

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 6, 2015

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Beers at 7:00 p.m.. Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge were present as was Solicitor Dunn. All rose and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

The first order of business was to open the bids received for construction of the proposed new municipal building. The following are the results:

General Contractor

Going Green Construction, Inc.	\$537,948.00	Nu Cor Management, Inc.	\$625,000.00
		CMG Of Easton	\$657,900.00

Electrical Contractor

R.G. Hoffman	\$87,315.00	Wind Gap Electric, Inc.	91,801.00
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Mechanical Contractor

Plum Air	50,000.00	JBM Mechanical	67,000.00
		KC Mechanical	64,000.00

Plumbing Contractor

Plum Air	28,000.00	Don Cooper Plumbing	53,700.00
KC Mechanical	54,000.00	JBM Mechanical	75,000.00

Chairman Beers announced that a decision on the bids will be made at a special meeting on April 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. allowing time for the architect to review the bid information. Chairman Beers queried Solicitor Dunn about how he can vote since he will not be here for the special meeting and he is definitely not in favor of it because it is way too much money. Solicitor Dunn advised him he could call in but a vote can be made if there is a quorum. Vice Chairman Drake noted Chairman Beers indicated he wouldn't be voting on the bidding process citing a conflict, Chairman Beers said that was only on the electric.

After a review of the minutes of the March 2, 2015 meeting the current Treasurer's report a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to approve as presented. The motion carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-John & Elaine Clymer were recognized who requested to be placed on the agenda and Mr. Clymer spoke about continuing issues with the McIntyre property in their neighborhood of

Ramblewood Dr..He noted that he is still parking vehicles, their running mud all over the road, and he wants to know what is going to be done. Solicitor Dunn advised that Mr. McIntyre , at this point, has a 30 day appeal after which he will enter into the procedures. Resident Linda Zak referring to a newspaper article asked if any threat was made as was indicated in the article. The Zoning Officer said the district magistrate (at the hearing) did not admit any of the complaints because the complainant was not present and the written complaint were here say. Other residents said they are still parking trucks , etc. Solicitor Dunn reiterated that the 30 day appeal expires on or about April 20th, the Zoning Officer should be looking over the situation between now and then and will report findings to Solicitor Dunn and will so advise. Solicitor Dunn said he will not being making a determination until such time as the Zoning Officer is notified of an appeal or until the appeal time is over and he has the whole picture of this matter in front of him. Some question arose about non permitted sheds that have not been addressed to this point. It was stated that if this is a violation is will addressed as such. Solicitor Dunn said after the 30 day period is over he will enter into the matter. Chairman Beers noted that he will take the advice of the Township Solicitor and wait until the 30 day period is over. Other residents discussed creating a parking lot by removing trees and bringing in fill being a violation. Mr. Clymer added that Mr. McIntyre filled the detention pond with debris and he is concerned about that also. The residents said their presence is to be sure all of these concerns are addressed. Zoning Officer Meylach reviewed some of the actions leading up to the Magistrates hearing and noted that none of the residents present attended, they responded that they will be there next time. Further discussion concerning driveways, permits, etc.. Solicitor Dunn added that the residents should forward their observations, in writing, to the Zoning Officer for review.

PLANS-

OLD BUSINESS-The next item on the agenda was to adopt the 2015 Sewage Fees. Vice Chairman Drake questioned the \$60.00 per hour fee as an addition to the permit fees. She asked if the Township retains any of the permit fees. It was determined that the Township received 12% of the fees and the SEO receives 88%. She asked if that is in addition to \$60.00 per hour? Chairman Beers indicated that the \$60.00 per hour is for work other than permits. Supervisor Kresge noted that he has office hours here and if the \$60.00 was to cover that also. Some discussion by Vice Chairman Drake was that she would like to see some evening hours for people who cannot make it during the day and felt that hours here are important also. Vice Chairman Drake indicated she would like to receive copies of the spread sheet and other work he is performing. Chairman Beers explained the fee structure submitted. The Secretary noted that the 88% has always been part of the fee structure but the hourly rate is what is different and needs to be addressed. Chairman Beers explained the fee structure again and moved to adopt it. Supervisor Kresge seconded the motion stating more research needs to be done so he better understands it. A roll call vote was taken on the motion with Chairman Beers and Supervisor Kresge in favor and Vice Chairman Drake opposed. The motion carried.

Discussion took place concerning completion of the park pavilion that must be completed by July 1st in order that the Township get the balance due from the grant. In that regard, Chairman Beers noted he will get some prices on concrete flooring, electrical work and soffit work. Vice Chairman Drake noted she knows someone who may be interested in some of the work. Bernie Kozen, Executive Director of the WEPOS suggested a patch to the playground area from the pavilion be included in those improvements.

A park sign was discussed that is to be placed at the site of the new playground equipment. The Park committee member David Dion had a few samples of ideas for a sign which he reviewed.

Supervisor Kresge noted that he felt the sign should conform to the other signs that have been erected. He asked if the person who made the other signs was approached about this sign. Mr. Dion said the newer materials requires less maintenance as opposed to the wooden signs. Vice Chairman Drake read the wording that is to be placed on the sign. Mr. Dion will come up with a price on wooden type router sign and the park committee will contact the person who made the other signs for pricing. This was tabled until the next meeting. Chairman Beers noted he is OK. with the raised letter sign (with the language change as read by Vice Chairman Drake) as presented by Mr. Dion. Steve Meylach noted that the signs will have to comply with the UCC. It was noted that Mr. Meylach would make the regulations available to those as needed.

Judy Breidinger, on behalf of the Ross Township Park Board asked that Carl Guellnitz be appointed as a new member to their Board. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried. It was noted that playground mulch is needed (probably 3-4 loads) The Road Foreman noted he would take care of it. Mrs. Breidinger announced park clean-up day is April 25th. Supervisor Kresge noted that some stone are sticking up in the playground area (the older one) and asked the Road Foreman to check on them and Mr. Kozen noted that he has some bolts and rivets that need to be added to some of the equipment as well (in response to Supervisor Kresge's question about same)

Chairman Beers said a woman who walks the trail suggested putting porta potties at the far end of the park. Some discussion took place as to a feasible location because of vandalism created by the remote area for them. Vice Chairman Drake thought it might be a good idea to stock the pond with different fish for catch a release for a park event and a suggestion about a grill at the pavilion was made also. It was decided these items should be discussed at a park meeting.

Vice Chairman Drake reminded Chairman Beers she would be available to assist him with getting the paper work filed for the solar panel energy credit program.

NEW BUSINESS-A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to appoint Sharon Steen as an alternate member to the WEPOSC Board to represent Ross Township. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

Vice Chairman Drake noted receipt of a request from the Tax Collector Sharon Steen to pay half the cost of a seminar for tax collector qualifications. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

Bernie Kozen made some announcements of the up and coming events for the WEPOSC for April and May some of which are for the lease free dog park at the Regional Park. He added there will be a flower pot craft event for Mother's Day at the Van Buskirk/Haney Park at Ross and on June 20th an apron craft day for Father's Day. Mr. Kozen noted he is working on a grant for archery equipment and instructions for classes at the Regional Park.

ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT-Some discussion took place concerning the installation of guide rail on Tittle Rd. and Mt. Eaton Rd. and it was moved by Chairman Beers to proceed with the project as outlined in the Road Foreman's report using the used guard rail. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE-A letter was received from resident Lindsay Chappell who would like to have some

assistance with a clean- up campaign for Meixsell Valley Rd. from Rt. 115-Highpoint Drive. The main concern was safety as that road is heavily traveled. Both Supervisor Kresge and Vice Chairman Drake agreed to assist her with safety such as men at work signs and manpower if possible. Solicitor Dunn noted that your either in it all the way or not at all expressing the safety aspect involved since you will be sharing the liability. Just offering signs is one thing but physically assisting is getting involved to the point where liability becomes an issue. Mr. Kozen noted PennDOT offers vests, garbage bags ,gloves etc. as part of Keep Pa. Beautiful. He added that he will forward the information to the Secretary.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary