

REGULAR MONTHLY
ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
MARCH 6, 2017

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

Vice Chairman Drake moved to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2017 meeting and the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-

PLANS- Discussion concerning two waivers for the Kunkle subdivision resulted in a motion by Supervisor Kresge to grant the waivers of section 1008E of the subdivision ordinance and section 405A of the stormwater ordinance as recommended by the Ross Township Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

OLD BUSINESS-The question of a "senior" tax relief from last month resulted with Solicitor McManus advising after his research that Pa. law requires that all taxes be uniform, therefore, the only way this exemption could work is if the State legislature determines it and passes a State Law setting forth the exemption. It was determined that this be discussed with our State representatives.

NEW BUSINESS-Fall clean-up was scheduled for April 21st and 22nd on motion by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried. Another motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to schedule future clean-ups for the third Friday and Saturday in April and the third Friday and Saturday in September in an attempt to advise residents in advance of the schedule. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried. An added note was that the schedule could be altered if a holiday is involved.

The next item discussed is the proposal received from George Washburn for lawn mowing service which is \$325.00 per mowing, up \$25.00 from last year to incorporate the new building area. Vice Chairman Drake suggested that the road department take over the mowing and the Road Foreman noted that it would be possible if a part time person could be added. Discussion took place regarding the laborer pay rate and the cost of equipment. Some concern was about the part time classification and opposed to full time. Solicitor McManus was asked to research the number of hours that determines, by law, what the cutoff hours are. Chairman Beers noted that this is important for health benefits reasons. It was decided to table this until the next meeting.

Some discussion took place regarding a new truck purchase and Chairman Beers suggested purchasing an new big plow truck and noted the spare truck has issues. The Road Foreman suggested replacing the one ton with something a bit bigger. The Road Foreman said that Eldred just purchased a truck he thought would work . The discussion went around a little larger truck than the one ton. Both Supervisor Kresge and Vice Chairman Drake were opposed to the purchase of a large truck at this time. Chairman Beers stated that we need a big truck too which would provide a spare. There was disagreement between the size truck to purchase and whether both trucks should be considered. The

Road Foreman was asked to obtain prices for a (550 truck or equivalent) and Vice Chairman Drake added that he should also look into prices for the larger truck that Chairman Beers is suggesting.

Vice Chairman Drake discussed the WEPOSC's 5K9 event and Bernie Kozen added information about grant funds he applied for to assist in building the leash free dog park which looks favorable to cover the cost along with our matching portion. The 5K9 run is May 6th.

Supervisor Kresge gave an update on the solar use and noted that Gary Charvala came in to assist in getting our meter reading excess ready for sale to an energy company. Supervisor Kresge added that the new building may come into play also. Further discussion took place concerning selling of energy credits and use of electric in our buildings. It was discussed by the Supervisors that companies are looking for what is called green energy that is purchased from solar systems like the Townships to meet their legal limits and they offer prices accordingly.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-Some discussion took place about the mower and what it will need. Chairman Beers noted the Road Foreman did a good job on Mountain Rd. alleviating a water problem. The Road Foreman indicated he obtained a telephonic price for guard rail purchase and installation for the guard rail install discussed last month (Cindy Ln. & Pheasant Rd.) Both Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge are opposed to installation of guard rail at that location. Chairman Beers noted he would advise the homeowner of this decision.

CORRESPONDENCE-

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary