

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2014

A public hearing was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Beers with members Vice Chairman Drake, Supervisor Kresge and Solicitor Dunn present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag Chairman Beers explained the public hearing was to comply with the seven year review of the Ag Security areas of the Township. He explained that there are no changes to the previous map. Mrs. Trani from Owl Hollow Rd. asked what is Ag Security and Chairman Beer explained that the parcels the residents place in the Ag Security area are protected from development hampering their normal farming practices by stopping them from doing normal farming activities including timbering. With no other questions the hearing came to a close.

The next order of business was to open the public hearing on the Zoning Ordinance amendment dated November 3, 2014. Chairman Beers explained that this amendment is made up of the same material as that adopted in May, but, some errors which were mostly referencing matters have been corrected. With no questions the hearing came to a close.

To continue with the regular meeting, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake , seconded by Supervisor Kresge to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2014 meeting and the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried.

The 2015 proposed budget was presented with a motion to make the necessary advertisement by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-CJ Nicholson from the West End Ambulance was present with a monthly report on calls and transports. The Board expressed thanks for this information.

PLANS-

OLD BUSINESS - A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to approve the Ag Security area. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to approve the Zoning Amendment as presented dated November 3, 2014. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

NEW BUSINESS- A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to advertise the use of a CPA to conduct the 2014 audit. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

Some discussion took place concerning the playground build and Vice Chairman Drake asked about the number of volunteers who have offered to help and Bernie Kozen, Executive Director of the Park noted he has as many as 20 and he is expecting many more and he went on to give the proposed schedule.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-Supervisor Kresge asked about salt and cinder quantities and the Road Foreman noted all is in good shape. Some discussion took place regarding a stop sign request for a sign to be placed at Meixsell Valley Rd. and Bonser Rd.. Location was discussed and it was decided to have the Township Engineer look at it with the Road Foreman

CORRESPONDENCE-Discussion took place regarding a meeting with the architect concerning the proposed new building in either late November or early December. The Secretary was requested to set-up a meeting during the day any day.

Solicitor Dunn explained a letter regarding a payment in lieu of taxes agreement that is necessary between Hamilton and Ross from Arsha Vidya. The agreement is to divide the portions. This payment is made by the owner who is tax exempt but makes a payment in lieu of the taxes realizing their position and as a gesture offer this payment. The Board of Assessment is the deciding board to make this organization exempt, however, any municipality can appeal any assessment they don't agree with (to the Board of assessment).

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary