

**Special Board Meeting
ROSS TOWNSHIP
KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN
May 23, 2023 @ 5:30pm**

Attendee Name	Title	Roll Call Status
Christina Hutchings	Supervisor	Present
Alexander Harris	Clerk	Present
Syndee Genung	Treasurer	Present
Diana Langshaw	Trustee	Present
Michael Bekes	Trustee	Present
Lynn Harmon	Trustee	Absent
Mike Sulka	Trustee	Present
Rob Thall	Attorney	Present

Attendance were about 20 residents.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda

Motion: Accept the Agenda as presented.

Moved By: Trustee Diana Langshaw Seconded by: Trustee Syndee Genung

Vote: Yes – 5, No – 1

Result: Carried

Public Comment

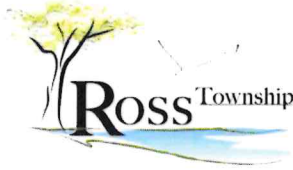
Public comment was heard.

Tim Walters – Process, the facts all come out, if so resign immediately.

Bruce Matheison – This is defamation to keep the Clerk from doing his job, since day 1 Supervisor attempted to block me from coming on board, the township office is a hostile work environment, I am done with the township.

Kim Kourtjian – I am a Delegate in Precinct 2 for Ross Township. I am also an election inspector and I believe Alex and Bruce did an excellent job with all the details of running the most recent election.

Steph Walbridge – Concerning to high integrity, I hope Mr. Harris steps down.



Connie Lavander – Received an email from the township today, thank you. Discussions of Township matters on next door. Am thankful for everyone on the Township Board.

Kerry Lynn Eilief – I am a Delegate in Precinct 1 for Ross Township. The will of the voters should be respected. Innocent until proven guilty, Stop the Kangaroo Trial before it starts.

Carin Louis – Dedicated patron for the Board, Support the process to unfold.

Dan Margulies – Very Concerned this is hastily brought together. From the moment Alex was sworn in made him very unwelcome to the township office, called the police on him. This is a weaponized legal system with Rob Thall. Will remind everyone we hired Alex. We expect you to work together.

Jean Hanson – Encourage the board no illegal use of taxpayer dollars.

Mary Stage – Been coming to these meetings for years, I've seen a very dedicated board. Ask Clerk Harris to resign.

Patricia Doran – I would like to know what is it Clerk Harris is being accused of?

Chris Tracy – I am a resident of Ross Township and here to represent Mr. Harris. I have spent most of today reviewing the Alleged issues, this is laughable. This board has no ability to remove him from office, he will not be resigning, not attending the closed-door session without an attorney. This board needs to work together, the board has made this very difficult, that's a shame, if he decides to stay on that is his decision. Fraud – no business being used this way, I can assure you there is no Fraud, no wrong undoing. As a previous prosecutor, laugh at you.

Closed Door Session Attorney – Client Memorandum:

The Township Board convene in closed session under Section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider material exempt from disclosure by state statute, Section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, being the letter from our attorney dated May 18, 2023, for the reason that the letter is exempt from disclosure under state law as attorney-client privileged.

Moved By: Supervisor Hutchings Seconded By: Trustee Bekes

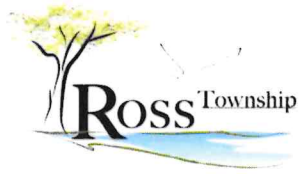
Upon roll call vote on the motion, the following voted:

Aye: Mike Bekes, Diana Langshaw, Syndee Genung, Christina Hutchings, Mike Sulka

Nay: Alexander Harris

Result: Carried

The Board went into closed session at 6:05 p.m. The Board then returned from closed session at 7:05p.m. and Supervisor Hutchings called the special meeting back to order. A motion was made by Trustee Sulka, seconded by Trustee Bekes to reconvene in open session.



Adjournment: Upon a motion by Trustee Sulka, seconded by Trustee Bekes the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:10p.m.

Respectfully Submitted –

Alexander Harris, Ross Township Clerk