

ASH TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 2010
7:30 p.m.

The Ash Township Regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Ready Road hall.

Members present: Supervisor - Robin Carmack, Clerk - Michele Geiermann, Trustee - Adam Grabetz, and Trustee - Terrance Wickenheiser.

Members absent: Treasurer – Doug Leiffer

Others present: Bill Godfroy - Township Attorney, Jim Vaslo - Township Manager, Jim Hollandsworth - Township Engineer and Susie Forrest - Deputy Clerk.

Motion #210 Agenda Approval.

Motion by Grabetz supported by Wickenheiser to accept the amended agenda.
Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #211 Meeting Minute's Approval.

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Grabetz to approve the proposed Ash Township Meeting Minutes of 12-16-09 and Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 10-20-09.
Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #212 Bills Approval.

Motion by Grabetz supported by Wickenheiser to approve bills # 1-137 in the amount of \$ 217,381.04, from General Ledger fund, Fire Equipment fund and Water and Sewer fund.
Roll Call: 4-Yes 0-No. Motion carried.

Potter Cemetery Update

Ash Township's attorney Mr. Godfroy stated that there are a couple of proposals between the attorneys at this time, and the last point of agreement is the access days and times. If an agreement is not made by February 5th 2010, then the Honorable Judge Labo will make a ruling on all of the cases.

Village Water Tap Update

Ash Township attorney Mr. Godfroy spoke to the Village of Carleton's attorney Mr. Osment. Mr. Osment indicated that at the last Village of Carleton meeting that they were not inclined to trade a sewer tap for a water tap. Mr. Osment indicated that he sent a letter to Mr. Godfroy but Mr. Godfroy has not received prior to this date.

Lease Agreement of Sweitzer Road Property for 2010

Mr. Vaslo has explained that Mr. Marvin Anson is leasing the Sweitzer property for the 2010 year and Mr. Anson has requested a copy of the signed lease agreement in which the Board has agreed upon.

Motion #213 Poverty Guidelines Resolution for Ash Township for the 2010 Assessment Year.

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to adopt the resolution for Poverty Guidelines Resolution for Ash Township for the 2010 Assessment Year. Roll Call: 4-Yes, 0-No
Motion carried.

Forestry Grant Bid Package

Supervisor Carmack announced that the bid packets will be available on Monday January 25, 2010 at the Ash Township Hall for the Forestry Grant. The Township has been awarded a grant from the DNR to plant 100 trees at Unity Park.

Motion #214 Appointment of Dangerous Building Board of Appeals (Building Contractor) – Dan Meiden.

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to appoint Dan Meiden to a 1 year term on the Dangerous Building Board of Appeals. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #215 Appointment of Dangerous Building Board of Appeals (Engineer) – Jim Hollandsworth.

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to appoint Jim Hollandsworth as the engineered position on the Dangerous Building Board of Appeals for 3 years. Voice vote taken.
Motion carried

Motion #216 Appointment of Dangerous Building Board of Appeals (General Public) – Darrell Mossburg.

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to appoint Darrell Mossburg to the Dangerous Building Board of Appeals for 2 years. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #217 Appointment of Dangerous Building Board of Appeals (General Public) – Jim Booth.

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to appoint Jim Booth to the Dangerous Building Board of Appeals for 2 years. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #218 Appointment of Dangerous Building Board of Appeals (Building Official) – Paul DeLisle.

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to appoint Paul DeLisle to the Dangerous Building Board of Appeals for 1 year. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #219 Salary for Dangerous Building Board of Appeals.

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to set the pay at \$35.00 per meeting for the Dangerous Building Board of Appeals members. Roll Call: 4-Yes, 0-No Motion carried.

Mr. Don Kecskes and Karla Hunter have volunteered to be on the Dangerous Building Board of Appeals if a seat becomes open.

Orchards

Mr. Godfroy has been in contact with the Orchards and has made arrangements to have the utility collection company electronically deposit the water payment on the 10th of each month.

Fire Station

Supervisor Carmack stated that request for proposals to build a new fire station went out on January 20, 2010 with a mandatory pre-bid meeting on February 8, 2010. Proposals are due on February 16, 2010.

Budget Workshop

A budget workshop has been set for February 17, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Unity Park and Sanctioned Little Leagues

There have been two meetings so far for the little league. The official name is Ash Carleton Little League. Matt Jones has attended meetings with the Village of Carleton council and Park Commission about rolling their program into the Sanctioned Little League Program. The Village Park Commission has tabled a decision until February 1, 2010. They have called a special meeting. Mr. Jones has submitted a list of equipment to the Board that is needed to start the programs.

LWCF and USDA Rural Development Grant for 2010

Supervisor Carmack provides an update on the various grants that Ash Townships will be pursuing. Ash Township will start to pursue the 2010 Land Water Conservation Fund grant for up to \$75,000 for additional recreational and park improvements at Unity Park. A proposal will be provided to the Ash Township Board by its February meeting identifying various options and pricing.

Easter at Ash Township Unity Park

Ash Township is planning on having Easter festivities at Unity Park this year. The targeted date is March 20, 2010 for these activities.

Treasurer Vacation Coverage

Mr. Godfroy explained that anything that is Township Treasurer's statutory duties they have to be performed by the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer. The Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer are the individuals that took the oath of office and are bonded. He advised the board that any Township employee can perform non-statutory duties.

Motion #220 MERS

Motion by Geiermann supported by Grabetz to pay MERS a lump sum payment of \$25,000.00 to raise the percentage for the retirement fund. Roll Call: 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #221 Ash Township Park Committee Members

Motion by Carmack supported by Grabetz to appoint Jim Marlow as a member of the Ash Township Park Committee. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #222 Ash Township Park Committee Members

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to appoint Bob Wittersheim as a member of the Ash Township Park Committee. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #223 Ash Township Park Committee Rules

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to approve Ash Township Park Committee Rules as amended and proposed. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Carmack to adjourn meeting at 9:15 p.m. Voice Vote Taken. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Geiermann
Ash Township Clerk