

**ASH TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 17, 2014
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 - Jim Booth and Trustee - Larry Buckingham.

Others present: William Godfroy - Township Attorney, Jim Hollandsworth - Township Engineer, Jim Vaslo - Township Manager and 26 citizens.

Motion #2317 Agenda Approval

Motion by Buckingham supported by Schock to accept the agenda.
Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #2318 Meeting Minute's Approval

Motion by Buckingham supported by Schock to approve the Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes of 11-19-14, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 10-21-14. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #2319 Bills Approval

Motion by Booth supported by Buckingham to approve bills #1-89 in the amount of \$368,177.97 from General Ledger Fund, Building Fund, Debt Fund, Water Fund, and Sewer Fund. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Monroe Street Water Line

Ash Township Engineer Jim Hollandsworth informed the Ash Township Board that the proposed contract with the Village of Carleton has been returned to the Village with just a single modification adding language requiring the Village to clean the storm drains along Monroe Street so that our contractor can verify location and depth. Ash Township Attorney Bill Godfroy and Ash Township Manager Jim Vaslo have made inquiries as to a "permit" for the project from the Village. Attorney Godfroy has confirmed with Village Attorney, Osment, that the contract will be the "permit". The contractor expects materials to be delivered soon and the project should begin in earnest in January. The following motion was offered:

Motion #2320 Monroe Street Water Line

Motion by Buckingham supported by Booth to authorize the Ash Township Supervisor Robin Carmack and Ash Township Clerk Michele Geiermann to sign the contract with the Village of Carleton for the Monroe Street Water Main replacement project when returned from the Village with their approval. Roll Call: 5 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion carried.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Proposal Update

Ash Township Trustee Jim Booth shared a proposed agreement drafted by Cobblestone Real Estate, LLC, for transferring ownership of the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) located off Labo road to Ash Township. Ash Township Engineer Jim Hollandsworth did review the proposal and commented on several conditions proposed. The Ash Township Board wants to continue talks with Cobblestone. Ash Township Trustee Jim Booth said he would arrange a time that Cobblestone would be available for perhaps a special meeting to continue talks with the Ash Township Board.

W. Newburg Road Improvement Update

Due to requirements imposed by the Monroe County Road Commission for specification, quantities, and bid documents, the proposed drainage project was unable to be bid out in December. The Ash Township Board was notified that an anticipated bid opening would now be January 16, 2015.

Motion #2321 Fixture Replacement - Ready Rd Fire Hall

Motion by Buckingham supported by Geiermann to approve Straits Lighting Company to replace the light fixtures in the Ready Road fire hall, not to exceed \$4,820.00 Roll Call: 5 - Yes, 0 - No. Motion carried.

Fessner & Briar Hill Road Improvement

The Ash Township Board was informed by Ash Township Manager Jim Vaslo that the Ash Township Engineer Jim Hollandsworth had been directed to focus on the Monroe Street water main project, the W. Newburg drainage project, and the Labo Road WWTP proposal and therefore was unable to make any significant progress on the proposed drainage projects for Fessner road and Briar Hill road. Ash Township Supervisor Robin Carmack asked that these two projects remain on the agenda for next month.

Managers Report

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

Motion #2321 Motor City Boat Club

Motion by Booth supported by Carmack to approve use of the pond for the 2015 season for the Motor City Boat Club. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

The Motor City Model Boat Club expressed their thanks for using the pond and park facilities and asked for permission to use the park again for the 2015 year. The Ash Township Board granted them permission to use the park. The Motor City Model Boat Club also gave a donation towards the park.

Fire Siren

Discussion continued regarding use of the fire siren at the Maxwell Fire Station. Ash Township Fire Chief Dan Fahnestock and Manager Vaslo informed the Ash Township Board that they both had contacted Central Dispatch and the company who installed the siren about the possibility of purchasing and installing a device that would limit the time the siren would be in service. The technology does exist to do that. The Ash Township Fire Chief Dan Fahnestock still cautioned the Ash Township Board that the current pager system used by Central Dispatch could not be guaranteed to work 100% of the time and that the siren is still needed for notification of an emergency call. Maxwell road resident Mary Putnam was present and continued her opposition to any use of the siren. The Ash Township Board agreed to let the Ash Township Fire Chief and Ash Township Manager Jim Vaslo to continue to look at ways to curtail siren use. They are to report back to the Ash Township Board at their January meeting with their findings.

Village Invoices

Discussion was held for two invoices received by the Ash Township Board from the Village of Carleton for use of their vac truck during a recent water main break. The Ash Township Board asked Ash Township Manager Jim Vaslo to contact the Village of Carleton for clarification of the charges.

Motion #2322 Summer Lawn Care

Motion by Booth supported by Buckingham to wave the bidding procedure and to award a two year contract to Dan's Pro Cut for lawn care at his current 2014 rates. The contract is for the 2015/2016 seasons. Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

Fire Department Appointments

Supervisor Carmack made the following recommendations for appointment to the Fire Department for 2015:

Motion #2323 Ash Township Fire Department – Elected Officers Approval

Motion by Booth supported by Schock to approve the appointment of Dan Fahnestock as Chief of the Ash Township Fire Department. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #2324 Ash Township Fire Department – Elected Officers Approval

Motion by Booth supported by Buckingham to approve the appointment of Jeff Schock as 1st Assistant Chief of the Ash Township Fire Department station #1. Voice vote taken.
Motion carried.

Motion #2325 Ash Township Fire Department – Elected Officers Approval

Motion by Booth supported by Buckingham to approve the appointment of Mike Mata as 2nd Assistant Chief of the Ash Township Fire Department station #1. Voice vote taken.
Motion carried.

Motion #2326 Ash Township Fire Department – Elected Officers Approval

Motion by Booth supported by Buckingham to approve the appointment of John Rutkowski as 1st Assistant Chief of the Ash Township Fire Department station #2. Voice vote taken.
Motion carried.

Motion #2327 Ash Township Fire Department – Elected Officers Approval

Motion by Booth supported by Buckingham to approve the appointment of Andy Griffith as 2nd Assistant Chief of the Ash Township Fire Department station #2. Voice vote taken.
Motion carried.

Motion # 2328 Appointment to Planning Commission – Dan Mieden

Motion by Buckingham supported by Carmack to reappoint Dan Meiden to the Planning Commission with his term to expire on October 1, 2017. Roll Call: 2-Yes 3-No (Geiermann, Schock, Booth). Motion failed.

2015-2016 Budget & Strategy Workshop

The Board will meet at a Special Meeting on January 21, 2015 at 5:30, one hour before the regularly scheduled Board meeting, to discuss the 2015/16 budget.

Motion #2329 Park and Recreation Plan Public Hearing

Motion by Booth supported by Buckingham to hold a Public Hearing for the Ash Township 2015 Park and Recreation Plan at the January 21, 2015 regular Board meeting.
Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion # 2330 Meeting Adjourn

Motion by Booth supported by Carmack to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.
Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Geiermann
Ash Township Clerk