

**ASH TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2017
6:30 p.m.**

The Ash Township Regular Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Ready Road Hall by Supervisor Robin Carmack.

Members present: Supervisor Robin Carmack, Clerk - Michele Geiermann, Treasurer – Rob Schock, Trustee – Adam Grabetz and Trustee - Jim Booth.

Absent: None.

Others present: William Godfroy - Township Attorney, Jim Vaslo - Township Manager, Jim Hollandsworth - Township Engineer, and 15 citizens.

Motion #2779 Agenda Approval

Motion by Booth supported by Geiermann to accept the amended agenda.
Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #2780 Meeting Minute's Approval

Motion by Grabetz supported by Booth to approve the Proposed Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 12-21-16, Proposed Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 8-16-16 & 10-18-16, and ZBA Meeting Minutes of 7-5-16 & 9-6-16. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #2781 Bills Approval

Motion by Booth supported by Schock to approve bills #1-137 in the amount of \$177,360.65, from General Ledger Funds, Building Funds, Water Funds, Sewer Funds
Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Jones Road Water Main

Mrs. Meyer circulated a new petition with the estimated costs for the proposed water main for Jones Road and Mary Lee Drive and returned that petition with 7 of the 12 property owners signing in approval. The Clerk's office will verify the signatures. Manager Vaslo noted that there is at least 51% of the property owners are in favor of the creation of a Special Assessment District for the installation of a new water main servicing the two roads. After some discussion the following motions were offered:

Motion #2782 Set Public Hearing.

Motion by Schock supported by Grabetz to set a Public Hearing for February 15, 2017, at 6:15 pm to hear citizens comments on the creation of a Special Assessment District for the Jones Road and Mary Lee Drive water main project. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #2783 To Authorize.

Motion by Carmack supported by Schock to authorize Hennessey Engineers to begin the survey, design and permitting of the proposed water main on Jones Road and Mary Lee Drive, setting a limit for that work at \$10,000. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Ash Township vs. Al Wickenheiser

Attorney Godfroy updated the Board. Pretrial and trial was concluded on January 9 and 10, 2017. A decision from the Judge is due on Thursday, January 19, 2017, at 2:30 pm.

Managers Report

The Ash Township Board did not have any questions or comments on the January Manager's report. Manager Vaslo asked that Attorney Godfroy be authorize to take John Sledge to court for blight violations on his Indian Trail property. The following motion was offered:

Motion #2784 To Authorize.

Motion by Booth supported by Carmack to authorize Attorney Godfroy to file charges against John Sledge for blight violations on his Indian Trail property.
Roll Call: 4-Yes, 1-No (Grabetz). Motion carried.

Rezoning Request.

Manager Vaslo explained that the Longbranch Saloon, Parcel #5801-027-026-10, owned by Jason Cullen had applied to rezone the property from Ag, Agricultural to C-2, General Commercial. The Township Planning Commission conducted the necessary Public Hearing and the request was sent to County Planning for review. Both the Township Planning Commission and the County Planning Commission are recommending approval of the rezoning. After a brief discussion the following motion was offered:

Motion #2785 To Approve.

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to approve the rezoning of Parcel # 5801-027-026-10 from Ag, Agricultural to C-2, General Commercial.
Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Monroe County Road Contracts.

Supervisor Carmack review the estimates for the potential 2017 road projects received from the MCRC with the board members and the audience. He noted that the proposed road budget for 2017/2018 would not support every project and that some would have to wait until a future year. The Supervisor outlined his picks for the 2017 road construction season. Other Board Members shared their thoughts on road work for the 2017 construction season and a discussion between Board members took place and comments from audience members were taken.

There was only one road contract in front of the Board for possible consideration at this meeting. It was for drainage improvement to W. Newburg Road between Burns and Exeter Roads. After continued discussion on road repair and maintenance the following motions were offered:

Motion #2786 MCRC Contract Newburg Rd - Exeter to Burns

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to approve the MCRC contract for drainage improvements & construction engineering on W. Newburg Road, between Exeter Road and Burns Road with the Township's share being \$111,500.

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

Supervisor Carmack instructed Manager Vaslo to request contracts for all 11 road projects on the MCRC's Road Improvement Estimate list for Ash Township 2017. He also requested contracts for two joint projects with Berlin Township on Swan Creek and Berlin Roads.

Building Inspector Pay.

Manager Vaslo explained that the Township Building Official is requesting a pay raise for the 2017/2018 year. The particulars of that request were shared with the Board. After some discussion the Board took no action on the request opting to continue talks with the Building Official and reserving a decision to a later date.

Grafton Road Speed Study.

The Township received a letter from a citizen requesting that the speed limits be lowered from Ready Road north to the Post Office area. A brief discussion took place. The Board took no action on the request.

Citizen Comments.

During Citizen Comment time Dr. Kojo from the Monroe County Community College was recognized. Dr. Kojo wanted to personally thank all the Ash Township residents who supported the recent college millage proposal. He said that even though the measure failed in Ash Township there was a significant number of yes votes from the Township and he just wanted to say thanks to those who voted yes.

Hearing no other comments the following motion was offered:

Motion #2787 Meeting Adjourn

Motion by Booth supported by Carmack to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Vote voice taken. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Geiermann
Ash Township Clerk