

**ASH TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 20, 2013  
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, and William Godfroy - Township Attorney.

**Motion #1008 Agenda Approval**

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

**Motion #1009 Meeting Minute's Approval**

Motion by Buckingham supported by Geiermann to approve the Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes of 2-20-13, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 1-15-13 and Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes of 9-4-12. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

**Motion #1010 Bills Approval**

Motion by Booth supported by Geiermann to approve bills # 1-92 in the amount of \$532,817.35 from General Ledger Fund, Water & Sewer Fund, and Debt Fund.  
Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

**Motion #1011 Library Sign**

Motion by Buckingham supported by Schock to contract with Doug Boberg, 2065 Carleton West Road to repair the damaged sign at the Carleton Library. The contract issued is not to exceed \$400.00 in labor with the Ash Township purchasing the material. Voice vote taken.  
Motion carried.

**Motion #1012 Auxiliary Water Meter Moratorium**

Motion by Booth supported by Schock to put in place a moratorium for issuing any new auxiliary water meters until such time that an agreement on the matter can be reach between Ash Township and the Village of Carleton. Roll Call: 4-Yes, 1-No (Carmack). Motion carried.

**Motion #1013 Auxiliary Water Meters – Sewer Billing**

Motion by Buckingham supported by Geiermann to have Supervisor Carmack write a letter to the Village of Carleton informing them of the moratorium on auxiliary water meters and ask that the eight auxiliary water meters in service be grandfathered-in and that sewer charges not be applied to those eight meters. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

**Motion #1014 Biosolids Ordinance**

Motion by Booth supported by Buckingham to have Attorney Bill Godfroy draft an amendment to the Ash Township Septic Waste Ordinance dealing specifically with the issue of land applications of treated septic waste and biosolids. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

**2013 Road Improvement Plan**

Supervisor Carmack led a discussion on possible road improvement projects for the 2013 construction season. He shared a list of 15 possible projects for the coming construction season. The list gave road distances, method of improvement and estimated costs. There were several residents of Grafton Road at the meeting and all commented on the poor condition of the road. Acting Director of the MCRC Randy Peirce was in attendance and commented on his efforts to bring Homrich into the discussion on maintenance and repair of Grafton Road. The Ash Township board members are to decide on a road project(s) at their March meeting.

**Monroe Street Improvements and Water Line**

It was reported that Supervisor Carmack and Trustee Buckingham met with members of the Village of Carleton Council to discuss working together on the replacement of the water main on Monroe Street and repaving of the road.

**Motion #1015 Monroe Street Improvement & Water Line**

Motion by Buckingham supported by Carmack to join with the Village of Carleton to bid out the proposed Monroe Street water main replacement project and the Monroe Street re-paving project. This will give both the Ash Township board and Village of Carleton council a better understanding of the true cost of the two projects. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

**Park and Recreation Master Plan**

Supervisor Carmack quickly updated the Ash Township board on the Ash Township Park Committee's efforts to update the Ash Township Park and Recreation Master Plan. He believes that a formal draft of the master plan will be available soon for review. If the master plan meets the Ash Township Board's expectations then the formal process of adoption could begin.

Port Creek – Water Main Update

Ash Township Manager Jim Vaslo informed the Ash Township board that the construction portion of the Port Creek water main project is nearly complete except for restoration. The main has been tested, charged and is ready to be tapped by the residents. The water department is coordinating efforts to tap as many residents as they can at the same time. Per the contract, restoration will take place in the spring or when weather permits.

**Motion #1016 Payment Request #1**

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to authorize payment No.1 to Salenbien Trucking & Excavating in the amount of \$139,265.10 for worked preformed on the Port Creek Water Main project. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Managers Report

The Ash Township Board did not have any questions or comments on the February manager's report. Manager Vaslo updated the Board on the issues with the unapproved uses at 10101 Telegraph Road, the Adel property. He informed the Board of Adel's application to the ZBA to have the use matter reconsidered. Manager Vaslo also asked for permission from the Board to allow for the dismantling of several mobile homes on the Adel property within the specified timeframe.

