustee Sulka, supported by Trustee Langshaw. A Roll Call vote was as follows: Sulka Aye, Langshaw Aye, Kellogg Aye, Baker Aye, Genung Aye, Senkewitz Aye, Harmon Aye. The motion carried 7-0.

Any other New Business:

Single user insurance in group plan after November 20, 2020. Clerk Kellogg to provide information from our Insurance Agent Geoff Lansky via email.

Trustee Langshaw – asks Attorney Thall about PC Board representation rules. One Board member on the Planning Commission, cannot be the P.C. Chair or Vice Chair.

Members Time:

Rob Baker – Fire runs up, 30 runs this month. New equipment requests from the Fire Department. \$2,500, will solicit donations from the community. Fire Dept car wash netted \$1,900 in revenue. John Goulds retirement party was a success.

Diana Langshaw – Genes Marine looks much better. Clean up has made the property tidier.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Norm Kellogg
Ross Township Clerk