

**ASH TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2011
7:30 p.m.**

The Ash Township Regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Ready Road hall by Supervisor Robin Carmack.

Members present: Supervisor – Robin Carmack, Clerk - Michele Geiermann, Treasurer – Doug Leiffer, Trustee - Adam Grabetz, and Trustee - Terrance Wickenheiser.

Others present: William Godfroy - Township Attorney, Jim Vaslo - Township Manager, Susie Forrest – Deputy Clerk and Jim Hollandsworth – Township Engineer.

Motion #485 Agenda Approval

Motion by Grabetz supported by Wickenheiser to accept the amended agenda.
Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #486 Meeting Minute's Approval

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Geiermann to approve the Proposed Meeting Minutes of 2-16-2011, Proposed Special Meeting Minutes of 2-16-2011, Planning Commission Minutes of 1-18-2011. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #487 Bills Approval

Motion by Grabetz supported by Wickenheiser to approve bills # 1-100 in the amount of \$623,027.99 from General Ledger Fund, Fire Equipment Fund, Water Department Fund, Water Bond Fund and Library Bond Fund. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #488 Pay Request #11 & 12 to Phoenix Contracting, Inc.

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to approve payments 11 & 12 to Phoenix Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$85,707.00, for work done to date. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

Sassak Update

Mr. Sassak has not submitted anything to Hennessey as of this date. The Ash Township board stated that if Mr. Sassak would sign a topographical agreement with Hennessey Engineers by April 7, 2011 then the Board would give him more time.

Motion #489 Pay Request #2 to Lawrence M. Clarke, Inc.

Motion by Grabetz supported by Carmack to approve paying Lawrence M. Clarke, Inc. in the amount of \$104,923.40, for work done to date on the Newburg water main.

Roll Call: 4-Yes, 1-No (Leiffer). Motion Carried.

Gasper Update

The contempt sentencing has been postponed and Mr. Gasper has admitted that he cannot comply with the removal judgment. There are three manufactured homes on the property and Mr. Gasper owns one. The Ash Township Board could have the manufactured home removed within 90 days and go after the owners of the other two manufactured homes to have them removed. The Ash Township Board wants to ask for a court hearing in 90 days and have Mr. Gasper remove 250 tons a week, a review of every 30 days and with a starting date of April 15, 2011.

Managers Report

The Board had no questions for Ash Township manager Jim Vaslo concerning the March managers' report. Mr. Vaslo did discuss that he received quotes for tearing down, move and the set up of a trailer for storage by the Historical Society. The Ash Township Board decided to hold off on the issue to let the Historical Society try and come up with funding. This subject will be discussed at the special meeting on March 21, 2011.

Budget Approval.

The 2011/2012 budget has been tabled until Monday March 21, 2011.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Supervisor Carmack read a letter from the Seventh-Day Adventist Church explaining that they will be in the area doing door-to-door missionary work during the months of June, July, and August of 2011.

Road Commission Letter – Ready Rd at Swan Creek Bridge Program

The Ready Road at Swan Creek local bridge program replacement application was tabled & will be discussed at the special meeting on March 21, 2011.

Motion #490 Fire Department Lockers.

Motion by Carmack supported by Leiffer to approve \$2,925.00 to Contract Welding & Fabricating, Inc. for lockers for the new fire station and that the money will be taken out of the Fire Equipment Fund. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

Motion #491 Water Department Supply Approval

Motion by Geiermann supported by Grabetz to approve paying \$10,027.86 for water department supplies to Michigan Pipe Valve. Roll Call: 5 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion carried.

Motion #492 Proposed Amendment Changes for AG & RE Districts.

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to approve the text amendments to section 15.02 (1), 15.02 (2), 15.03 (1) and 15.03 (2) as presented. Roll Call: 4–Yes, 1–No (Grabetz). Motion carried.

Motion #493 Liquor License – Farmer’s Café / John Imo

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Geiermann to allow John Imo up to one year to secure a new location and obtain a liquor license at Medical Center Dr. If he decides before that he does not need it to please notify the Board. No action was taken on the Farmers Café request. Roll Call: 5 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion carried.

