

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
MONTHLY MEETING  
NOVEMBER 7, 2016

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Following was a motion by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2016 meeting and the current Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried.

The first order of business was to address resignation letter received from Attorney John Dunn who resigned as the Township Solicitor effective at this meeting. The resignation was accepted by Vice Chairman Drake, second was made by Supervisor Kresge. All accepted.

Present was the Township's new Solicitor Timothy McManus whose appointment was made on motion by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

The proposed budget for 2017 was discussed with a change of a minus of \$16,000 from account 400 series to a plus in account 430 series in the same amount. A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge seconded by Vice Chairman Drake to make aforesaid change. A roll call vote was taken. Voting in favor of the change was Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge. Chairman Beers voted against. Motion carried. Included in the motion was to place the necessary advertisement with intention to adopt the budget at the December 5, 2016 meeting.

James Vogt was recognized who asked about the septic (sewage) with regard to the Arsha Vidya Worship Center. Chairman Beers noted that he should direct his questions to the SEO since the Supervisors are not aware of the specifics of the matter.

PLANS-NONE

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS-It was noted that a letter was received from DCNR regarding grant funds that are available. It was suggested that Bernie Kozen, Exec. Director of WEPOSC write a grant to spruce up the walking trail and perhaps add exercise stations in the Van Buskirk/Haney Park. Mr. Kozen noted that this is a 50/50 matching grant and there is sufficient time to put it together, however, he will need some details of what the Supervisors would like to do. Vice Chairman Drake moved to proceed with such a grant application. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT- Some discussion took place regarding the interviews that were held in connection with hiring a new full time employee. Vice Chairman Drake noted that three applicants were interviewed one of which is no longer interested and out of the remaining two she moved to appointment Jonathan Wehrenberg. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge. A roll call vote was taken on the motion with Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge voting in favor and Chairman Beers opposed. The motion carried. Supervisor Kresge noted that he discussed the part

time driver positions with a couple of people. He moved to appoint James Cameron and Dave Huhn. Vice Chairman Drake mentioned another name that is available and Chairman Beers noted that his name is already in the system (Patrick Lapping) for CDL testing and is on "the list". A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake to appoint James Cameron and Dave Huhn to the emergency part time list pending clearance on the pre employment drug test. The Road Foreman noted that he does not have a list and will need all the contact information about those being discussed to formulate an active list of part time drivers for plowing, etc. It was determined that the part timers will not be provided alarm codes and keys as they will be working when a regular employee is working also. Chairman Beers noted he will have to arrange for pre employment drug testing for all involved. Chairman Beers moved to hire Jonathan Frantz as an additional employee. There was no second to the motion. Vice Chairman Drake said she would second if Jonathan Wehrenberg did not accept. Chairman Beers went on to say he thinks two should be hired. Vice Chairman Drake noted that she could not second that because she does not think we need two more people at this time. Supervisor Kresge agreed he felt that we did not need to hire two people either. There still was so second.

Some discussion took place concerning the purchase of a new utility truck. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to purchase the Dodge truck at approx. \$44,483 + approx. \$5,000 for lighting and some accessories not listed. The truck is from Reigel Dodge and is a dual wheel, diesel with an aluminum \$2,000 Reading body with undercoating. Rhino Lining could be done later. A four door was questioned. First available color would be white. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried. Vice Chairman Drake asked if the truck could be equipped to snow plow if we needed it and the Road Foreman indicated yes.

CORRESPONDENCE-A letter was received from Monroe County Vector Control concerning West Nile Virus and they are seeking a donation to assist with their work. Chairman Beers suggested donating \$1,000.00. It was determined that the Township donated \$200.00 last year. Chairman Drake moved to donate \$200.00. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

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 7:20 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary