

ASH TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 2009
7:30 p.m.

The Ash Township Regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Ash Township Hall on Ready Rd.

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

Others present: Bill Godfroy - Township Attorney, Jim Vaslo - Township Manager, Jim Hollandsworth - Township Engineer, Jennifer Kecskes - Minutes.

Motion #120 Agenda Approval.

Motion by Wickenheiser support by Grabetz to accept the agenda as amended with the addition of G. Fire Truck and H. Resolution for Recognizing the Importance of Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #121 Meeting Minute's Approval.

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Grabetz to approve proposed Regular Ash Township Meeting Minutes of 6-17-09. Voice Vote Taken. Motion carried.

Motion #122 Bills Approval.

Motion by Grabetz supported by Wickenheiser to approve bills # 1-97 in the amount of \$366,076.26 from general ledger, water and sewer and fire equipment fund.
Roll Call: 5 - Yes, 0 - No. Motion carried.

Potter Cemetery Update

Godfroy updated the board on the proceedings and the litigation is still ongoing.

Monroe Street Water Main Update

Ash Township Supervisor, Robin Carmack, read a letter to the board members that he sent to the Village of Carleton Council Members on June 22, 2009. This is the second letter that he has sent in the last few months. The Township has not received any direction from the Village of Carleton Council in writing on how to proceed with this project. The letter is as follows: Dear Council Members: On March 12, 2009, I sent a letter to the Village of Carleton Planning Commission and Council indicating that Ash Township is willing to bear the costs to replace the water lines located on Monroe Street and return the road to gravel, if the Village of Carleton is willing to complete the restoration of the roads and sidewalks within an agreed upon time. I

have not received any response from the Village of Carleton thus far. This letter is a follow up request asking for direction from the Village of Carleton council.

Ash Township has completed all engineering and received the permits required to replace the water lines located on Monroe Street in the Village of Carleton. This has been a long and arduous task that has taken the concerted efforts of many. We are now in a position to move ahead with the replacement of the water lines on Monroe Street located in the Village of Carleton. There are two potential projects that we can pursue in replacing the water lines on Monroe Street. The first is replacing the water lines located in the downtown area of the Village of Carleton, from Mill St. to Maxwell Rd. The second is replacing the water lines the entire length of Monroe Street from Grafton to Maxwell Road.

Ash Township currently has funding to complete the replacement of the water lines on Monroe Street. It is one of our highest priorities to complete but there are still many miles within Ash Township that do not have water.

I respectfully ask for some direction and commitment from the Village of Carleton to proceed with this project. I look forward in working with the council to make the Village of Carleton and Ash Township a more beautiful, safer, and economically thriving community. Sincerely, Robin Carmack, Ash Township Supervisor (734) 654-8510 ext. 26

SEMCOG

The board is interested in joining SEMCOG and will reconsider in 2010 as money was not allocated in the 2009 budget for this membership.

Motion #123 Tractor.

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Grabetz to purchase a New Holland T1520 from J & R Tractor, Monroe Michigan, not to exceed the amount of \$17,637.00.

Roll Call: 4 - Yes, 1 - No (Geiermann) Motion carried.

Baseball Field Outfields & Infields

Robin Carmack met with various experts, contractors and coaches regarding Unity Park ball fields over the last month. Robin is developing a comprehensive plan and bid packet with Hennessey Engineering to complete the construction of the new fields.

Paving of Parking Lot

We will discuss this project after we complete the maintenance on the ball fields.

Ash Township Vision Planning Ideas

Mr. Carmack discussed our plans for the future. The Township needs to complete a Capital Improvement Plan. He gave each board member a list of projects that the board needs to consider and prioritize to allow the development of a comprehensive capital improvement plan.

LWCF Grant Update

Supervisor, Robin Carmack has submitted additional information to the DNR for the LWCF grant reimbursements. In July request for reimbursement for the docks will be sent in by Supervisor Carmack. We have completed all of the requirements of the LWCF grant. Robin will give the board monthly updates on the status of the grant funding and reimbursements.

Manager's Report

Mr. Vaslo discussed projects that he has been working on in the township.

Motion #124 Bosch Reimbursement.

Motion by Grabetz supported by Leiffer to return unused escrow monies in the amount of \$17,462.87. Roll Call: 5 - Yes, 0 - No. Motion Carried.

First Quarter Budget Review

The board reviewed the budget for first quarter. The township board is forecasting being significantly under the proposed budget expenditures. Overall, the Township is in excellent financial condition.

Motion #125 Approval of 2008-209 Annual Financial Report.

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to approval the Annual Financial Report as of 3-31-09. Voice Vote Taken. Motion Carried.

Fire Station Grant

The 34 page new fire station construction grant application was submitted on July 10, 2009 to FEMA. Robin Carmack discussed the grant process, and read the narrative that was sent with the grant. The grant was for \$1.8 million.

EECBG Grant

Our grant writer is now pursuing the Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant and several energy conservation opportunities were provided to the board to review.

Motion #126 Resolution to Adopt Michigan Green Communities Challenge.

Motion by Carmack supported by Grabetz to adopt the Michigan Green Communities Challenge Resolution. Roll Call: 5- Yes, 0 - No. Motion Carried.

Motion #127 Fire Truck.

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Grabetz to buy a Custom Built Rosenbauer Central Pumper F750 Chassis for the fire department in the amount of \$267,540.00 to be taken out of the Fire Equipment Fund. Rosenbauer was the only company that came out to measure the building for a proper fit for the new truck. It is imperative that the fire department purchase this truck to protect the safety of the citizens of Ash Township.

Motion #128 Final Pay Request to Komisar & Sons – District 22.

Motion by Leiffer supported by Geiermann to make the final payment to Komisar & Sons in the amount of \$12,418.83 for District 22.

Roll Call: 5 - Yes, 0 - No. Motion Carried

Motion #129 Resolution Recognizing Importance of Bicycles & Pedestrian Facilities.

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to adopt a resolution to recognize the importance of bicycle and pedestrian facilities for reducing childhood obesity & promoting active transportation options on Michigan Roads.

Voice Vote Taken. Motion Carried.

Update Water Rates Letter

New Water Service Contract has been negotiated with the City of Detroit and Ash Township. The service contract was updated on February 18, 2009.

Testing & Training Space – Census Bureau

A thank you letter was sent to Ash Township for letting the census bureau use our facility to train their employees.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Geiermann
Ash Township Clerk