

**ASH TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2017
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 – Adam Grabetz, and Trustee - Jim Booth.

Absent: None.

Others present: William Godfroy - Township Attorney, Jim Vaslo - Township Manager, and 31 citizens.

Motion #2828 Agenda Approval

Motion by Booth supported by Grabetz to approve the agenda as presented.
Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #2829 Meeting Minute's Approval

Motion by Grabetz supported by Geiermann to approve the Proposed Regular Board Meeting Minutes of 2-15-17, Special Meeting Minutes of 2-15-17, Special Meeting Minutes of 2-13-17 and Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes of 1-3-17.
Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #2830 Bills Approval

Motion by Booth supported by Grabetz to approve bills #1-81 in the amount of \$464,702.52, from General Ledger Funds, Building Funds, Water Funds, Sewer Funds, and Fire Equipment Fund.
Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Old Business

Special Assessment District #27.

Manager Vaslo read aloud the 12 parcels that are to be included in the Special Assessment District #27. There were no corrections or deletions from the role as presented. After a brief discussion the following motion was offered:

Motion #2831 To Set Special Assessment Role for District #27.

Motion by Carmack supported by Booth to approve the special assessment role as presented for District # 27.
Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Blaz Rezoning Request

Manager Vaslo explained to the Board that the applicant, Eric Blaz, does not want to pursue a conditional rezoning and has asked the board to consider his original rezoning request from AG to C-3, now that the screening of materials has been removed from the proposed list of uses for the property.

The applicant was present and answered questions from the board and audience. There were several residents of Indian Trail present and spoke in opposition of the rezoning. Attorney Lisa Okasinski, who represents 13 persons of interest, also spoke in opposition to the rezoning. After a lengthy discussion between the board, the applicant and the audience members it was clear that the property in question, Parcel # 5801-023-054-11, is currently out of compliance and the noncompliance continues to this day. This fact caused the board to question the rezoning request and lead to the following motion:

Motion #2832 To Table.

Motion by Booth supported by Schock to table the rezoning request for Parcel # 5801-023-054-11 and to order the property be brought into compliance by the applicant within 90 days. It was noted that if the applicant brings the property into compliance prior to the 90 day deadline, then the applicant could again ask the Board to consider the rezoning request. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Maxwell Road Update.

Manager Vaslo explained to the Board the he did contact the MCRC regarding hard surfacing Maxwell Road between Labo and Sigler Roads. The Township received a very general estimate for that one mile of road from the MCRC in the amount of \$300,000 +/- . After a brief discussion there were no motions offered.

New Business

Managers Report

The Ash Township Board did not have any questions or comments on the March Manager's report. The Manager did comment briefly on Potter Cemetery, noting that the sign will be changed to meet the requirements of the consent agreement. He also stated that he would not replace the gate or add additional fencing to the easement entrance unless directed to do so by the Board. No motions were offered.

Employee Raises.

Supervisor Carmack lead the discussion and was in support of a raise for the Township employees. A brief discussion took place. It was the consensus of a majority of members that the employee compensation was sufficient for the upcoming budget year and that no raises would be forth coming. No motions were offered.

Local Road Mowing Bids.

Supervisor Carmack stated that the Township received three sealed bid by the submission deadline. He opened each and read aloud the amount of each bid. They were as follows: Precision Irrigation - \$14,900, D&D Wise Mowing - \$18,000, and KBK Landscaping - \$18,500. Township Manager Vaslo will review the bid and return a recommendation to the Board at their April meeting. No motions were offered.

2017/2018 Budget Approval.**Motion #2833 2017/2018 Budget Approval**

Motion by Carmack supported by Booth to approve the 2017/2018 Budget as proposed.
Roll Call: 5 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion Carried.

Resolution for Airport Schools.**Motion #2834 Resolution for Airport Community Schools**

Motion by Carmack supported by Grabetz to adopt the Resolution in support of the Airport Community Schools Book Run.
Roll Call: 5 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion Carried.

Guarding Glass Rezoning Request.

Manager Vaslo informed the Board that the rezoning for Parcel # 5801-003-019-00, 60 acres of vacant property fronting Will Carleton Road, owned by Guardian Glass, has been through the required Public Hearing and that both the Township Planning Commission and Monroe County Planning Commission are forwarding recommendations of approval for the rezoning from AG to C-3.

