

**ASH TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
October 17, 2012  
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 – Doug Leiffer, and Trustee - Terry Wickenheiser.

**Members absent:** Trustee - Adam Grabetz

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

**Motion #859 Agenda Approval**

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

**Motion #860 Meeting Minute's Approval**

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to approve the Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes of 9-19-12, Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of 9-19-12, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 5-15-12 and Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes of 6-5-12.  
Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

**Motion #861 Bills Approval**

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Geiermann to approve bills # 1-99 in the amount of \$384,429.28 from General Ledger Fund, Water & Sewer Fund, Fire Equipment Fund and Debt Funds. Roll Call: 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

**Motion #862 Final Pay Request #18 Phoenix Contractors**

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to make the final payment #18 to Phoenix Contractors not to exceed \$2,500.00 per the Township Engineer's recommendation. Ash Township will keep the additional \$500.00 to replace dead landscaping in the spring. Roll Call: 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

**Managers Report**

The Ash Township Board did not have any questions or comments on the October manager's report.

**Motion #863 Risk Reduction Grant Program**

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to support Ash Township's application to the Risk Reduction Grant Program. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

**Motion #864 Rezoning Parcels 5801-021-003-50 & 5801-021-049-00 Fessner Rd**

Motion by Geiermann supported by Carmack to approve the rezoning of parcels 5801-021-003-50 and 5801-021-049-00 from R - Residential to AG – Agricultural. The parcels are vacant land and located on the southeast corner of Fessner Road. Roll Call: 4-Yes 0-No, Motion Carried.

**Motion #865 Tomich Letter – Tap Fee Refund**

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to table the tap fee refund request from residents Alan and Brenda Tomich. Voice vote taken Motion carried.

**Motion #866 Village of Carleton Letter – Fire Siren**

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to accept the letter from Village of Carleton and put it on file. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

**Motion #867 Alternate Zoning Board of Appeals Member**

Motion by Geiermann supported by Leiffer to table the appointment of an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals member. Voice vote taken, 3 – yay, 1 – nay (Leiffer). Motion Carried.

**Motion #868 Appointment to ZBA – Sid Stumpmier**

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to approve the reappointment of Sid Stumpmier as Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals as of November 1, 2012 with his term expiring November 1, 2015. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

**Motion #869 Appointment to Planning Commission – Sid Stumpmier**

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to approve the reappointment of Sid Stumpmier as Member of the Planning Commission as of October 1, 2012 with his term expiring October 1, 2015. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

**Motion #870 Appointment to Planning Commission – Don Kecskes**

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to approve the reappointment of Don Kecskes as Member of the Planning Commission as of October 1, 2012 with his term expiring October 1, 2015. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

**Motion #871 Planning Commission Resignation Letter - Tom Anson**

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to accept the resignation letter from Planning Commission member Tom Anson. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

The Ash Township Board would like to thank Tom Anson for all his years of service to Ash Township and the great job he did on the Planning Commission.

**Motion #872 Planning Commission Appointment**

Motion by Geiermann supported by Wickenheiser to table the appointment of new Planning Commission member. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

**Model Boat Club Letter**

Ash Township manager Jim Vaslo talked to Mr. Scott Tonak and informed him that his first step would be to submit his plans to the Park Committee for approval.

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Budget Review**

Ash Township Supervisor asked that when there is a large road expenditure invoice it brought to the board for approval.

**Kovalak – Proposed Operation**

Supervisor Carmack indicated to Green Earth Farms that the next requirement would be to submit site plans to the Ash Township Planning Commission. The necessity of the submission is based upon a written opinion provided by Ash Township Planner Adam Young and that the correspondence was provided to the Green Earth Farms attorney on October 4, 2012.

**Park Committee Update**

Supervisor Carmack conveyed to the Board members that Park Committee Chairman Anthony Abela has drafted the next recreation plan that the park committee is working on. There will be survey's available to the public to fill out and turn into the Park Committee so they can review the suggestions.

**Port Creek Waterline**

As of last month Township Manager Jim Vaslo had been attempting to get private easements from property owners on Port Creek in an effort to avoid as many existing trees as possible. Manager Vaslo was able to secure easements from several properties owners with little problem. They were very happy that we went the extra mile for the sake of the trees. The others have either not responded or have said no to our easement request. We will do the best to preserve as many trees and we can but, we have a limited area in which to locate the water main in the road right-of-way. Some trees will have to be removed as they are in the right-of-way. The project is

out for permitting and I hope to have it out for bid late this month or early November. MDEQ (Michigan Department of Environmental Quality), MCRC (Monroe County Road Commission) and MCDC (Monroe County Drain Commission) are reviewing the drawings and anticipate approval letters in November.

**Motion #873 Trick or Treat Hours**

Motion by Geiermann supported by Carmack to set Trick or Treat hours from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2012. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

**Communication**

Supervisor Carmack received a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Van Houten requesting the Board to pave Briar Hill Road from Newburg to Will Carleton Rd. Supervisor Carmack has requested a quote from the Monroe County Road Commission.

**Motion # 874 Meeting Adjourn**

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Geiermann to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Geiermann  
Ash Township Clerk