

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 3, 2017

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

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Mrs. Sullivan was present to discuss some drainage issues concerning Hawk Rd., Golden Eagle Dr. and Dogwood Lane (in place of Mark Sullivan who is on the agenda). There were other residents of that area present also all commenting of similar issues which were water running down the road to ruts and flooding conditions onto Dogwood. Mr. Schultz discussed some of these issues also and thought the Township could assist in rectifying the problems and suggested installing a pipe as a means of diverting the water. Supervisor Kresge discussed pipe location and mentioned easements. It was noted that some years ago residents of the private roads discussed here were at Township meetings discussing offering these roads for dedication to the Township. The process for doing same was discussed. The discussion ended with the Township having its Engineers look over the situation reporting back to the Supervisors.

Joe Morency a resident of Shady Oaks spoke about the litter problem that is evident as he travels the Township and particularly he mentioned Meixsell Valley Rd. suggesting "No Littering " signs be erected. Carolyn Lange another resident agreed with this situation. Mr. Morency noted he is willing to help with a clean up and thought maybe between the Township and School a campaign could be started to raise awareness of the mounting litter problem. Vice Chairman Drake noted that it is a problem all over. Mr. Morency thought maybe the local business' could be of assistance. Chairman Beers indicated we should have Township wide trash collection and added that would help prevent the littering we see. Supervisor Kresge stated does that mean Township's that have Municipal Trash Collection don't have littering problems. Some discussion took place regarding the Penndot clean up and the sheriff's deputy who usually has the prisoners out cleaning up two to three times each season. The concensus was in favor of installing some signs.

George Riker, a resident of Faulstick Rd. spoke noting excellent snowplowing on Township roads. However, on Friday the 17th of March his driveway blacktop was torn up during snow push back. He produced some pictures showing the damaged area and it was discussed that it seemed to be the right of way and not his driveway.

Joe Staples spoke asking what the status if of the new building. Vice Chairman Drake noted we have some punch list items that need to be addressed. Supervisor Kresge added that the Township has to install some concrete which could not be done until the General Contractor finished it's portion. Then we should be ready for grading and an occupancy permit. Chairman Beers would like (for the next meeting) a break down of the cost of the building to include the septic system, electrical work, parking lot, engineer and lawyer expenses.

Someone discussed the four way stop and Kunkletown Rd. and Rolling Hills Rd. noting that traffic

doesn't stop even though there is a four way stop. Chairman Beers noted that they should contact the State since it was put in by the State. Added to that Supervisor Kresge stated contacting the Pa. State Police might help.

PLANS-An extension request was received from Dunkin Donuts, which was recommended for approval by the Ross Township Planning Commission. The extension was approved until June 20, 2017. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to grant this extension. A roll call vote was taken. Voting in favor was Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge. Not in favor was Chairman Beers. The motion carried.

An extension request was received on behalf of Emil & Beatrice Stenger, which was recommended for approval by the Ross Township Planning Commission. The extension was approved until June 20, 2017. A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to grant this extension. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake. A roll call vote was taken. Voting for the extension was Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge. Not in favor was Chairman Beers. The motion carried.

Professional Wall coverings Land Development Plan was recommended for rejection by the Ross Township Planning Commission. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to reject this plan as recommended based on Engineer Kresge's August 12, 2016 letter which items listed were not completed. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

Next the subdivision plan of Durand and Marjorie Kunkle. The plan is before the Supervisors for approval with the addition of a statement on the stormwater plan that has been approved by Engineer Kresge. A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to approve this plan as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

Jon Shupp presented a plan for DE & S properties major subdivision on Blue Ridge Rd. and Meixsell Valley Rd. . The two items presented pertain to driveways and/or a road. Mr. Shupp is trying to get the Supervisors feeling on which would be acceptable (per section 1004E of SALDO) After some discussion the Supervisors tabled this to allow time for their review and thoughts. Solicitor MaManus reviewed the ordinance application in this regard and noted that it gives the Supervisors an opportunity to control traffic.

OLD BUSINESS-The George Washburn Lawn Service proposal was discussed and a motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to accept this proposal for the 2016 season. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

NEW BUSINESS-The Lock Box Ordinance request from the Fire Co. was presented again and it was determined that the Township was not in favor of this some years ago and still is not in favor of adopting it.

Updating of the Agricultural Security Advisory Board was brought to the Supervisory Board by Roger Christman . It was noted presently Roger Christman and Supervisor Kresge are members of this Board. The board must consist of 3 farmers, 1 citizen and 1 supervisor. To fill the 2 farmer slots, Supervisor Kresge moved to appoint Brian Bruno and Ricky Meixsell. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. A citizen is still needed and will be appointed shortly. Mr. Christman noted that he feels it is important to have this Advisory Board for inclusion of other acreage as needed.

A letter of resignation was received from Planning commission member Thomas Hockman. The resignation was accepted on motion made by Supervisor Kresge, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. Supervisor Kresge noted appreciation to him for his service.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to appoint Ricky Meixsell to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Thomas Hockman. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-The Road Foreman noted he did not have all the truck prices as yet.

Some review took place regarding the road projects for this season and a motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to place the bids out for advertising. The roads discussed are Blue Ridge Rd. Meixsell Valley Rd. , Kohler Rd.. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. The bids are scheduled to be opened May 3rd at the regular meeting. Supervisor Kresge discussed the Liquid Fuels funds received and talked about reserving 20% for a truck purchase. Chairman Beers stated he is not in favor of using liquid fuels for those purchases adding that it was never done before. Supervisor Kresge gave a review of the increase in liquid fuels tax over a five year period allowing the Township to pave approximately the same dollar amount for roads that was done before leaving a portion to purchase equipment. Chairman Beers noted there is money in Capital Reserve for equipment or use all the liquid fuels for roads not for trucks. He added he is not in favor of buying trucks and equipment with the liquid fuels.

CORRESPONDENCE-Gypsy Moth spraying was discussed and Vice Chairman Drake noted some research needs to be done concerning the product to be used. Vice Chairman Drake noted she would like to see the documentation on the affect spraying has on aquatic life etc. She added she will coordinate with Janet Weidensaul who is spearheading . Chairman Beers noted that the reporter from the newspaper would put a notice in the paper to contact the Township Office it would get the word out there.

Letter received from a resident concerning mailbox hit during storm and the Road Foreman noted the mailbox fell over it was not destroyed by being hit.

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES-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 7:35 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary