

**ASH TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2009
7:30 p.m.**

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

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

Others present: Bill Godfroy - Township Lawyer, Susie Forrest - Deputy Clerk, Jim Hollandsworth and 15 citizens.

Motion #152 Agenda Approval.

Motion by Grabetz supported by Carmack to accept the proposed amended agenda.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #153 Meeting Minute's Approval.

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Geiermann to approve Proposed Regular Ash Township Meeting Minutes of 8-19-09, Proposed Special Meeting of 7-29-09, Proposed Special Meeting of 8-6-09, and Proposed Special Meeting of 8-13-09. Voice Vote Taken. Motion carried.

Motion #154 Bills Approval.

Motion by Grabetz supported by Wickenheiser to approve bills # 1-85 with voided check 7265 for \$510.00 with a total amount of \$292,668.94 from general ledger, Water and Sewer.
Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion carried.

Park Grant Update

Supervisor Carmack explained that there have been many changes at the DNR offices and the grant coordinator Judy Chamberlain has retired. We resubmitted all required information and Supervisor Carmack explained that we should receive \$75,000.00 in LWCF grant funds within the next few months.

Potter Cemetery Update.

Motion #155 Closed Session.

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Leiffer to go into closed session for Potter Cemetery and Dixon property. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #156 Closing Closed Session.

Motion by Grabetz supported by Wickenheiser to come out of closed session. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #157 Potter Cemetery offer.

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Geiermann to decline the offer of August 28, 2009 from Phillip Costello. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #158 Potter Cemetery counter offer.

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to make a counter offer to Mr. Costello and his clients for a 12' permanent easement that travels approximately 4,000 feet deep to potter cemetery (off of Sigler Rd.), that allows access per our cemetery ordinance, at a proposed offer of \$24,000.00. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #159 Dixon Property

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Leiffer to reject Mr. Dixon's offer. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

Tractor Tires

Trustee Wickenheiser would like in the minutes that the tractor tires are being switched to turf tires by J & R at no cost to us.

Motion #160 Carter, Annabelle, & Briarhill Contract.

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Carmack to approve the MCRC contract to replace the culvert on Carter Rd between Annabelle and Port Creek, which is shut down, not to exceed \$39,600.00. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No Motion carried.

Motion #161 Managers Report.

Motion by Grabetz supported by Carmack to accept the manager's report. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #162 Sweitzer Road Farm Agreement.

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to terminate the current lease contract on the Sweitzer Road Farm. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #163 Sweitzer Road Farm Agreement.

Motion by Carmack supported by Leiffer to allow the current lease under the same payment terms to lease the 40 acres at \$70.00 an acre but that it would be reviewed, approved and renewed by the board every year. Roll Call: 4-Yes, 1-No (Grabetz). Motion carried.

Motion #164 Economic Development Plan.

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Geiermann to table Economic Development Plan. Voice vote taken, 1-opposed (Carmack). Motion carried.

Motion #165 Personnel Policy.

Motion by Geiermann supported by Grabetz to table the Employee Personnel Policy. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Monroe County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

There were no comments at this time.

2010 Census New Construction Program.

Robin will fill out the paperwork and submit it.

Motion #166 Zink Covell payment 7 for District 21.

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Geiermann to award final payment in the amount of \$18,346.67 to Zink Covell for District 21. Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Geiermann to adjourn meeting at 10:30 p.m. Voice Vote Taken. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Geiermann
Ash Township Clerk