

**ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
MEETING  
JUNE 2, 2014**

*The Ross Township Supervisors meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Beers with members Supervisor Kresge and Vice Chairman Drake present. Chairman Beers led those present with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Solicitor Dunn arrived.*

*The minutes of the May 5, 2014 meeting and Treasurer's report were approved as presented on a motion made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.*

*The following bids were opened in response to the advertising of same:*

**IN PLACE BIDS**

<i>Locust Ridge Quarry:</i>	<i>Meixsell Valley Rd.</i>	<i>\$157,536.50</i>	<i>including line striping</i>
	<i>Owl Hollow Rd.</i>	<i>90,657.30</i>	<i>“ “ “</i>
	<i>Pine Cone Ct.</i>	<i>11,892.00</i>	<i>“ “ “</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>260,085.80</i>	
<i>Popple Construction:</i>	<i>Meixsell Valley Rd.</i>	<i>166,195.00</i>	<i>“ “ “</i>
	<i>Owl Hollow Rd.</i>	<i>89,102.00</i>	<i>“ “ “</i>
	<i>Pine Cone Ct.</i>	<i>12,312.50</i>	<i>“ “ “</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>267,609.50</i>	
<i>Lehigh Asphalt:</i>	<i>Meixsell Valley Rd.</i>	<i>166,642.00</i>	<i>“ “ “</i>
	<i>Owl Hollow Rd.</i>	<i>95,148.00</i>	<i>“ “ “</i>
	<i>Pine Cone Ct.</i>	<i>14,649.00</i>	<i>“ “ “</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>276,439.00</i>	
<i>Hanson Aggregates:</i>	<i>Meixsell Valley Rd.</i>	<i>135,057.00</i>	<i>“ “ “</i>
	<i>Owl Hollow Rd.</i>	<i>73,248.00</i>	<i>“ “ “</i>
	<i>Pine Cone Ct.</i>	<i>9,348.70</i>	<i>“ “ “</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>217,653.70</i>	

*After some discussion a motion was made to award the contract for Meixsell Valley Rd. for \$135,057 which includes the glass bead striping. The motion was made by Chairman Beers, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.*

**MATERIALS BIDS**

*Asphalt Maintenance Solutions: 5,000 gallons CRS-2PM or RS-2PM oil \$5.00 per gal  
Midland Asphalt Materials: 5,000 gallons CRS-2PM or RS-2PM oil 3.66 per gal*

*Both delivered to the Township as needed.*

*Lehigh Asphalt Paving & Construction various stone products with no bid for Cold patch, gabion, and 3a modified. They were lower on Ashto \$57 and #8 stone but since plant location was a consideration, the materials bid for (stone products and cold patch) was awarded to Hanson Aggregates who submitted a bid for the various stone products also. A motion was made by Chairman Beers, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. Another motion was made by Chairman Beers to award the oil bid to Midland Asphalt Materials. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.*

*Further discussion took place concerning the Hanson Bid for Owl Hollow Rd. and Pine Cone Ct. which was if there is enough funds available to do those roads also. Chairman Beers asked if we can reserve the right to accept the bid for the aforementioned roads. Solicitor Dunn noted that you can conditionally accept the additional until it is determined by the Township Secretary that there is sufficient funds in the Liquid Fuels account and or/General Fund to accomplish doing it. Chairman Beers moved to conditionally award the bid to pave Owl Hollow Rd and Pine Cone Ct. to Hanson Aggregates provided that the balance in the Liquid Fuels account together with the General Fund funds allotted (for road work) together do not exceed the award. More discussion ensued because the Supervisors were looking for time to make a decision on the award (perhaps at the July meeting) Therefore, the motion by Chairman Beers was to defer awarding the bid for Owl Hollow Rd. and Pine Cone Ct. until the July 7, 2014 Supervisors meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. Solicitor Dunn noted that prices submitted could have a time limit of for e.g. 30 days. Chairman Beers noted he thought the prices are good for one year.*

*OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Linda Zak a Ross Township resident asked if there is an Ordinance concerning abandoned houses/property that could be bank owned such as force the bank to "clean up". The Zoning Officer explained his experience with things such as this and indicated we may have an Ordinance that addresses this issue and indicated it to be Ordinance #49. Solicitor Dunn noted that perhaps the bank does not own it but if so they must comply as anyone else does. Chairman Beers noted Ms. Zak should contact the Zoning Officer. Solicitor Dunn noted that she can find out who the owner is by visiting the assessor's office who is the keeper of such records. She indicated she would do that and visit the Zoning Officer also. Ms. Zak asked if there are any plans to clean up the Newell property. Chairman Beers noted that matter is on the agenda this evening.*

*PLANS-AIA Document with RAL Architectural firm was next on the agenda with Jason Soucy representing them. Solicitor Dunn reviewed his memo written concerning the agreement by addressing various sections such at 1.2.2, 2.5, 4, 5.4, 9.5, 11.20.2, 4.3.3 He addressed the liability insurance limits with Mr. Soucy and it was determined they would continue that conversation after he has time to discuss same with their carrier. Solicitor Dunn discussed the zone the building is proposed for and the Zoning Officer noted that Municipal uses are permitted in all zones. The conclusion to this discussion was with a motion by Vice Chairman Drake to authorize the contract with RAL*

*Architecture & Design, Inc. subject to attorney review and any revision in accordance with that review. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.*

*OLD BUSINESS- A Developer's Agreement for Blue Ridge Winery was submitted to Solicitor Dunn for review. The Secretary explained the Township Engineer has reviewed it and it is now being passed on to Solicitor Dunn for review.*

*Chairman Beers discussed the Resolution for the Sign Retroreflectivity program. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to adopt Ordinance #178 which will document management of the Federally mandated sign retroreflectivity as it applies to Ross Township. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.*

*NEW BUSINESS-The following proposals were received to "clean up" the Flyte Rd. Property (the former Newell property): Papillon Contracting, Inc., \$11,500; Faulstick & Son Excavating, \$15,890; JMT Environmental Technologies, Inc., \$17,000 (approx) and Bruce George Paving and Excavating, Inc., \$30,000. Chairman Beers noted that the Papillon proposal indicated removal of two buildings, dispose of debris, debris to be hauled to an approved landfill; removal of culvert pipe and end walls and clean up of entire lot. Solicitor Dunn added that if the Supervisors intend to accept any of the proposals, certification of use of an approved landfill is required. Vice Chairman Drake moved to have Papillon Contracting, Inc. do the work described in their proposal conditioned upon certification an approved landfill is used. She added that the culvert and end walls should be removed during low stream flow. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried. There was some discussion about the start and finish time and Vice Chairman Drake indicated that she needs to know when it is started because she has been in touch with the conservation district over the culvert removal. The decision ended with having them start sooner than later.*

*An Eagle Scout resolution was next on the agenda and Chairman Beers reviewed Resolution #177 for Antoni Alvarado who built the fallen soldier memorial that is along the walking trail in the Van Buskirk/Haney Park at Ross Township. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to adopt Ordinance #177. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.*

*Some discussion took place concerning the purchase of a new copy machine that will have printing, scanning and fax capabilities. (color and black and white) A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to purchase the machine from Advanced Business Equipment in the amount of \$3,731.00. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.*

*Vice Chairman Drake asked if anyone knew of anything going on at the Quarry as she has been asked from some Mountain Rd. residents. Supervisor Kresge noted that he thought they were in the midst of reclaiming. No one knew of any other activity.*

*Cherry Valley Wildlife Refuge asked if there is anything the Township can do*

*to assist with PennDOT not spraying along the road and Vice Chairman Drake noted that she indicated to them that it is a State Rd. and therefore they should be contacted. That was the consensus of the other Supervisors.*

*CORRESPONDENCE-*

*RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES-After a review of the bills, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to pay the bills as presented with the addition of the Fisher Environmental Service bill that came in too late to be listed. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.*

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m..*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Doris Price, Secretary*