

**`Ross Township
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**Special Board Meeting
June 15, 2022
5:00 P.M.**

- **Call to Order:** Special Board Meeting called to order by Supervisor Hutchings at 5:05pm.
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- **Roll Call:** Board Members present: Supervisor Hutchings, Treasurer Genung, Clerk Louis, Trustee Langshaw, Trustee Bekes, Trustee Sulka and Trustee Harmon. No board members absent. Attorney Thall and approximately 14 interested citizens were present.
- **Approval of Agenda:** Trustee Langshaw moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Clerk Louis. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Citizen Comment:** Supervisor Hutchings opened the floor to Public Comment at 5:05pm. No citizens spoke. Public Comment closed at 5:05pm.
- **New Business**
 1. **Tim Snow, Deputy Clerk discussion/action:** Clerk Louis presented current Salary Budget for the Deputy Clerk position as well as proposed use of budgeted funds to contract Tim Snow as Deputy Clerk/Election Coordinator through the upcoming August 2nd Election. The Board held a discussion regarding applicants for the vacant position and the resignation of the most recent appointed Deputy Clerk. Clerk Louis moved to contract Tim Snow through the end of the August 2, 2022 Election, utilize up to \$6,000.00 of the Budgeted Deputy Clerk Salary and include a stipend \$174.00 as well as regular Deputy pay for the days worked 6-13-22 and 6-14-22. Trustee Harmon seconded and motion passed unanimously.
 2. **Slow-No-Wake Ordinance 226 discussion/action:** Trustee Bekes moved to adopt Ordinance 226 and Trustee Langshaw seconded. A roll call vote was held. The following Board Members voted Aye: Sulka, Louis, Langshaw, Hutchings, Harmon, Genung and Bekes. No Nay votes cast. Ordinance 226 adopted unanimously.
 3. **Closed session to discuss proposal regarding Sikkema v. Ross Township Kalamazoo County Circuit Court Case**

Number 2021-0088CH . Clerk Louis moved to assemble in closed session to discuss case Sikkema v. Ross Township due to Attorney/Client privilege. Seconded by Trustee Bekes. A roll call vote was held. The following Board Members voted Aye: Hutchings, Louis, Genung, Bekes, Langshaw, Harmon and Sulka. No Nay votes cast. Motion passed unanimously and at 5:39pm The Board moved into closed session.

A. Action regarding Sikkema v. Ross Township: 5:43pm the Board returned to Public Hearing. Trustee Sulka moved to adopt Resolution number 6152022-1 Resolution to Settle Litigation re: Sikkema v. Ross Township. Trustee Bekes Seconded. A roll call vote was held and the following members voted Aye: Bekes, Genung, Harmon, Hutchings, Langshaw, Louis and Sulka. No Nay votes cast. Resolution 6152022-1 adopted unanimously.

Attorney Thall briefed the Board on the status of the Carr hearing on June 27th via Zoom, Title search and research on the easement property is being performed by Engineer Tom Wheat and Stations of the Cross is 30 days from approval.

- **Adjournment:** Trustee Harmon moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Sulka. Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carin Louis
Township Clerk