The applicant was represented by Gerry Hool, Guardian Glass Plant Manager, Carleton, and he answered questions from the board and audience. Mr. & Mrs. Missler from Briar Hill Road spoke in opposition to the request citing noise and pollution concerns and that the request is in conflict with the Township Master Plan. After comments from others in the audience and a lengthy discussion by the Board the following motion was offered:

Motion #2835 To Approve Rezoning.

Motion by Booth supported by Grabetz to approve the rezoning request from Guardian Glass for parcel # 5801-003-019-00 from AG to C-3.
Roll Call 5- Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

Swan Creek Rd Culvert.

Manager Vaslo informed the Board that Swan Creek Road, between Labo and Sigler Roads, is closed due to a culvert failure. He stated that Swan Creek Road is a local road and it would be the Township's responsibility to repair or replace the failing culvert. Treasurer Schock spoke briefly with the Drain Commission and early estimates are in the \$20,000 range. Manager Vaslo will keep the Board informed as repairs move forward. No motions were offered.

Planning Commission Appointments.

Supervisor Carmack offered two names for consideration by the board to fill two vacancies on the Planning Commission. The following motions were offered:

Motion #2836 To Appoint.

Motion by Carmack supported by Booth to appoint Darrell Mossburg Sr to fill out the remaining term of former member McClanahan expiring on 10-1-17.

Roll Call 5- Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

Motion #2837 To Appoint.

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to appoint Jan Langton to fill out the remaining term of former member B. Langton expiring on 10-1-17.

Roll Call 5- Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

Charter Communication Franchise Agreement.

Manager Vaslo explained that this is a renewal request from Charter Communications for the Franchise Agreement with Ash Township. Attorney Godfroy noted that there would be three motions needed. After a brief discussion the following motions were offered:

Motion #2838 To Set.

Motion by Carmack supported by Booth to set the Franchise Fee at 5%.

Roll Call 5- Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

Motion #2839 To Opt Out.

Motion by Booth supported by Schock to opt out of the PEG fees.

Roll Call 5- Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

Motion #2840 To Approve.

Motion by Booth supported by Schock to authorize Supervisor Carmack to sign the Franchise Agreement with Charter Communication.

Roll Call 5- Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

MCRC Contract for Calcium Chloride.

Motion #2841 To Approve.

Motion by Booth supported by Schock to approve the contract with the MCRC for calcium chloride in an amount not to exceed \$53,754 for the 2017 summer application.

Roll Call 5- Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

Zoning Text Amendments.

Manager explained that the proposed text amendments have been through the Public Hearing process and that both the Ash Township Planning commission and the Monroe County Planning Commission are forwarding recommendations of approval. The following Motions were offered:

Motion #2842 To Approve.

Motion by Booth supported by Schock to approve the text amendments to the Ash Township Zoning Ordinance 7-C, Article 21, Section 21.09, Subsection 7, as they relate to Private Swimming Pools.

Roll Call 5- Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

Motion #2843 To Approve.

Motion by Booth supported by Geiermann to approve the text amendments to the Ash Township Zoning Ordinance 7-C, Article 21, Section 21.05, Subsections 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10 and Article 15, Section 15.02, Subsection 8 and Section 15.03, Subsection 8, as they relate to Accessory Buildings.

Roll Call 5- Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

Medical Marijuana.

Supervisor stated that it was planned to have an Attorney attend the meeting and speak about the changes to the Medical Marijuana laws here in Michigan. The attorney could not make the meeting and an informational packet was given to the Board members to review. No motion was offered.

Annual Resolutions.

Motion #2844 Resolution #1

Motion by Carmack supported by Booth to adopt annual resolution #1 setting meeting dates for the Township Board.

Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

Motion #2845 Resolution #2

Motion by Carmack supported by Grabetz to adopt annual resolution #2 setting the millage rate for 2017/2018.

Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

Motion #2846 Resolution #3

Motion by Carmack supported by Booth to adopt annual resolution #3 setting the administration fee for tax collections.

Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

Motion #2847 Resolution #4

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to adopt annual resolution #4 authorizing the Township to sell or purchase property in Ash Township.

Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

Motion #2848 Resolution #5

Motion by Carmack supported by Schock to adopt annual resolution #5 to authorize the deposit of all public monies handled by employees for the Water and Sewer Account in the designated banks.

Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

Motion #2849 Resolution #7

Motion by Carmack supported by Booth to adopt annual resolution #7 to authorize the deposit of all public monies handled by employees for Tax Collections in the designated banks.

Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

Motion #2850 Annual Appointment of Ash Township Engineer

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to appoint Hennessey Engineers as the Engineer for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-2017 to 3-31-2018.

Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No (Schock). Motion carried.

Motion #2851 Annual Appointment of Ash Township Attorney

Motion by Carmack supported by Grabetz to appoint Godfroy, Wetzel and Horkey as the Attorney for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-2017 to 3-31-2018.

Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #2852 Annual Appointment of Ordinance Officer

Motion by Carmack supported by Booth to appoint James Vaslo as the Ordinance Officer for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-2017 to 3-31-2018.

Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #2853 Annual Appointment of Electrical Inspector

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to appoint David Tubbs as the Electrical Inspector for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-2017 to 3-31-2018.

Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #2854 Annual Appointment of Mechanical Inspector

Motion by Carmack supported by Booth to appoint James Charney as the Mechanical Inspector for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-2017 to 3-31-2018.

Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #2855 Annual Appointment of Plumbing Inspector

Motion by Carmack supported by Grabetz to appoint Clive Forrest as the Plumbing Inspector for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-2017 to 3-31-2018.

Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #2856 Annual Appointment of Blight Officer

Motion by Carmack supported by Booth to appoint James Vaslo as the Blight Officer for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-2017 to 3-31-2018.

Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #2857 Annual Appointment of Building Inspector

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to appoint Jonathan Tackett as the Building Inspector for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-2017 to 3-31-2018.

Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #2858 Annual Appointment of Ash Township Planner

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to appoint Wade Trim as the Planner for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-2017 to 3-31-2018.

Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #2859 Annual Appointment of Back-up Electrical Inspector

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to appoint Carson Wagner for back up Electrical Inspector for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-2017 to 3-31-2018.

Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #2860 Annual Appointment of Back-Up Plumbing & Mechanical Inspector

Motion by Carmack supported by Grabetz to appoint Don Oshesky as the back-up Plumbing and Mechanical Inspectors for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-2017 to 3-31-2018.

Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #2861 Annual Appointment of Back-Up Plumbing Inspector

Motion by Carmack supported by Grabetz to appoint Barney Zarb as the back-up Plumbing Inspector for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-2017 to 3-31-2018.

Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #2862 Annual Appointment of Ash Township Auditors

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to appoint Cooley, Hehl, Wolgauth & Carlton for Auditors for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-2017 to 3-31-2018.

Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #2863 Annual Appointment of Back-Up Building Inspector

Motion by Carmack supported by Booth to appoint Tim Wright as the back-up Building Inspector for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-2017 to 3-31-2018.

Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #2864 Resolution – Clerk Salary

Motion by Carmack supported by Booth to approve a resolution that as of April 1, 2017 the salary of the Clerk shall be \$37,608.00.

Roll Call: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Geiermann). Motion Carried.

Motion #2865 Resolution – Supervisor Salary

Motion by Booth supported by Schock to approve a resolution that as of April 1, 2017 the salary of the Supervisor shall be \$14,974.40.

Roll Call: 4-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Carmack). Motion Carried.

Motion #2866 Resolution – Treasurer Salary

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to approve a resolution that as of April 1, 2017 the salary of the Treasurer shall be \$17,504.85.

Roll Call: 4-Yes, 0 – No, 1-Abstain (Schock). Motion Carried.

Motion #2867 Resolution – Trustee Salary

Motion by Carmack supported by Schock to approve a resolution that as of April 1, 2017 the salary of the Trustee shall be \$5,304.50.

Roll Call: 3-Yes, 0 – No, 2- Abstained (Booth, Grabetz). Motion Carried.

Motion #2868 Weed Ordinance Approval

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to approve the Weed Cutting Resolution as read with the starting date of June 1, 2017.

Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #2869 Budget Amendments

Motion by Carmack supported by Booth to approve the two budget amendments moving \$120,000 from 591-561-818, contracted services to 591-560-923 bulk water and moving \$10,000 from 591-563-775, supplies for meters to 591-862-965 Monroe Street.

Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Communications/Information

The Board received a communication from the MCRC regarding approved contracts for both Primary Roads and Local Roads in Ash Township for the 2017 construction season.

Motion #2870 Meeting Adjourn

Motion by Grabetz supported by Schock to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Vote voice taken. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Geiermann
Ash Township Clerk