



**Special Board Meeting Minutes
November 29, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

- **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:03pm
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- **Roll Call**

The following Board Members were present: Trustee’s Michael Bekes; Lynn Harmon, Diana Langshaw, Mike Sulka. Treasurer Cynthia Genung, Supervisor Christina Hutchings, Clerk Alexander Harris
and approximately 10 interested Residents were also present.
Absent: Attorney Rob Thall
- **Approval of Agenda**

Trustee Harmon asked to add GLSWA update to the agenda, Trustee Sulka made a motion also to add update on Planning Consultant RFP to this meetings agenda. Trustee Harmon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Record Public Comment**
 - Phoebe Moreo asked would it not be possible to record folks and have an attachment?
 - Kerry Lynn Elieff why these topics couldn’t be on a regular scheduled board meeting? Concerns with the cost incurred at \$100 per trustee receives with each special meeting.
 - Connie Lavender – spirit of thankfulness to encourage the Township board, most of us want to know we can trust you. Love the weekly updates.

Public Comment closed at 6:11pm. – Please submit in writing, your public comment, before the meeting, to be included with the board meeting packet and be included in the minutes as an attachment.

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Marihuana Caregiver Zoning Permit**

- The Medical Marihuana for caregivers is a revision from the one-time application fee to now be an annual permit. MI State Supreme court gave the right to regulate these caregivers. Current caregivers are grandfathered from this zoning requirement.
- **MOTION** made Trustee Michael Bekes to adopt Annual Zoning Permit for Medical Marihuana Caregivers.
- **SECONDED** by Trustee Mike Sulka
- **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Bekes Aye, Trustee Langshaw Aye, Treasurer Genung Aye, Supervisor Hutchings Aye, Clerk Harris No, Trustee Harmon Aye, Trustee Sulka Aye
- **Ordinance # 231 PASSED** 6 Aye to 1 No

- **Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Development Agreements**

- Recommend back to the Planning Commission to incorporate Board approval of preplan agreement.

- Update on planning consultant – Request For Proposal

- Subcommittee Langshaw, Hutchings, Sulka.
- Vendors – Rebecca Harvey, Williams & Works, Safe Built, McKenna
- The Township board discussed questions such as: How are we going to measure the RFP? Please give the Township Board the scoring model ahead. How does Ross Twp get out in the community for outreach to residents? Service similar size townships, keeping our masterplan first.

- GLSWA update – the Ross Township Board are members of the Gull Lake Sewer Water Authority, with our Supervisor Hutchings on the GLSWA board. Along with the Supervisors from Prairieville, Barry, Richland and Cooper. The Ross Township Board has requested John Crumb’s employment agreement, raise history, incentive agreements and 2 years of financials for GLSWA, and we have not yet received them. There was an idea to reach out to the other Townships on the GLSWA board to express our concerns. The next GLSWA meeting on Monday December 19th at 1:30pm. Ross Twp is allowed to have 3 board members attend. We advise for Ross Twp residents to submit a written public statement to the GLSWA, meeting minutes to be included on their record.

- Next Ross Township Board Meeting

- January 17th, 2023

- **Adjournment**

Trustee Harmon moved to Adjourn. Trustee Sulka seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned 7:46pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexander Harris
Township Clerk

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Kerry Lynn Elieff

We are here once again at a special meeting.

What is so urgent about these two topics of amending marijuana care giver permit and development agreements that you had to hold a special meeting?

These two issues could have fit into a regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

I am not wanting to be confrontational and that is not my purpose.

My purpose is to look out for the best interest of the residents of Ross Township. Most of them will be in the dark regarding what is stated and decided here tonight.

You all are getting paid extra money for this meeting while we are in a recession and the pocketbooks ~~while the pocketbooks of the~~ ^{of the} residents of Ross Twp. are starting to feel the pain of recession. This meeting is a flippant waste of taxpayers money.

~~I am wanting to stress that you discuss~~

then pause and put a statement out to the community so that they are aware of what you are planning and the residents of Ross can come back to a later meeting and have a say in what you are discussing tonight.

I am going to strongly request that one of you be brave enough to make a motion to do just that, put a pause, send a statement to the residents of Ross. You could