

**ASH TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 2014
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: William Godfroy - Township Attorney, Jim Hollandsworth – Township Engineer, Jim Vaslo - Township Manager and Susie Forrest – Deputy Clerk and 11 citizens.

Motion #2249 Agenda Approval

Motion by Buckingham supported by Booth to accept the amended agenda.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #2250 Meeting Minute's Approval

Motion by Booth supported by Geiermann to approve the Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes of 7-16-14, Proposed Special Meeting Minutes of 7-29-14, Proposed Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 6-17-14. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #2251 Bills Approval

Motion by Booth supported by Buckingham to approve bills # 1-122 in the amount of \$213,529.51 from General Ledger Fund, Building Fund, Water Fund, and Sewer Fund.

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

Village Sewer Committee Update

Trustee Buckingham explained to the Ash Township Board that the Village of Carleton has the 425 agreement ready for the property owner to sign.

Motion #2252 Monroe Street Water Line Letter of Recommendation

Motion by Buckingham supported by Carmack to approve the contract for Lawrence Clark Inc. to do Directional Drilling for the Monroe Street Water Line not to exceed \$1,263,230.00 plus a 5% contingency. Roll Call: 5 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion Carried.

Briar Hill Drainage

The Briar Hill drainage project remains tabled as the Ash Township Board is waiting to see what the budget will allow after the Newburg Road drainage plan is complete.

2590 Carleton Rockwood Road Water Tap Reimbursement

Ash Township Manager explained to the Ash Township Board that the owner of 2590 Carleton Rockwood Road, Mrs. Audrey Johnson has rescinded her request for the water tap reimbursement and will keep her water tap.

Four Star Greenhouse

Ash Township facilitated a meeting with the Monroe County Business Development Corporation, the Department of Agriculture, and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation in an effort to explore the potential for an Agricultural Renaissance Zone and for capturing Michigan Economic Development Transportation Funds for the repair of Calkins Road. Manager Vaslo will keep the Ash Township Board posted.

Treatment Plant Proposal Update

Supervisor Carmack would like to table the Treatment Plant Ownership Transfer Proposal so that the Ash Township Board may invite the owners of Lazy Oak Treatment facility to the next meeting to discuss.

Motion #2253 Adel – Use Violations

Motion by Carmack supported by Buckingham to authorize Ash Township Attorney Bill Godfroy to move forward with the ordinance violations concerning Mr. Adel and his property located at 10101 Telegraph, parcel #5801-027-030-10. Voice vote taken. Motion Carried.

Motion #2254 Grafton Road Paving

Motion by Buckingham supported by Schock to approve the Host Community Support for Homrich height expansion and the Grafton Rd. restoration. Roll Call: 5 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion carried.

Managers Report

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

Grafton Road Lighting, Ready to Carleton Rockwood Road

Ash Township Supervisor Robin Carmack again approached the Board for lighting improvements on Grafton Road between Ready Road and Carleton Rockwood Road. It was the consensus of the Ash Township Board that if a lighting project could be incorporated into the grant proposal being considered by the Village of Carleton and/or Airport School District for a walking/bike path then perhaps the Township would move forward with lighting of some kind.

Motion #2255 Matlin Road Landfill Tree Issue

Motion by Booth supported by Schock to authorize Hennessey Engineering to do a boundary survey on the Ash Township property located on Matlin Road not to exceed the amount of \$750.00.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #2256 Potter Cemetery Resolution

Motion by Buckingham supported by Geiermann to adopt the local governing resolution for a charitable gaming license for Friends of Potter Cemetery. Voice vote taken. Motion Carried.

Motion #2257 Flood Plain Ordinance & Resolution

Motion by Buckingham supported by Booth to approve the Michigan Community Resolution to Manage Floodplain development for the National Flood Insurance Program as read.

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

Rod Lamb Excavating Letter

Ash Township Manager Jim Vaslo informed the Ash Township Board that Rod Lamb our excavator has passed and with his passing his business is going to dissolve, therefore leaving the Ash Township Board needing to replace his services. Therefore, Ash Township will be accepting bids for excavation work with the water and sewer department in Ash Township.

Motion #2258 425 Agreement Will Carleton Road Property

Motion by Booth supported by Geiermann to table until the next meeting. The owner of parcel #5801-004-015-00 and #5801-004-016-00 would have to petition Ash Township for the 425 agreement. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #2259 Fire Department Siren

Motion by Buckingham supported by Carmack to have the decibel level checked on the fire siren located at Maxwell and Carleton West Rd. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Zoning Ordinance Violations – 12956 Sweitzer Road

Ash Township Attorney Bill Godfroy responded in writing to Attorney Timothy Gross's letter regarding zoning ordinance violations at 12956 Sweitzer Road. No action by the Ash Township Board was needed.

Motion #2260 Ash Township Principles of Governance

Motion by Carmack supported by Buckingham to adopt, sign and pledge the Principles of Governance. Roll Call: 5 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion carried.

Motion # 2261 Meeting Adjourn

Motion by Booth supported by Carmack to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.
Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Geiermann
Ash Township Clerk