

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MAY 1, 2017

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Ross Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Beers. Members Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge were present. Solicitor McManus was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2017 meeting and the current Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

**BID OPENING** The following bids for road projects (paving) were received, opened and read for placement of blacktop materials on portions of Blue Ridge Rd., Meixsell Valley Rd. and Koehler Rd. to include line striping:

H & K Group	\$248,826.57	Lehigh Asphalt Paving Inc..	\$252,527.77
Northeast Site Contr.	273,529.00	Hanson Aggregates, LLC	216,182.10
James D. Morrissey, Inc.	269,779.84	Bruce George, Inc.	243,132.60
Intercounty Paving Assoc.	\$292,265.00		

All bids contained the necessary bid bond and were on the appropriate forms. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to accept the bid received from Hanson Aggregates, Pa. LLC in the amount of \$216,182.10. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**-James Vogt was recognized who asked about the product to be used for gypsy moth spraying. Vice Chairman Drake responded by telling him the product according to the spray company is called mimic. The Secretary added that a copy of the information we were provided is on the hall table. Vice Chairman Drake noted she did some research on the product website noting that aquatic life is not effected, nor beetles, butterflies, etc. She read over the material from the internet from the company that makes it which conflicted with the material we were furnished particularly involving aquatic life. There was some discussion concerning dosage and proximity to the streams. The printed material indicates that the threat is to the product the fish eat and not the fish themselves. Mr. Vogt noted that if the spray kills what they eat the fish will not survive either. He suggested using BT. Vice Chairman Drake noted that several applications are needed with the BT and that it is more costly. Chairman Beers read from some of the submitted material that the mimic does not harm fish, wildlife and several other bugs. Vice Chairman Drake noted that she is going to look into the matter with Janet Weidensaul (who spear headed the project) and will advise her of the conflicting information.

**PLANS-DE &S Properties** was discussed by Jon Shupp advising that the Ross Township Planning Commission recommended that the individual driveway plan be used. Chairman Beers and Vice Chairman Drake agreed with the driveways as the Planning Commission did. Solicitor McManus noted that a motion isn't necessary as this was submitted as a sketch plan.

**OLD BUSINESS**-A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to appoint James Doll as the citizen needed

for the Agricultural Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

A review letter was discussed that was received from Russ Kresge, Township Engineer relative to the Hawk Rd. question from last month's meeting. It was noted that engineering work would need to be done, right of ways would have to be procured which sounds like a lot of work and very costly. It was decided there wasn't much more the Township could do in this regard.

NEW BUSINESS-Bernie Kozen, Executive Director of the WEPOSC reviewed the proposed summer camp Program and had submitted a cost analysis. Some discussion took place noting that it does not appear to be cost effective. Vice Chairman Drake added that the liability is too much for such a program and also reviewed the cost factor and the number of sign ups. Chairman Beers noted that if this program is going to cost more money he is not in favor of it. Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge agreed it does not appear to be cost effective. Some Ross Township Park Activities were discussed as well as WEPOSC events. (a list was provided and available to anyone interested)

Chairman Beers read a memo from the Ross Township Planning Commission advising of some changes they are suggesting for the SALDO and Zoning Ordinances. It was determined that two of the changes should be made quickly while the others could wait for more review by Solicitor McManus. The two amendments effect both the SALDO and Zoning Ordinance. They are as follows: Section A.1. of the definition of " Land Development " as contained in Article 2 Section 202 "A group of two (2) or more residential or nonresidential buildings, whether proposed initially or cumulatively, or a single principal nonresidential building on a lot or lots regardless of the number of occupants or tenure: or, " (Zoning Article 1, Section A.1.a Article 2 Section 292)

Article II item 4, of the portion of the definition of "Land Development" as contained in Article 2, Section 202 of the SALDO which sets forth matters which shall not, by themselves, be considered a "land development", is revised to provide as follows: An addition onto an existing commercial building on an existing lot, not exceeding fifteen (15%) percent of the floor area of the existing building, up to a maximum addition of two thousand (2000) square feet, that does not involve division of space into different uses." (Zoning Article II Section C.4)

Some discussion took place concerning lot line set backs from streets and Solicitor McManus Suggested looking into this one and adopt an amendment later (page 37 of the Zoning Ordinance)

A motion was made by Chairman Beers to advertise the 2 amendments described above. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. Solicitor McManus said this process should take approximately two months.

Supervisor Kresge moved to appoint Lisa Mariano to the Ross Township Park Committee. The Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

Chairman Beers noted receipt of a letter from a resident on Ross Lane asking when his road is Slated to be paved or tarred and chipped. Some discussion took place noting a low volume road and Supervisor Kresge noted there is a dirt road and low volume road program the Township can attend to learn about grant money put on by the Monroe County Conservation District (someone needs to be certified) It was determined that the Road Foreman should attend the class. All agreed. It was determined to respond to the Ross Lane resident and explain the low volume road program we will be taking part in and perhaps some future help for his road.

**ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-**It was noted that the report included some truck pricing which the Supervisors will be reviewing. The Road Foreman indicated some line painting should be done and made a brief list of those he thinks need to be done. It was determined that the Road Foreman should obtain three written or telephonic quotes if over \$10,000 and below \$19,700 (I inserted this number after the meeting)

Some discussion took place regarding sand blasting on the trucks and under carriage of the 2004 and the 2008 or 2006. A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to have the 2004, 2008 and possible the 2006 sand blasted and painted by Warnick Welding (\$4600.00 to do two of them) The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE-**

**RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES-** After a review of the bills to be paid, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary