

**ASH TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 18, 2009, 7:30 p.m.**

The Ash Township Regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 1677 Ready Rd., Carleton, MI.

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

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

**Motion #28 Amended Agenda Approval.**

Added under new Business: T- MCRC Ditch Draining Contracts, under Communications: Monroe Twp Mtg. and 2009 Road Fund Mtg. Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Grabetz to accept the amended agenda. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

**Motion #29 Meeting Minute's Approval.**

Motion by Geiermann supported by Leiffer to approve regular Ash Township Meeting Minutes of 2-18-09, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 1-20-09, and Proposed Special Meeting Minutes of 2-11-09. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

**Motion #30 Bills Approval**

Motion by Grabetz supported by Wickenheiser to approve bills # 1-90 in the amount of \$534,753.64, from general ledger, water and sewer and debt funds. Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion carried.

**Potter Cemetery & Swan Creek Cemetery vs. Laskey et al Update.**

Motion hearing set for April 17, 2009 for Potter Cemetery on a request for a license to get access on a temporary basis to the cemetery.

**Monroe Street Water Main Update**

Robin sent letter to the Village Council and Village Planning Commission asking for a written commitment on the water main project.

**Motion #31 Sewer Master Plan**

Motion by Carmack supported by Grabetz to approve contracting Hennessey Engineering for a sewer master plan. The service would be billed at Hennessey hourly rate and not to exceed \$7,000.00. Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

**Motion #32 Floating Dock System**

Motion by Carmack supported by Grabetz to approve the purchasing of the Floating Dock system from American Marine S.C. in the amount of \$12,752.80. Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

Ford Motor Boat Club has donated \$250.00 in gratitude for using Unity Park. They also discussed possibly donating a staircase to get to the bottom of the pond.

Mr. Vaslo is authorized to represent the Township and to sign complaints on behalf of the Township in matters of land use and blight enforcement.

**Motion #33 Wilson Rd Petition**

Motion by Carmack supported by Leiffer to receive and file the petition from the Wilson Rd residents regarding road improvements. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

**Motion #34 Flat Rock Historical Society**

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Leiffer to deny the request by the Flat Rock Historical Society to have the application fee's waived for their annual Flat Rock Historical Society's flea market in May and October at Flat Rock Speedway. Voice vote taken. Motion Carried.

**Motion #35 Wade Trim Fee's**

Motion by Carmack supported by Grabetz to accept the Wade Trim Contract. Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

**Motion #36 Budget Amendment**

Motion by Carmack supported by Grabetz to accept the budget amendments of moving \$14,000 from 202-000-390 Fund Balance to 202-336-977 Fire New Equipment. Roll call 5-Yes 0-No. Voice vote taken. Motion Carried.

**Motion #37 Revised Manufacturer Vehicle Zoning Amendment**

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to table. Voice vote taken. Motion Carried.

**Motion #38 Pay Increase for Employees**

Motion by Grabetz supported by Carmack to approve pay increases for Jennifer Kecskes and Susie Forrest to \$13.82 per hour. To begin on April 1, 2009. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

**Motion #39 Grass Cutting Contract**

Motion by Grabetz supported by Geiermann to put the grass cutting out for bid. Voice vote taken. Motion Carried.

**Motion #40 Motorcycle Awareness Month**

Motion by Carmack supported by Grabetz to recognize May as the Motorcycle Awareness Month proclamation. Voice vote taken. Motion Carried.

**Motion #41 Month of the Young Child Proclamation**

Motion by Geiermann supported by Leiffer to recognize April as the Month of the Young Child Proclamation. Voice vote taken. Motion Carried.

