

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors was called to order the above date as it was rescheduled from September 6, 2016. The cancellation of the September 6th meeting was not held due to lack of a quorum. Those present on September 12, 2016 were Chairman Howard A. Beers, Jr., Vice Chairman Tina Drake and Supervisor Russell A. Kresge, Jr. Solicitor Dunn was absent.

After a review of the minutes, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to approve as submitted. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

The tally of the parking lot paving bids were presented and a motion was made to award the bid to Bruce George Paving and Excavating in the amount of \$42,341.40. The motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge. A roll call vote was taken on the motion resulting in Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge voting in favor and Chairman Beers opposed. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Property owner Janusz Chojnowski requested to be placed on the agenda and he spoke about the property that adjoins his and is the Blue Ridge Estates Winery and Vineyard. Mr. Chojnowski gave some history about the construction and activities of the establishment. His discussion was about the noise he hears inside his home created by the Winery. He indicated he has complained before and nothing was done. He played a tape to show the noises that he indicates he has to listen to, so much so that he cannot even sit outside and enjoy his home. Chairman Beers noted receipt of a letter from Mr. Chojnowski that the Zoning Officer made a report to the Supervisors about. He furnished Mr. Chojnowski with a copy. Mr. Beers indicated that he must see the Zoning Officer who is the person who will deal with this matter. Mr. Chojnowski said he spoke to the Zoning Officer many times and nothing is done he said he has been here a million times, he continued to play a tape with various sounds indicating that is what he hears inside his house with the windows closed. The Supervisors all suggested he see the Zoning Officer. He indicated that he has to listen to this noise every day and then said Friday, Saturday and Sunday. He said he is very upset and shaking his wife has been in the hospital and their lives have been ruined "this has to stop" he said. After listening to the tape he continued to discuss the distance the building and parking lot are from his house, indicating they are too close. He showed a picture of his house and invited everyone to come there and see what he has to live with. He said nothing can be done to stop the noise so one of them has to go either him or the winery. He will leave but the Township has to pay for his construction. Chairman Beers reiterated you must see the Zoning Officer and he added that last time they were present at a meeting he was told the owner of the winery built his establishment following the regulations and got all the necessary approvals.

Chairman Beers called on Tyler Lee, a Boy Scout with Troop #109 who would like to work on an Eagle Scout project. He suggested doing some netting under the pavilion(on the Kunkletown Rd. side of the park) to prevent birds from nesting there. He also wants to build some bat houses. He will draft a

formal presentation for the next meeting.

Mr. Norman Burger was recognized and he spoke about the 200th anniversary of Ross Township and said that he was Chairperson of the Chestnuthill Township celebration and they have approximately \$2,400.00 left for use by Ross Township. The Supervisors thanked Mr. Burger.

PLANS-

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS- A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to adopt Resolution #187--Monroe County 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion carried.

Fall clean-up was scheduled for Friday Sept. 30th and Sat. Oct. 1st.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-The Road Foreman noted he is working on prices for a utility truck and suggested getting together with Supervisors, once he gets all the information, to discuss it.

Some discussion took place regarding anti-skid material from Lesoine. The Road Foreman wants to deplete the supply from Lesoine.

Chairman Beers asked about replacing the retired road worker. Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge agreed that a replacement is necessary. The Road Foreman noted that he looked over some applications that have been received and thought 2 or 3 could be considered. Chairman Beers said he thinks the Road Foreman should talk to and decide on the person since he will be working with him and does not want to be faulted when or if he doesn't work out. Supervisor Kresge indicated that the Supervisors should be in on the interviewing and hiring process also. The Road Foreman said he does not want to be the sole decision maker but does not object to offering suggestions on who he thinks would be a good candidate. Vice Chairman Drake suggested after the Road Foreman makes an initial interview the Supervisors could follow up.

CORRESPONDENCE-A letter of support was received from Friends of Cherry Valley. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to donate \$75.00 (as was done last year). The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

A letter was received from Monroe County Planning Commission who is seeking members for the Monroe County Open Space Advisory Board. Vice Chairman Drake noted she would forward the request to some of the Boards she is familiar with for suggestions.

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES-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 7:30 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary

After adjournment of the meeting Mr. Chojnowski was still talking about the problem at his residence and commented "you people have ruined my life" and then said something like "now I understand why that man shot at you" or "now I know why you were shot at". There were several people present who heard him. I said to him "don't ever saying anything like that here" and Chairman Beers told him "enough you're done and can leave now".