

**ASH TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 17, 2011
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 – Doug Leiffer, Trustee - Adam Grabetz and Trustee - Terrance Wickenheiser.

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

Motion #597 Agenda Approval

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

Motion #598 Meeting Minute's Approval

Motion by Grabetz supported by Wickenheiser to approve the Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes of 7-20-2011, ZBA Meeting Minutes of 2-1-2011, and Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 5-17-2011. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #599 Bills Approval

Motion by Grabetz supported by Wickenheiser to approve bills # 1-87 in the amount of \$200,665.27 from General Ledger Fund, Water Department Fund, and Fire Equipment Fund.
Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Recognition of Mitchell L Long

Mitchell L Long, Eagle Scout was recognized for his dedication and services to the Unity Park project, in particular his work on the flag pole and dugout improvements. A plaque commemorating his service was awarded by Supervisor Carmack.

Motion #600 Reconnect at 955 E. Newburg Rd

Motion by Grabetz supported by Leiffer to table the water reconnect at 955 E. Newburg Road until the September meeting so that Supervisor Carmack and Trustee Grabetz can meet with the homeowner at his premises to discuss the different options. Voice vote taken.
Motion Carried.

Motion #601 937 E. Newburg Rd Letter

Motion by Grabetz to approve Hennessey Engineering to do a survey on 937 E. Newburg Road not to exceed \$1,000.00. Motion was rescinded by Mr. Grabetz.

Motion #602 937 E. Newburg Rd Letter

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Grabetz to deny the request from Mr. Pratt of 937 E. Newburg Rd. Voice vote taken. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Bernardi Letter - 187 E. Newburg Rd Letter

A letter addressed to the Ash Township Board from Mrs. Alba Luz Bernardi was read by Supervisor Carmack. There were no comments or motions offered.

Motion #603 Fund Balance and Debt Policy

Motion by Grabetz supported by Carmack to table until the Committee meets and presents their recommendations to the Board. Voice vote taken. Motion Carried.

CD Update

Supervisor Carmack gave a brief update to the Board on the current CD standings.

Monroe Street Water Line

Supervisor Carmack recapped the August 11th meeting with the Village of Carleton regarding Monroe Street water line. The Supervisor reported that he and Trustee Grabetz did their very best to convey the Township's position regarding replacement of the water line. Supervisor Carmack also reported a great deal of frustration resulting from what he and Trustee Grabetz believe to be a lack of understanding and a lack of preparedness by the Village at this meeting. Further talks will continue.

Motion #604 Pay Request #3 to Lawrence M. Clarke, Inc.

Motion by Carmack supported by Geiermann to approve pay request #3 to Lawrence M. Clark, Inc, in the amount of \$69,301.21, for work performed on the Newburg Water Main project, District 23, with (5%) \$25,787.99 being retained until the restoration is completed and the project is closed out. Roll Call: 5-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

Motion #605 Pay Request #15 & # 16 to Phoenix Contracting, Inc.

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to approve pay request #15 & #16 to Phoenix Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$59,854.75, for work performed at the fire station to date. Roll Call: 3-Yes 2-No. (Geiermann, Grabetz) Motion Carried.

This will be the last payment until the punch list is complete. There will be an amount of approximately \$75,000.00 that will be held until the punch list complete and Certificate of Occupancy obtained.

Road Improvement Plan

Supervisor Carmack spoke on the need to once again update the Township's road improvement plan. The Supervisor wanted to prioritize roads based on importance to the overall travel patterns of the Township. Two roads in particular were mentioned Exeter Road and Grafton Road. It was a concusses of the Board members that though Exeter is arguably the worst road in the Township for condition, Grafton has a higher volume of traffic and is the major north/south artery for both the Village of Carleton and Township residents. The Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) survey provided by the Monroe County Road Commission needs to be completed by each Board member and a top ten priority list developed. The supervisor stated this work will be ongoing.

Managers Report

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

Motion #606 Water Taps in the Village of Carleton

Motion by Grabetz to put a moratorium on the commercial water taps in the Village of Carleton. After a long discussion the motion died from lack of support.

Motion #607 Portable Trailer for Historical Society

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to approve \$4,950.00 to move the portable trailer for the Historical Society to Ash Township Hall. Roll Call: 5 – Yes, 0 – No.
Motion Carried.

Motion #608 Monroe County Emergency Medical Authority

Motion by Grabetz supported by Carmack to adopt the Monroe County Emergency Medical Authority Resolution. Roll Call: 5 – Yes, 0 – No. Motion Carried.

Citizens Comments

Mr. Ron Keilman spoke to the Ash Township Board about his concerns with the proposed expansion of the Carleton Farms landfill in Wayne County. Mr. Keilman offered that though the landfill is not in our Township it is literally across the street from our northern boundary and that much of the truck traffic carrying refuse to the landfill travels through Ash Township on both local and primary roads. Mr. Keilman feels that the Township should respond to the DEQ and ask for a public hearing be held so that residents have an opportunity to comment on the expansion.

Motion # 609 Meeting Adjourn

Motion by Grabetz supported by Carmack to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.
Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Geiermann
Ash Township Clerk