



**Board Meeting Minutes  
September 20, 2022  
6:00 P.M.**

- **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Supervisor Hutchings.
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- **Roll Call**  
The following Board Members were present: Clerk Louis, Supervisor Hutchings ,Trustees Sulka, Langshaw, Bekes and Harmon. Absent Treasurer Genung. Attorney Thall and approximately 4 interested Residents were also present.
- **Approval of Agenda**  
Trustee Harmon moved to add items to the agenda as follows:  
#5 review of Planning Consultant contract  
#6 ARPA funds discussion  
#7 View Shed ordinance discussion  
Trustee Sulka seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Consent Agenda**  
Trustee Langshaw moved to remove E. Ross-August Fire Department Update/ Draft Fire Board Minutes from Consent Agenda. Seconded by Trustee Harmon. Motion passed unanimously.
  - A. Draft Board Minutes**
  - B. Treasurer's Report**
  - C. Clerk's Report**
  - D. Ross Township Policing Stats**
  - ~~**E. Ross-Augusta Fire Department Update**~~
  - F. AGS MTD Invoice and Enforcement Service Updates**
  - G. Citizen Comment**

Supervisor Hutchings opened the floor to Citizens Comment at 6:10pm.  
Lana Maria Escamilla of Kalamazoo County presented herself as a candidate for 8<sup>th</sup> District Judge, Kalamazoo County in the upcoming November Election.  
Supervisor Hutchings closed the floor to Citizen Comment at 6:14pm.

- **Ross Augusta Fire Chief/LifeCare Comments**

Fire Chief Bogema update: 58 calls were taken in August which is up 33 calls from last year. A lot of the calls were due to the storm/storm damage. Ford Co. rescinded the order for the *Grass Fleet truck* order ~~on the new truck~~. Seeley Ford will open for orders 3 days in November and RTFD's order will be placed again at that time. Trustee Harmon asked the cause of this and Bogema said it was the chip shortage, the price will increase when the order is placed. He is looking at receiving the new tanker truck in February or March.

Police Chief Rugg update: Ross Township partnered with the DNR during the Marti-Gras weekend on marine patrol. Boat will be out of the water for lettering/wrap. Dispatch will have us on the dispatch board in two weeks. Equipment needed at this point: Axon Body Camera, Motorola Radios and Car repairs. E-citation will be activated once it is set up with WMV. Office is set up in house. A conversation was held regarding marine patrol and hours spent on the water.

- **Planning Commission Update**

Trustee Bekes supplied the Board with minutes from Monday the 26<sup>th</sup>. Amend site plan and solar public Ordinances are completed and will hopefully be approved by the Board.

- **Supervisor Update**

Supervisor Hutchings stated she had been working closely with Attorney Thall and Chief Mel on E-citation set up and activation with WMV.

- **Clerk Update**

Clerk Louis updated the Board on the preparation for the November 8, 2022 General Election. She requested the Board approve to retain Tim Snow through the Elections. Trustee Sulka moved to retain Tim Snow. Trustee Bekes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Draft "Solar Energy Facilities Text Amendment**

Attorney Thall explained Solar Farm provision added as supplemental regulations. The Planning commission was comfortable with the revision. Amendment to allow industrial to a specific area and provide regulations where it can be. Trustee Langshaw moved to approve the Text Amendment re: solar farms provisions. Trustee Bekes seconded. A roll call vote was held to approve first amendment. The following voted Aye: Bekes. The following voted Nay: Harmon, Hutchings, Langshaw, Louis, and Sulka. Genung Absent. Motion failed to pass 1-5. Trustee Harmon pointed out that section 18.9 of the MP and a conversation was had. Trustee ~~Bekes~~ *Harmon* moved to send the amendment

back with Attorney Thall with edits to amend limit and location of Solar units. Trustee ~~Harmon~~ Sulka seconded. Motion passed ~~unanimously~~ *6 in favor and 1 opposed*.

**2. Sherman Lake Sewer Project SAD Roll Correction**

Attorney Thall briefed the Board on the correction to the SAD Roll lowering amount due to payment that was made. Trustee Sulka moved to correct the SAD roll amount. Seconded by Langshaw. A roll call vote was held and the following members voted Aye: Sulka, Louis, Langshaw, Hutchings, Harmon and Bekes. The following members voted Nay: None. Absent Genung. Resolution 92022-1 to correct Sherman Lake SAD Roll adopted. 6-0.

**3. Police Chief Rugg-Full Time Consideration-not discussed.**

**4. Fee Resolution-Medical Marijuana Caregiver**

A discussion among members was held as to the fee to be assigned to the Medical Marijuana Caregiver application. It was agreed upon that an annual \$500.00 fee be assigned to the application. Trustee Harmon moved to assign \$500.00 annual fee to the Caregiver Application. Clerk Louis seconded. A roll call ~~fee~~ vote was held. The following members voted Aye: Langshaw, Louis, Hutchings, Harmon, Bekes and Sulka. The following voted Aye. Genung absent. Resolution 92022-2 adopted 6-0.

Trustee Bekes moved to hold a special meeting regarding new business items 5,6 and 7. Trustee Langshaw seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Review of Planning Consultant Contract-**

**6. ARPA discussion**

Trustee ~~Harmon~~ Bekes passed out a spreadsheet of proposed ARPA spending.

**7. View Shed Ordinance Discussion**

- **Trustee Updates-None**
- **Adjournment**

Trustee Bekes moved to adjourn meeting. Second by Trustee Harmon. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Carin Louis  
Township Clerk