Motion #494 Resolution #1

Motion by Carmack supported by Leiffer to adopt annual resolution #1 on March 16, 2011 for meeting dates (time changed to 6:30 p.m.). Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

Motion #495 Resolution #2

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to adopt annual resolution #2 on March 16, 2011 for tax millage. Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

Motion #496 Resolution #3

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to adopt annual resolution #3 on March 16, 2011 for administration fee. Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

Motion #497 Resolution #4

Motion by Carmack supported by Leiffer to adopt annual resolution #4 on March 16, 2011 to sell or purchase property. Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

Motion #498 Resolution #5

Motion by Carmack supported by Grabetz to adopt annual resolution #5 on March 16, 2011 for monies handled by employees. Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

Motion #499 Resolution #6

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to adopt annual resolution #6 on March 16, 2011 for monies handled by employees. Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried

Motion #500 Resolution #7

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to adopt annual resolution #7 on March 16, 2011 for Township banks. Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

Motion #501 Annual Appointment of Hennessey Engineers

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to appoint Hennessey Engineers as the Engineering Company for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-11 to 3-31-2012. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #502 Annual Appointment of Czeryba & Godfroy

Motion by Carmack supported by Leiffer to appoint Czeryba & Godfroy as the Attorney for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-11 to 3-31-2012. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #503 Annual Appointment of Ordinance Officer

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to appoint James Vaslo as the Ordinance Officer for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-11 to 3-31-2012. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #504 Annual Appointment of Electrical Inspector

Motion by Carmack supported by Leiffer to appoint David Tubbs as the Electrical Inspector for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-11 to 3-31-2012. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #505 Annual Appointment of Mechanical Inspector

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to appoint James Charney as the Mechanical Inspector for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-11 to 3-31-2012. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #506 Annual Appointment of Plumbing Inspector

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to appoint Clive Forrest as the Plumbing Inspector for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-11 to 3-31-2012. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #507 Annual Appointment of Blight Officer

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to appoint James Vaslo as the Blight Officer for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-11 to 3-31-2012. Voice vote taken.
Motion carried.

Motion #508 Annual Appointment of Building Inspector

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to appoint Jonathan Tackett as the Building Inspector for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-11 to 3-31-2012. Voice vote taken.
Motion carried.

Motion #509 Annual Appointment of Cooley, Hehl, Wolgauth & Carlton

Motion by Carmack supported by Leiffer to appoint Cooley, Hehl, Wolgauth & Carlton as the Auditors for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-11 to 3-31-2012. Voice vote taken.
Motion carried.

Motion #510 Annual Appointment of Wade Trim

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to appoint Wade Trim as the Planner for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-11 to 3-31-2012. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #511 Annual Appointment of Back-up Electrical Inspector

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to appoint Gary Bates as the back-up Electrical Inspector for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-11 to 3-31-2012. Voice vote taken.
Motion carried.

Motion #512 Annual Appointment of Back-Up Plumbing & Mechanical Inspector

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to appoint Louie Letiato as the back-up Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector for Ash Township for the fiscal year 4-1-11 to 3-31-2012.
Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #513 Weed Ordinance Approval

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to approve the Weed Cutting Resolution as read with the starting date of June 1, 2011. Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #514 Resolution – Clerk Salary

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to approve a resolution that as of April 1, 2011 the salary of the Clerk shall be \$28,000.00, which is the same as last year, there is no increase.
Roll Call: 4-Yes 0-No, 1-abstain (Geiermann). Motion Carried.

Motion #515 Resolution – Supervisor Salary

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Leiffer to approve a resolution that as of April 1, 2011 the salary of the Supervisor shall be \$16,974.40, which is the same as last year, there is no increase.
Roll Call: 4-Yes 0-No, 1-abstain (Carmack). Motion Carried.

Motion #516 Resolution – Treasurer Salary

Motion by Carmack supported by Grabetz to approve a resolution that as of April 1, 2011 the salary of the Treasurer shall be \$17,504.85, which is the same as last year, there is no increase.
Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

Motion #517 Resolution – Trustee Salary

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to approve a resolution that as of April 1, 2010 the salary of the Trustee shall be \$5,304.50, which is the same as last year, there is no increase.
Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

Motion #518 Budget Amendments.

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to approve the budget amendments of moving \$9,500 from 591-561-733 Operating Supplies Water and Sewer to 591-560-923 Bulk Water, Water and Sewer. Move \$32,000 from 591-568-717 Operating Supplies Water Mains to 591-560-923 Bulk Water, Water and Sewer. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

Bleachers for Unity Park

Bleachers for Unity Park were tabled and will be discussed at the March 21, 2011.

Motion #519 Back-up Building Inspector

Motion by Grabetz supported by Carmack to appoint Jeff Kemp from Kemp Builders as the Back-up Building Inspector for Ash Township. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion # 520 Meeting Adjourn

Motion by Geiermann supported by Wickenheiser to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.
Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Geiermann
Ash Township Clerk