**Motion #42 Pay Request #4 for Zink Covell – District**

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to approve pay request #4 for Zink Covell in the amount of \$71,879.19 for District 21 water main project. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

**Motion #43 MCRC Contract**

Motion by Carmack supported by Leiffer to accept the contract from the Monroe County Road Commission to Design culvert replacement at Thomas and Richards drain along Newburg (between Exeter & Burns @ Thomas and Richards Drain) in the amount of \$6,050.00. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

**Motion #44 MCRC Contract**

Motion by Leiffer supported by Grabetz to accept the contract from the Monroe County Road Commission to Design for replacement of existing bridge with new bridge, on Carleton Rockwood Rd (between I-275 and Briar Hill). Construction scheduled in 2010, under Local Bridge Program (Federal Aid) in the amount of \$26,000. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

**Motion #45 MCRC Contract**

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to accept the contract from the Monroe County Road Commission to Single Seal Berlin Rd. (Ready to Carleton Rockwood) in the amount of \$9295.00. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried

**Motion #46 MCRC Contract**

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to accept the contract from the Monroe County Road Commission for Local Road Mowing Program in the amount of \$14,730.00. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

MCRC Contracts that had no action were: Swan Creek (Colburn Drain to Labo) for single seal coating and Various Roads – Excess Gradall (Gradall work in excess of the Drainage Taskforce)

**Motion #47 FY 2009/10 Budget Approval**

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to approve the 2009/10 budget as presented. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

**Motion #48 Resolution #1**

Motion by Carmack supported by Grabetz to adopt annual resolution #1 on March 18, 2009 for meeting dates. Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

**Motion #49 Resolution #2**

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to adopt annual resolution #2 on March 18, 2009 for tax millage. Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

**Motion #50 Resolution #3**

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to adopt annual resolution #3 on March 18, 2009 for administration fee. Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

**Motion #51 Resolution #4**

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to adopt annual resolution #4 on March 18, 2009 to sell or purchase property. Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

**Motion #52 Resolution #5**

Motion by Carmack supported by Leiffer to adopt annual resolution #5 on March 18, 2009 for monies handled by employees. Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

**Motion #53 Resolution #6**

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to adopt annual resolution #6 on March 18, 2009 for monies handled by employees. Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

**Motion #54 Resolution #7**

Motion by Carmack supported by Leiffer to adopt annual resolution #7 on March 18, 2009 for Township banks. Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

**Motion #55 Resolution**

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to raise Clerk salary to \$28,840.00. Roll Call: 2-Yes (Wickenheiser, Carmack) 3-No (Geiermann, Grabetz, Leiffer) Motion denied.

**Motion #56 Resolution**

Motion by Carmack supported by Grabetz to approve a resolution that as of April 1, 2009 the salary of the Clerk shall stay the same at \$28,000.00. Roll Call: 4-Yes 1-No (Wickenheiser). Motion Carried.

**Motion #57 Resolution**

Resolution that as of April 1, 2009 the salary of the Trustee shall be \$5,463.64. No motion made, died for lack of support. Resolution Failed.

**Motion #58 Resolution**

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to approve a resolution that as of April 1, 2009 the salary of the Trustee shall be \$5,300.00. Roll Call 5-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

**Motion #59 Resolution**

Resolution that as of April 1, 2009 the salary of the Treasurer shall be \$18,030.00. No motion made, died for lack of support. Resolution Failed.

**Motion #60 Resolution**

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to approve a resolution that as of April 1, 2009 the salary of the Treasurer shall be \$17,489.10. Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

**Motion #61 Resolution**

Motion by Wickenheiser. Motion died for lack of support to approve a resolution that as of April 1, 2009 the salary of the Supervisor shall be \$17,483.63. Motion Failed.

**Motion #62 Resolution**

Motion by Geiermann supported by Leiffer to approve a resolution that as of April 1, 2009 the salary of the Supervisor shall be \$16,959.12. Roll Call: 4-Yes 1-No (Wickenheiser). Motion Carried.

**Motion #63 New Purchasing Bidding Resolution**

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to accept the new purchasing/bidding policy for Township Funds. Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

**Motion #64 MCRC Contract**

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Carmack to accept the contract from the Monroe County Road Commission for replacement of cross tile on Parkway/Buckingham (off Carleton Rockwood Rd) in the amount of \$3,932.50. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

**Motion #65 MCRC Contract**

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Grabetz to accept the contract from the Monroe County Road Commission to do drainage work on Corkins (between S. Stony Creek Rd and Exeter Rd) in the amount of \$21,483.00. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

MCRC Contract that had no action was: Sigler Rd. drainage.

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to adjourn meeting at 11:00 p.m. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Geiermann  
Ash Township Clerk