

*ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 2014*

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Ross Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Beers. Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge were present as was Solicitor Dunn the time was approximately 7:00 p.m.. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2014 regular meeting and reorganizational meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to approve as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Linda Zak a Ross Township resident spoke about the newsletter and suggested the size be changed to allow for mailing costs to be less. (in response to the decision of not mailing the newsletter in the future) Some discussion took place and it was stated that the newsletter would continue to be on the website and would be available at the Township office but the mailing would be discontinued. The Secretary was asked to obtain the mailing costs for review.

PLANS-An extension request was received from Blue Ridge Winery and a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the extension until March 3rd. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to accept. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS-A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to reappoint Barry Shoemaker to the Planning Commission for an additional four year term. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

NEW BUSINESS-A review of the lawn mowing proposal from Washburn Lawn Service resulted in a motion by Vice Chairman Drake to accept the proposal that includes a \$25.00 per mowing increase over last year. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

Chairman Beers discussed the garage doors that need replacing and it was decided to purchase them from Palmerton Garage Doors which would included 5 new doors installed for \$7,800 of which \$3,900 will be paid with signed proposal and the balance in the Spring when work is completed. (deadline of June 30th) A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

Some discussion took place concerning security guard services and after reviewing both

Legion Security and Corporate Protective Services a motion was made by Chairman Beers to accept the Corporate Protective Services proposal offering a set meeting fee as opposed to the hourly minimum of 4 hours and a 24 hour call time for unscheduled services as opposed to 48 hours. The Legion Security contract will expire February 27th.

Chairman Beers discussed the joint public hearing scheduled for March 27th with the CJER group for the Zoning changes. It is scheduled to be held at the West End Fire House, Rt. 715, Brodheads ville, Pa. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to place the necessary advertisement and to hold the hearing. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

Some discussion took place concerning the opening for a Zoning Officer and it was determined that the applications in the file together with any new ones will be reviewed.

Chairman Beers discussed some problems with snow being pushed out in the street and damaged mailboxes. During discussion it was noted that Hamilton Township has an ordinance that may assist with Ross's issue and Chestnuthill Township has and policy regarding mailboxes. It was determined to obtain copies of each of these documents for review.

Chairman Beers stated he spoke to Rick Fisher who is now willing to serve as our interim SEO until Truman Burnett returns and he will continue to be the Township's Alternate SEO. It was determined to relieve Hanover Engineering of this service as their were concerns over fees. A motion was made by Chairman Beers to appoint Rick Fisher as described. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

Vice Chairman Drake discussed the meetings held by the Ross Township Park Committee stating that they should be held at the Ross Township building and not at the Chestnuthill building as the committee is formulated as the Ross Township Park Committee. A security guard is provided for meetings since the August 5th incident and the room has now been refurbished and is ready for use. Some discussion took place concerning this matter and Judy Breidinger, Park Committee Chairwoman noted that some of the members are not comfortable returning to the meeting room.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-There was some discussion about tools and grease rags the road foreman is requesting and it was determined to obtain the socket set and other small tools needed as well as to contract with the uniform company to supply the grease rags. Chairman Beers noted that a new step ladder should be purchased also since the one they presently have is broken.

CORRESPONDENCE-A memo received from the Township Engineer regarding reflectivity of signs was reviewed and it was determined to table this request at the present time.

Supervisor Kresge discussed the solar electric and Chairman Beers explained how

readings work and offered to show him how the meter tracks the use. Chairman Beers noted that the system does not make enough to handle the building but it does help.

A review of the bills was done with a motion by Vice Chairman Drake to approve the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary