

**Ross Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
12086 M-89  
Richland, MI 49083  
March 17, 2020  
6:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Baker at 6:00PM

Roll Call was as follows:

Present:	Mike Sulka	Diana Langshaw	Norm Kellogg
	Rob Baker	Cindy Genung	Dave Senkewitz
	Lynn Harmon		

Absent: None

Also, Present: Rob Thall, Township Attorney

Approve the agenda with amendments: Add under new business E) Ross Fire Ballot Issue.  
Consent Agenda to include Meeting minutes, treasurers report and bills paid and payable.

A motion to approve the agenda with amendments was presented by Trustee Langshaw, supported by Trustee Harmon and carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was presented by Trustee Harmon, supported by Trustee Langshaw and carried unanimously.

**Reports:**

Fire Department: January and February 2020 reports included.

Police: Report submitted – new bid for amended Ross Township shifts, starts April 1, 2020

Cemetery Committee- tree repair at Day Cemetery

Parks: Report Submitted – can the Park open in May? Eagle Scout Project

Law Enforcement Committee: Disband LEC. A motion to disband this Township Committee was presented by Trustee Harmon, supported by Supervisor Baker and carried unanimously.

AGS: Ordinance enforcement report. Look to hire a dedicated ordinance enforcement officer for Ross Township. April 14, 2020 court ruling due on our rental unit litigation.

Planning Commission: Meeting minutes supplied for review. (Draft minutes of the 2/24/2020 meeting. GAAMPS issues- conflict between the Township Ordinance and State GAAMPS definition.

Supervisors Report: Report submitted. MTA legislative issues. SAD Par issues and discussion. Attorney Thall reviewed, SAD is a defined plan. For Ross Township a d 3-year plan. At issue is

preventative maintenance issues- how to define. Is it asphalt overlay (1.5") and or chip and seal? Johanna Johnson of RCKC to define this question. Gull Lake Quality Organization has a request for services \$1,500. Is this a budgeted item and is this covered under our Kalamazoo County Sheriffs contract for 2020/2021? Local Watercraft public hearing has been completed for the Township. It is under review at the DNR for further hearings.

**Public Comments:** None

**Old Business:**

- A. Approve Employee Policies and Procedures – A motion to postpone this discussion and approval by Trustee Langshaw, supported by Treasurer Genung and carried unanimously. Amendments to be reviewed by Attorney Thall
- B. Joint meeting with the Planning Commission – Is it necessary. Recommend to not meet this year. PC to present their annual work plan during the April Board meeting.

**New Business:**

A motion to approve our outside vendors for the 2020/2021 fiscal year was presented by Trustee Sulka, supported by Trustee Harmon and carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the Fire Department Budget, was presented by Treasurer Genung, supported by Clerk Kellogg and carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the Supervisor Salary Resolution to a \$46,000 annual salary was presented by Trustee Sulka, supported by Trustee Harmon. A roll call vote was as follows: Sulka-Aye, Langshaw-Aye, Kellogg-Aye, Baker-Aye, Genung-Aye, Senkewitz-Aye, Harmon-Aye. The motion carried 7 to 0.

A motion to approve the Clerk Salary Resolution to a \$46,000 annual salary was presented by Trustee Sulka, supported by Trustee Harmon. A roll call vote was as follows: Sulka-Aye, Langshaw-Aye, Kellogg-Aye, Baker-Aye, Genung-Aye, Senkewitz-Aye, Harmon-Aye. The motion carried 7 to 0.

A motion to approve the Treasurers Salary Resolution to a \$46,000 annual salary was presented by Trustee Sulka, supported by Trustee Harmon. A roll call vote was as follows: Sulka-Aye, Langshaw-Aye, Kellogg-Aye, Baker-Aye, Genung-Aye, Senkewitz-Aye, Harmon-Aye. The motion carried 7 to 0.

A motion to approve the Ross Township Appropriations Act for the 2020/2021 fiscal year was presented by Trustee Sulka, supported by Trustee Langshaw. A roll call vote was as follows: Sulka-Aye, Langshaw-Aye, Kellogg-Aye, Baker-Aye, Genung-Aye, Senkewitz-Aye, Harmon-Aye. The motion carried 7 to 0.

Approve the purchase of the Ross Township parking stops and banner for Ross Township Park. The projected cost is \$133 for the banner. A motion to approve the banner cost of \$133 was presented by Trustee Langshaw, supported by Trustee Harmon and passed unanimously.

Ross Township Fire Protection Millage renewal. This renewal request can be moved to the August election if needed. This is due to the Corona virus outbreak and subsequent stay at

home orders by the Governor. If the KRESA ballot request stays on the ballot we will keep our request for the May 5, 2020 election. If KRESA withdraws their request we will also withdraw our Township request. A Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am to discuss and remove our ballot request if needed.

**Members Time:**

Mike Sulka – Questions on Township hours due to the Corona virus shutdown. We have set up the office so that at least two people are here at all times. One of the staff must be the Clerk, Treasurer or Supervisor.

Cindy Genung – Tax payments are almost completed. MTA has cancelled their annual convention due to the Corona virus shutdown.

Lynn Harmon – What Township positions are open for the August/ November election cycle. All Ross Township elected officials are up for re-election.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was presented by Trustee Harmon, supported by Trustee Senkewitz and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norm Kellogg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Norm Kellogg  
Ross Township Clerk