

**ASH TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 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 #610 Agenda Approval

Motion by Grabetz supported by Leiffer to accept the amended agenda.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #611 Meeting Minute's Approval

Motion by Grabetz supported by Geiermann to approve the Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes of 8-17-2011, ZBA Meeting Minutes of 7-5-2011, and Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 7-19-2011. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #612 Bills Approval

Motion by Grabetz supported by Wickenheiser to approve bills # 1-114 in the amount of \$284,550.99 from General Ledger Fund, Water Department Fund, Fire Equipment Fund and Debt Funds. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Reconnect at 955 E. Newburg Rd

Supervisor Carmack requested that this be tabled.

Monroe Street Water Line

Supervisor Carmack informed the Ash Township Board that talks are ongoing with the Village of Carleton and really no changes in status of replacing the Monroe Street water line.

Crooked Creek

There have been bid packets established and in the process of being distributed to the potential contractors and have bid opening on October 12, 2011. After the bid opening the Ash Township Board will then decide if they will proceed with the project.

Motion #613 Park Grant

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Carmack to hand the project of finalizing the park grant money to Township Manager Jim Vaslo. Voice vote taken. Motion Carried.

Motion #614 to Go Into Closed Session

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

Motion #615 to Go Back Into Regular Session

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

Motion #616 Ash Township vs Sassak

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Leiffer to dismiss the case without prejudice at the recommendation of Ash Township Attorney. Voice vote taken. Motion Carried.

2012 Road Improvement Plan

Supervisor Carmack confirmed with the Ash Township Board that Grafton Road is the top priority project for next year.

Huron Water Intergovernmental Agreement

Attorney Bill Godfroy will attempt changes to the contract prepared by Huron Water Council to reflect the comments in his September 19th letter and return it to the Ash Township Board for possible action.

Waste Water Treatment Facility on Labo Road

Supervisor Carmack read a letter from Pine LLC in which they conveyed an interest in giving the packaged plant on Labo Road to Ash Township if the Township would establish an enterprise zone for the surrounding properties. Attorney Godfroy will research enterprise zones and Ash Township Engineer Jim Hollandsworth will research annual costs. The waste water treatment facility will be on next month's agenda.

Motion #617 Pine LLC Letter of Credit

Motion by Grabetz supported by Geiermann to renew the bond under the recommendation of the Ash Township Attorney Bill Godfroy and Ash Township Engineer Jim Hollandsworth. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Managers Report

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

Motion #618 Grafton Cemetery Bridge

Motion by Geiermann supported by Leiffer to approve Terry Wickenheiser Jr. to install expanded metal on the bridge not to exceed \$850.00. Roll Call: 4 – Yes, 1 – Abstained (Wickenheiser) Motion Carried.

Sweitzer Property Farm Lease

The Ash Township Board gave Attorney Bill Godfroy direction to send the letter of termination to Anson Farms notifying them of termination of the last lease.

Motion #619 Village Sewer Billing

Motion by Wickenheiser supported by Carmack that at the end of the first quarter of 2012 the Village of Carleton will take over the billing of their own sewer. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried.

Orchards Manufactured Housing Water Bill

Attorney Bill Godfroy explained that he has been in contact with the Orchards and that the Orchards will be making three payments to bring the water bill current by October 15, 2011. The first payment has already been received.

Orchards Manufactured Housing Coach Tax

Attorney Bill Godfroy explained that he has been in contact with the Carolyn Riggler, Vice president of Landon Companies, explaining that they will be making payments to bring the coach tax current starting in October and having that current by year end.

Motion #620 Reappointment of Planning Commission Members

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to approve the reappointment of Fred Wickenheiser as Member of the Planning Commission as of October 1, 2011 with his term expiring October 1, 2014. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #621 Reappointment of Planning Commission Members

Motion by Carmack supported by Wickenheiser to approve the reappointment of Dan Meiden as Member of the Planning Commission as of October 1, 2011 with his term expiring October 1, 2014. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #622 Reappointment of Planning Commission Members

Motion by Carmack (as the Board Representative) supported by Wickenheiser to approve the reappointment of Robin Carmack as Member of the Planning Commission as of October 1, 2011 with his term expiring October 1, 2014. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion #623 Monroe County Road Commission – Barry Babcock Drain Culvert

Motion by Carmack supported by Grabetz to approve \$8,600.00 to replace the culvert at the Berry Babcock Drain located on Carleton Rockwood Rd. Roll Call: 4-Yes, 1-No (Leiffer) Motion carried.

Landfill – Public Hearing

Manager Jim Vaslo has stated that Michigan Department of Natural Resources has been notified that Ash Township requested a public hearing on the expansion of the Carleton Farms Landfill be convened. No date or time has been set yet.

Motion #624 Library Millage Rate – Form 4029

Motion by Geiermann supported by Carmack to approve form L4029 as proposed by Ash Township Assessor Chris Renius. Roll Call: 5-Yes, 0-No. Motion carried.

Motion # 625 Meeting Adjourn

Motion by Geiermann supported by Carmack to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Geiermann
Ash Township Clerk