

**ASH TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
December 21, 2016  
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, Trustee – Adam Grabetz and Trustee - Jim Booth.

**Absent:** Treasurer – Rob Schock

**Others present:** William Godfroy - Township Attorney, Jim Vaslo - Township Manager, Jim Hollandsworth - Township Engineer, and 24 citizens.

**Motion #2764 Agenda Approval**

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

**Motion #2765 Meeting Minute's Approval**

Motion by Booth supported by Carmack to approve the Proposed Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 11-16-16, and Proposed Special Meeting Minutes of 11-21-16 and Proposed Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 10-18-16. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

**Motion #2766 Bills Approval**

Motion by Booth supported by Grabetz to approve bills #1-106 in the amount of \$293,744.74, from General Ledger Fund, Building Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, and Debt Fund. Roll Call: 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

**Monroe County Ambulance**

Representatives from MCA spoke about the proposed building project at Township Hall. They told the Board that the building construction costs were running higher than anticipated. The current proposed cost is approximately \$380,000. They had budgeted \$350,000 for the project. They asked the board to consider allowing the replacement parking spots to be added to the gravel parking to the rear of the building instead of paved parking to the front and east of the current parking. The Board agreed as long as the remaining parking spots were reserved for firefighters and that MCA employees would now park at the rear of the building. All agreed and the project will continue to move forward.

Jones Road Water Main

The Township now proposes to dead end the new water main just south of the Nunez property. Mr. Nunez has agreed to that. Ash Township Manager Jim Vaslo reported that this will reduce the cost of the project significantly. Engineer Hollandsworth prepared new estimates and the project cost is now estimated at \$559,303. Manager Vaslo thinks a few line items in the estimates will not be applicable and that the cost estimates could be lowered to around \$491,000. Mrs. Meyer will be given a new petition to circulate with the new numbers in place.

Conditional Rezoning Update - Eric Blaz

Manager Vaslo told the Board that nothing new has been submitted by the applicant regarding either the previous rezoning request or for a new conditional rezoning request. Attorney Okasinski, representing Indian Trail residents, asked that the subject be removed from further agendas until a new application is submitted, the Board agreed to the request.

Ash Township vs. Al Wickenheiser

Attorney Godfroy updated the Board. Pretrial and trial is set for January 9 and 10, 2017.

Managers Report

The Ash Township Board did not have any questions or comments on the December Manager's report. Manager Vaslo asked that a special meeting be set to discuss health care costs and sanitary sewer in the Township. A special meeting will be held at 6:00 pm, January 18, 2017, prior to the regular Board meeting.

**Motion #2767** Motor City Boat Club

Representatives from the Motor City Boat Club thank the Board for use of the pond for 2016 and made a donation to the park in appreciation. They asked for use of the pond in 2017 and the Board agreed to that.

MERS Letter Regarding Service Credit Purchase

The Board declined to opt out of the MERS Service Credit Purchase Process. This will still be an option for employees in 2017. The employee will need to ask for a service credit purchase and the Board will need to approve each request.

**Motion #2768** MCRC Contract Newburg Rd - Exeter to Burns

Motion by Booth supported by Geiermann to table the MCRC contract for drainage improvements & construction engineering on Newburg between Exeter Road and Burns Road. Roll Call: 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

**Motion #2769 Fire Alarm for Library & Township Quotes**

Motion by Booth supported by Grabetz to approve the proposal from Elite Fire Safety for repairs to the fire alarms at the Township Hall and Library in amounts not to exceed \$4,260 and \$5,950 respectively. Roll Call: 4 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion carried.

**Motion #2770 Summer Grading Project at 3722 Ready Rd - Refund Request**

Motion by Carmack supported by Booth to refund \$884.32 to Mike Rinne for the unused portion of his Filling and Grading permit fees. Roll Call: 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

**Motion #2771 Appointment to Planning Commission – Eric Smith**

Motion by Carmack supported by Booth to approve the reappointment of Eric Smith as Member of the Planning Commission as of October 1, 2016 with his term expiring October 1, 2019. Roll Call: 4 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion carried.

**Motion #2772 Appointment to Planning Commission – Eric Blaz**

Motion by Carmack supported by Booth to approve the reappointment of Eric Blaz as Member of the Planning Commission as of October 1, 2016 with his term expiring October 1, 2019. Roll Call: 4 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion carried.

**Motion #2773 Insurance Rates Increase for Employees**

Motion by Grabetz supported by Carmack to approve the increases in health care costs for employees Forrest and Baker which includes dental coverage . Also for retirees Lamb and Reese as presented (medical only).

Roll Call: 4 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion carried.

**Motion #2774 Building Permit Fee Schedule**

Motion by Carmack supported by Grabetz to approve the new building permit fees as presented taking effect on January 1, 2017. Roll Call: 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

**Motion #2775 National School Choice Week**

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to approve the proclamation in support of National School of Choice Week in Ash Township. Roll Call: 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

**Budget Workshop**

A special meeting will take place at 5:45 pm, January 18, 2017, prior to the regular Board meeting to discuss next year's Township Budget.

**Motion #2776 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