

DRAFT MINUTES
MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING
ROSS TOWNSHIP
KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN
March 1st, 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 | Absent |
| Lynn Harmon | Trustee | Present |
| Mike Sulka | Trustee | Present |

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

The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ross Police Dept. request for 2 speed trailers from ARPA funds.

Motion to authorize Melody Rugg to purchase police trailer with ARPA funds.

Moved By: Lynn Harmon. Seconded by: Diana Langshaw

Vote: Unanimous all Ayes

Result: Carried

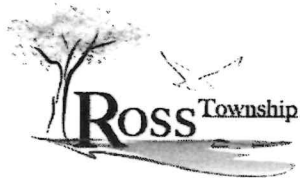
Ross Police Dept. Mutual Aid contract with Richland Village Police Dept.

Motion as Amended to approve the contract for Ross Township Police Department to receive mutual aid from Richland Village Police Department for 6months.

Moved By: Syndee Genung. Seconded By: Christina Hutchings

Vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Nay

Result: Carried



Public Comment

3 Public Comments were heard. See attachments.

Budget Discussion

The budget meeting was led by the community volunteer Pheobe Moreo, her recommendations for the budget were discussed and each department was reviewed by the Township Board, line by line. See attachments

Regular Board Meeting Date

Tuesday March 21st, 2023 – 6:00pm

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexander D Harris
Township Clerk

Christina Hutchings

From: Christina Hutchings
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 2:00 PM
To: Alexander Harris
Cc: Syndee Genung; Christina Hutchings; Lynn Harmon; Diana Langshaw; Michael Bekes; Diana Langshaw; Mike Sulka; Rob Thall
Subject: FW: Comment for March 1st minutes
Attachments: Ross Township_20230302_111805.pdf

Alex,

For your DRAFT / Minutes records.

Christina

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***PLEASE NOTE: My email has changed effective immediately
to: Supervisor@rosstownshipmi.gov***

From: Mary Stage <hikers33@gmail.com>
Date: March 6, 2023 at 11:42:09 AM EST
To: Christina Hutchings <supervisor@rosstownshipmi.gov>
Subject: Comment for March 1st minutes

I have attached my comments that I would like attached to the meeting minutes.

Mary Stage

Sent from my iPhone

Record Public Comment – Please submit in writing, your public comment, to be included with the board minutes as an attachment. We will include your writing in the public records, to clearly depict the questions or concerns you have with the Township of Ross. This is only to have your public comment put on the record.

Name: Mary Stage

I have been attending the Ross Township Board meetings over the last several months, as well as, the budget meetings that have taken place thus far.

First, I would like to thank Phoebe for all the work she has done on the budget for the Township.

With the information from the last budget meeting and discussions at past board meetings requesting to add a full-time Deputy Clerk, I would like to say I believe this is a bad idea. The Township cannot afford to pay another full-time employee and their benefits, at this time. It is not fair to the residents, that individuals that are elected officials, ran for office telling the residents that they were capable of doing the duties of the office they were running for, and now are saying they need a full time deputy to help with those duties.

At this time all the extra duties, that previous clerks have done, have been removed from the duties of our current Clerk. The current Clerk should concentrate on learning his statutory duties and performing them well for the residents. A part-time Deputy Clerk is meant to assist during especially busy periods, primarily, pre and post elections periods. The Treasurer does not have a full time Deputy Treasurer, and neither should the Clerk.

If, it is not possible for an elected individual to perform their statutory duties, then that individual needs to reassess their current situation, modify their plans and do what is best for the residents of the Township.

Thank you.