

**ASH TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 21, 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, Treasurer – Rob Schock, Trustee – Jim Booth and Trustee Larry Buckingham.

Members absent: Clerk - Michele Geiermann

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

Motion #875 Agenda Approval

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

Motion #876 Meeting Minute's Approval

Motion by Booth supported by Schock to approve the Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes of 10-17-12, Proposed Special Meeting Minutes of 10-17-12 and Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 9-18-12. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #877 Bills Approval

Motion by Booth supported by Carmack to approve bills # 1-127 in the amount of \$188,568.05 from General Ledger Fund, Water & Sewer Fund, and Fire Equipment Fund.
Roll Call: 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Port Creek Water Main Update

Ash Township's Engineer Jim Hollandsworth explained to the Board that Hennessy Engineers did receive Monroe County Drain Commission and Monroe County Road Commission approval to move forward on the Port Creek water main. Mr. Hollandsworth also relayed to the Board that they are awaiting the MDEQ approval and are expecting the approval in a week. Ash Township is looking to put the Port Creek water main project from Carter Road to Will Carleton Road out for bid in December 2012.

Managers Report

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

Motion #878 Alan & Brenda Tomich Letter – Tap Fee

Motion by Buckingham supported by Schock to decline Mr. and Mrs. Tomich's request for a \$1,000.00 refund for their water tap fee. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #879 Poverty Guidelines Resolution for Ash Township for the 2013 Assessment Year.

Motion by Buckingham supported by Booth to adopt the resolution for Poverty Guidelines Resolution for Ash Township for the 2013 Assessment Year. Roll Call: 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #880 Midport Party Store – Potable Water Services Agreement

Motion by Booth supported by Buckingham to allow Supervisor Robin Carmack to sign the water agreement of Frenchtown Charter Township and Ash Township for Potable Water Services. Roll Call: 4 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion Carried.

Kurt Souva – Water Main Break

Mr. Souva was asked to bring in additional quotes for repairs. Supervisor Carmack said he would ask the Ash Township Engineer and Ash Township Building Official to look at the structure and give their opinion. Trustee Booth said he had access to some structural engineers that he may also have look at the structure. Supervisor Carmack will send letters to both the Village of Carleton and our Insurance Provider on the matter.

Motion #881 Monroe County Road Commission Bills

Motion by Booth supported by Carmack to table the Monroe County Road Commission invoices. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #882 Resolution – Michigan Township Grant Program

Motion by Carmack supported by Schock to approve the Michigan Township Grant Program Resolution. Roll Call: 4 – Yes, 0 - No. Motion carried.

Motion #883 Smith Farm Application for Farm Land and Open Space Agreement

Motion by Carmack supported by Booth to approve the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program Agreement for Jeff & Lori Smith. Roll Call: 4 – Yes, 0 - No. Motion carried.

Motion #884 Proposed Zoning Text Amendments

Motion by Carmack supported by Schock to table the proposed Zoning Text Amendments. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Recreation Plan Review & Recommendation

Supervisor Carmack explained to the Ash Township Board the need for a recreation plan. The Ash Township Park Committee is currently updating the Recreation plan as one would be needed to apply for grants to the State of Michigan.

Road Improvement Plan

Supervisor Carmack shared a spreadsheet he developed showing the 12 possible priority roads for future improvement. The spreadsheet showed miles of pavement, number of homes, type of improvement and rough estimate of cost. Mr. Carmack discussed that doing the 12 roads would be more than 2 million dollars in probable cost and questioned the board about perhaps asking for a road mileage to help accelerate road repair.

Motion #885 Budget Workshop

Motion by Carmack supported by Booth to set a Budget Workshop on December 19, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Public Safety Funding

Ash Township Attorney Bill Godfroy discussed the difference between a public safety millage and a road millage. It was the consensus of the Board that a road millage would be favorable over a public safety millage. Attorney Godfroy will prepare draft language for a road millage for the Board to review.

Motion #886 MDOT Grant – Romine Road

Motion by Carmack supported by Buckingham to commit to budgeting for road funds for the Romine Road Improvement Project. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #887 Appointment of Planning Commission Members

Motion by Carmack supported by Booth to approve the appointment of Robert Lowry as member of the Planning Commission as of October 1, 2012 with his term expiring October 1, 2015. Roll Call: 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #888 Appointment of Planning Commission Members

Motion by Booth supported by Carmack to approve the appointment of Eric Blaz as member of the Planning Commission as of October 1, 2012 with his term expiring October 1, 2013. Roll Call: 3-Yes, 1-No (Schock). Motion carried.

Motion #889 Maxwell Road Petition

Motion by Carmack supported by Schock to accept the Maxwell Road tar and chip petition as received. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Water and General Investments

Supervisor Carmack reviewed with the Board the current certificate of deposit totals. That historically, the Supervisor and Treasurer have invested or reinvested the Township's certificate of deposits. Supervisor Carmack welcomed any help or suggestions from the Board in order to maximize the return on our investments.

Motion #890 Resolution Amendment #5

Motion by Carmack supported by Buckingham to adopt the amended resolution #5 on November 21, 2012 for monies handled by employees. Roll Call: 4 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion Carried.

Motion #891 Resolution Amendment #6

Motion by Carmack supported by Booth to adopt the amended resolution #6 on November 21, 2012 for monies handled by employees. Roll Call: 4 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion Carried.

Motion #892 Resolution Amendment #7

Motion by Carmack supported by Schock to adopt the amended resolution #7 on November 21, 2012 for monies handled by employees. Roll Call: 4 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion Carried.

Motion # 893 Meeting Adjourn

Motion by Booth supported by Carmack to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Geiermann
Ash Township Clerk