

**ASH TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 2015
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 - Jim Booth and Trustee - Larry Buckingham.

Members absent: Treasurer - Rob Schock

Others present: William Godfroy - Township Attorney, Jim Hollandsworth - Township Engineer, Jim Vaslo - Township Manager, and 7 citizens.

Motion #2475 Agenda Approval

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

Motion #2476 Meeting Minute's Approval

Motion by Booth supported by Geiermann to approve the Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes of 6-17-15, Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of 6-17-15 and Proposed Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes of 1-6-15. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #2477 Bills Approval

Motion by Booth supported by Geiermann to approve bills #1-79 in the amount of \$134,600.98, from General Ledger Fund, Building Fund, Water Fund, and Sewer Fund.
Roll Call: 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Monroe Street Water Line Update

Ash Township Engineer Jim Hollandsworth updated the Ash Township Board on the Monroe Street Water Line project. A meeting was held with the Village of Carleton Engineer on the subject of easements, both temporary and permanent, has become an issue. The idea of moving the new water main to the southern location, in the greenbelt area and out of the influence of the road no longer seems possible as the Village of Carleton is requiring Ash Township to obtain additional easements from the property owners. The original location north of the existing line will be used. Ash Township Engineer Jim Hollandsworth expects construction to begin in earnest by August 1, 2015 and substantially completed within 60 working days.

Potter Cemetery Update

Some progress was made on Potter access lane. Mowing and weed control activities were completed at a distance allowed by the standing water conditions. When conditions improve maintenance on the entire easement will be completed.

Motion #2478 Village of Carleton Invoices

Motion by Booth supported by Carmack to table payment of invoices. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Budget Review for Road Maintenance

Supervisor Robin Carmack reviewed the budget numbers as of the meeting date and believes there are funds in both paving & ditching that are uncommitted and could be used for additional projects this year. The Ash Township Board instructed Ash Township Engineer Jim Hollandsworth to explore the possibility of drainage improvements on Briar Hill Rd. between Newburg Rd. and Will Carleton Rd. and to report back his findings. He was also asked to review Newburg Rd. from Maxwell to Exeter roads for possible improvements in drainage and pavement.

Fessner Road Improvement Update

Ash Township Engineer Jim Hollandsworth supplied the Ash Township Board with a proposal for additional surveying and engineering services for Fessner Rd., between Ready Rd. and Carleton Rockwood Rd. The estimated cost to make a drainage improvement on Fessner Rd. near Ready Rd was \$55,000. No action on the proposal took place due to cost and effect on trees on Fessner.

Managers Report

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

Motion #2479 City of Detroit Water Contract

Motion by Buckingham supported by Geiermann to approve and sign the Agreement to Assign Wholesale Customer Water Service Contract with the City of Detroit Water & Sewerage Dept. and the Great Lakes Water Authority. Roll Call: 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #2480 City of Detroit Water Resolution

Motion by Buckingham supported by Booth to adopt the Resolution Regarding Assignment With The City Of Detroit And The Great Lakes Water Authority. Roll Call: 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #2481 Approval of MERS Retirement Contribution

Motion by Buckingham supported by Geiermann to approve a one time contribution of \$100,000.00 to the MERS retirement fund . Roll Call: 4-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Woodside Drive

Katelyn McClanahan, owner of parcel D on Woodside Drive asked the Ash Township Board to allow her to extend Woodside Drive as gravel road as they previously approved a similar request for Josh Evans, owner of parcel C on Woodside Drive. The Ash Township Board requested a drawing of the proposed extension showing that the road width and culde-sac dimensions would meet the Ash Township requirements. No action was taken by the Ash Township Board and the request will be on the next available agenda once the drawing is submitted to Ash Township for review.

Motion #2482 to Go Into Closed Session

Motion by Booth supported by Geiermann to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation with Ash Township Attorney on the matter of Ash Township vs. Porter. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #2483 to Go Back Into Regular Session

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to go back into regular session. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Porter Update

After returning from closed session Ash Township Attorney Bill Godfroy reviewed the various aspects of the proposed agreement with the citizens in attendance and in particular Mr. & Mrs. Emch of 555 Carleton Rockwood Rd. Ash Township Attorney Bill Godfroy will again present the proposed settlement to the Porters and report back if the agreement was approved.

Motion #2484 Meeting Adjourn

Motion by Booth supported by Carmack to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Vote voice taken. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Geiermann
Ash Township Clerk