

**ASH TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 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 20 citizens.

Motion #2265 Agenda Approval

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

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #2266 Meeting Minute's Approval

Motion by Buckingham supported by Booth to approve the Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes of 8-20-14, Proposed Special Meeting Minutes of 8-27-14, Proposed Zoning board of Appeals Meeting Minutes of 4-1-14 and Proposed Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 7-15-14. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #2267 Bills Approval

Motion by Booth supported by Geiermann to approve bills # 1-90 in the amount of \$208,308.29 from General Ledger Fund, Building Fund, Fire Equipment Fund, Debt Fund, Water Fund, and Sewer Fund. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Village Sewer Committee Update

Trustee Buckingham stated that there were no updates to report.

Motion #2268 Fire Station Siren Update

Motion by Booth supported by Geiermann to table for 3 months. Voice vote taken. Motion Carried.

(Monroe County is working on improving the 800 Mhz radio system that may improve the reception of radios for Ash Township Fire Fighters).

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.

Sunoco Pump Station Update

Ash Township Manager Jim Vaslo supplied the Ash Township Board with a written report of the flaring event that took place on Tuesday September 9th. Representatives from the DEQ were also present, decibel levels were checked. The event was within acceptable limits according to the DEQ for air quality.

Motion #2269 Monroe Street Water Line

Motion by Buckingham supported by Carmack to approve the Monroe Street Water line project. Voice vote taken. Motion Carried.

Motion #2270 Monroe Street Water Line

Motion by Carmack supported by Booth to approve up to \$60,000.00 for the 10 additional valves for the Monroe Street water line project. Roll Call: 5 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion Carried.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Proposal Update

Representatives from the Lazy Oak Subdivision were present. The Ash Township Board addressed some outstanding issues and continues to discuss a possible treatment plant ownership transfer.

Motion #2271 Underground Construction Bids

Motion by Buckingham supported by Schock to approve Able Sanitary Services Inc. as the primary underground construction contractor for the water and sewer department per the supplied rate schedule. Roll Call: 5 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion Carried.

Newburg Road Improvement Update

Hennessey Engineering had submitted drainage plans to the Monroe County Road Commission. Scope of work and specifications are being developed so the project can be bid out.

Grafton Road Improvement Update

It is still anticipated that the Monroe County Road Commission and Homrich will have plans approved and work completed for paving improvements to Grafton Road from Matlin Road to Will Carleton Road, before the end of the 2014 construction season.

Fessner road Improvement Update

The Ash Township Board had a special meeting at 5:30 pm about proposed Fessner Road improvements. The result of much discussion is to send letters to the property owners on Fessner between Ready Road and Carleton Rockwood Road, giving the property owners the opportunity to vote on the improvement of their choice. This will be used as guidance to determine the priority of improving the drainage and condition of Fessner Road.

Managers Report

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

Motion #2272 Open Public Hearing

Motion by Carmack supported by Booth to open a public hearing on the proposed Flood Plain Ordinance 9-14. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #2273 Close Public Hearing

Motion by Geiermann supported by Schock to close the public hearing on the proposed Flood Plain Ordinance 9-14. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #2274 Flood Plain Ordinance 9-14

Motion by Booth supported by Carmack to adopt Ordinance 9-14 Flood Plain.
Roll Call: 5 – Yes, 0 - No. Motion carried.

Representation on Great Lakes Water Authority

It appears that the Detroit Water and Sewer system will be governed by a new Regional Water Authority to manage improvements and rates. The Great Lakes Water Authority will have two representatives from the City of Detroit, one each for Wayne County, Oakland County, and Macomb County, and one representative for the four additional counties that are serviced by Detroit Water and Sewer. The Ash Township Supervisor Robin Carmack expressed his concerns about having fair representation for Ash Township on the authority and would like to be represented on the GLWA.

Motion #2275 Carleton Library Asphalt

Motion by Carmack supported by Buckingham to approve the quote from CB Asphalt not to exceed \$868.68 to sealcoat and hot rubber crack filler at the Carleton Library.
Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #2276 Grafton Shopping Center Tax Appeal

Motion by Booth supported by Carmack to give Ash Township Attorney Bill Godfroy the authority to negotiate the property value between \$1.5 and \$1.7 Million on the Samuel J. Magar tax appeal regarding Grafton Shopping Center, parcel #5841-010-068-00. Roll Call: 5 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion Carried.

Senate Bill 1023 And Senate Bill 1024

The Ash Township Board discussed the two bills and decided not to support the Senate bills 1023 and 1024 at this time. No action was taken.

Motion # 2277 Meeting Adjourn

Motion by Booth supported by Geiermann to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Geiermann
Ash Township Clerk