**Motion #1017 To Allow Demolition**

Motion by Booth supported by Buckingham to allow Adel to demolish of up to 8 existing mobile homes at 10101 Telegraph Road. All demolition must be completed within a 30 day time frame. All demolished material must be placed in a dumpster immediately and removed from the site. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

**Motion #1018 Budget Amendments**

Motion by Carmack supported by Buckingham to approve the budget amendments as follows: move \$40,000.00 from 202-000-695 to 202-336-977 Fire Equipment, and move \$31,774.36 from 101-000-695 to 101-523-805 Roads. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

**Motion #1019 Resolution for Planning and ZBA Fees**

Motion by Buckingham supported by Schock to approve the resolution adjusting application fees for Planning Commission and ZBA. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

**Motion #1020 Public Hearing for Budget**

Motion by Carmack supported by Buckingham to set a Public Hearing for the 2013/2014 Ash Township budget on March 20, 2013 at 6:00 pm, Ash Township Hall, 1677 Ready Road, Carleton, MI 48117. Vote voice taken. Motion carried.

**Motion #1021 2013-2014 Summer Lawn Care Contract**

Motion by Buckingham supported by Schock to award a two year contract for lawn care to Dan's Pro-Cut in the amount of \$8,599.98 a year, renewable at the Township discretion after one year. Vote voice taken. Motion carried.

**Motion #1022 Monroe County Road Commission Road Mowing Contract**

Motion by Booth supported by Buckingham to approve the MCRC contract for Local Roads – Mowing not to exceed \$14,730.00. Roll Call: 5 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion carried.

**Investment Policy**

Supervisor Carmack and Ash Township Attorney Bill Godfroy discussed with the Ash Township board the challenges of investing in today's economy. They also discussed the Ash Township investment policy based on the State statute as it pertains to mutual funds.

**Mr. Konyha Letter**

Mr. Konyha's Grafton Road concerns were addressed by Randy Pierce from the Monroe County Road Commission.

**Motion #1023 Carleton Pharmacy Tax Appeal**

Motion by Carmack supported by Schock to allow Ash Township Attorney Bill Godfroy to hire D.J. Helser, Certified Appraiser, as needed to assist himself and the Ash Township Assessor Chris Renius with the Carleton Pharmacy Tax Appeal case. Vote voice taken. Motion carried.

**Park Committee Update**

Supervisor Carmack informed the Board that the Ash Township Park Committee has met with Little League and overall the past season went well. Little league is also looking to add some additional practice facilities such as batting cages. The Ash Township Park Committee was approached to work with the tennis boosters at Airport High School to improve their existing courts.

**Motion #1024 ZBA Appointment**

Motion by Carmack supported by Buckingham to appoint Trustee Booth to the remainder of Supervisor Carmack's term on the Ash Township Zoning Board of Appeals ending November 2014. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

**Motion #1025 Light at Briar Hill and Carter Roads**

Motion by Buckingham supported by Booth to approve the contract with DTE Energy for the installation of a 250-watt high pressure sodium light fixture on a new wood pole at the corner of Briar Hill Road and Carter Roads at a cost of \$1,621.44. Vote voice taken. Motion carried.

**Motion #1026 Kevin Thomas Water Bill**

Motion by Carmack supported by Buckingham to wave 80,000 gallons of water usage for Kevin Thomas at 14593 Grafton Road due to a Township owned faulty stop box. Vote voice taken. Motion carried.

**Communications**

Ash Township Clerk Michele Geiermann shared with the Board a memorandum from Hennessey Engineers regarding DWSD water rates and a letter from the Monroe County Road Commission regarding funding for Ready Road Bridge Replacement.

**Motion #1027 Meeting Adjourn**

Motion by Booth supported by Carmack to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. Vote voice taken. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Geiermann  
Ash Township Clerk