

**ASH TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 19, 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 – Rob Schock, Trustee – Jim Booth and Trustee Larry Buckingham.

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

Motion #894 Agenda Approval

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

Motion #895 Meeting Minute's Approval

Motion by Buckingham supported by Booth to approve the Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes of 11-21-12, and Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 10-16-12. Voice vote taken.
Motion carried.

Motion #896 Bills Approval

Motion by Booth supported by Geiermann to approve bills # 1-87 in the amount of \$149,800.76 from General Ledger Fund, Water & Sewer Fund, and Debt Funds.
Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #897 Port Creek – Water Main Contract

Motion by Buckingham supported by Schock to award the contract to Salenbien Trucking not to exceed \$232,292.50 to install the water main extension on Port Creek Rd.
Roll Call: 5 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion carried.

Motion #898 Monroe County Road Commission Invoices

Motion by Buckingham supported by Schock to approve paying the Monroe County Road Commission invoices. Roll Call: 4 – Yes, 1 – No (Carmack). Motion carried.

Motion #899 Front Line Services, Inc. Invoices

Motion by Schock supported by Carmack to approve paying the Front Line Services, Inc. invoices for the fire truck. Roll Call: 5 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion carried.

Motion #900 Mr. Souva – Water Main Break

Motion by Buckingham supported by Carmack to table Mr. Souva until next meeting.
Voice vote Taken. Motion carried.

Managers Report

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

Biosolids Ordinance

Ash Township Board directed Ash Township Attorney Bill Godfroy to alter the existing ordinance and submit it to the State Attorney General's Office for review.

Motor City Model Boat Club

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 2013 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.

Motion #901 Auxiliary Meters in the Village of Carleton

Motion by Buckingham supported by Schock to table the auxiliary meters. Supervisor Carmack will ask for the agreement between the Village of Carleton and Ash Township regarding the Sewer billing. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #902 Zoning Amendments

Motion by Buckingham supported by Geiermann to approve the zoning text amendment as presented. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Road Improvement Plan

Supervisor Carmack began the discussion with the need for a unified plan to repair and improve Township roads. Supervisor Carmack had a sample of a 4 year plan road improvement plan for the other Board members to use as a potential way to evaluate roads and prioritize their repairs.

Road Improvement Millage

Given the fact that our roads are in such condition that repairs and improvements would be costly. Supervisor Carmack suggested that a millage would be an additional revenue source that should be pursued. The Board preferred to send out a survey to judge support. Supervisor Carmack was going to work on such language for the survey.

Parks and Recreation Plan

Supervisor Carmack present the draft of the 2013 parks and recreation plan. The Board commented on its thoroughness and wanted to thank the Park Committee for its work. No action on the issue was taken.

Ash Township Beautification Committee

Supervisor Carmack wants to revive the Beautification Committee. Ash Township will advertise for volunteers on the website and sign.

Ash Township & Village of Carleton Monroe St. Improvement Committee

Supervisor Carmack wants a committee formed for the Monroe Street Improvement. Trustee Larry Buckingham offered to be on the committee. Ash Township will advertise in the paper and on the website.

Library Sign Repair or Replacement

Ash Township manager Jim Vaslo is seeking quotes for a replacement sign.

Consolidation of the Village of Carleton into Ash Township

Supervisor Carmack reviewed the legal conditions necessary for dissolving a village in the State of Michigan. No action on this issue was taken.

United Way of Monroe County

Supervisor Carmack read a letter from United Way of Monroe asking for volunteers.

Motion # 903 Meeting Adjourn

Motion by Booth supported by Geiermann to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.
Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Geiermann
Ash Township Clerk