

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 1 2015

The Ross Township Supervisors monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Howard Beers with members Vice Chairman Tina Drake and Supervisor Russell Kresge present. Solicitor Dunn was present also. After all stood and pledged allegiance to the Flag the meeting proceeded as follows.

A review of the minutes of the May 4 2015 meeting was accomplished as well as the current motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

Christopher Gibbons the Township Financial Advisor with Concorde Public Finance who reviewed the bank loans applied for noted 32 banks responded with 6 offering proposals for both the \$400,000.00 and for the interim \$300,000.00. On the first note for \$400,000.00 discussion was a 7 year fixed rate and the remainder (years 8-15) there would be a variable rate. There was discussion concerning which of the ones received would be the most advantageous. First Northern Bank and Trust is 2.50% fixed and then 6% for the 8-15 year. Wayne Bank proposed 2.54% fixed for 7 years and a cap of 2.94 for years 8-15. Regarding the back-up "letter of credit" or revolving loan of \$300,000.00 First National Community Bank offered the lowest rate of 2.50 fixed. There was some discussion concerning the First Northern 8-15 year variable rate being much higher than the Wayne Bank, which if the Township took longer than the 7 years to pay it back, would result in a much higher pay back. Chairman Beers indicated he felt the Wayne Bank was a better decision. Both Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge indicated they are looking to pay the loan within the parameters of the 7 years (and much sooner given the prudent financial workings of the Township) Vice Chairman Drake moved to accept the proposal from First Northern Bank & Trust for the \$400,000 note and First National Community for the \$300,000. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge. Chairman Beers was opposed. A roll call vote was taken and voting in favor of the motion was Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge. Chairman Beers opposed. The motion carried. Mr. Spida of Mette, Evans and Woodside introduced the necessary paperwork for the notes and Ordinance that will be needed all necessary under the Unit Debt Act. He explained each document and the Ordinance. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to adopt Ordinance #80 with the addition of the information regarding the two notes as aforementioned. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge. A roll call vote was taken on the motion, voting in favor were Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisors Kresge, voting in opposition was Chairman Beers. The motion carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Judy Breidinger from the Park Committee was recognized who discussed the minutes of the Park meeting. She mentioned a grill and the porta pottie discussed at earlier meetings. Some discussion took place regarding a grill and Vice Chairman Drake pointed out that ash dumping from the grill should be into an ash collector and not on the ground (whether stone or other).She added the ash collectors are very expensive and Chairman Beers suggested that people bring their own grill. Discussion was to put in the rules that portable gas grills would be permitted **only**. Concerning the porta pottie it was decided that the construction site will soon have a porta pottie that will be in use for the

present after which the new building will have rest room facilities. Ms. Breidinger noted she would like to have more time to research a plaque for the playground area as was suggested at the last meeting. In addition, presently park users have been using the Municipal Buildings rest rooms.

Mark Savitsky asked about the status of the McEntyre problem. The Zoning Officer noted that the hearing is scheduled for June 9th. Mr. Savitsky asked what happens after that. Mr. Meylach said he will continue to monitor what is going on and to ensure he will be complying with whatever the Magistrate sets forth. The residents wondered if he found a new location for his trucks and the Zoning Officer indicated that he had seen some of their workers and trucks in the Wind Gap area and perhaps that is where they are now.

Bernie Kozen, Executive Director of the park reviewed some of the West End Regional Park activities and left some calendar of events for anyone interested. Mr. Kozen noted the pavilion needs to be completed by the end of June. Chairman Beers noted the floor will be done this week or next week. He noted that \$4180.00 is left to come. The Road Foreman noted he has the man hours and material costs and will submit them to Doris.

Solicitor Dunn noted an executive session should be held concerning the new building. (this will be done after the business of the regular meeting).

A Planning Module was received from the Township Engineer for the new Township Building. Approval was submitted by the Ross Township Planning Commission and we are awaiting Monroe County Planning Commission portion for approval and the SEO's signature. Vice Chairman Drake moved to approve the sewer planning module subject to the County Planning Comm. and SEO approval. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS-A resolution was drafted for Courtney Krechel as she has earned her Girl Scout Gold. Award. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

A letter for a donation from the Youth Field Day was received. A motion was made to donate \$100.00 as was done last year. The motion was made by Supervisor Kresge, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

A resident asked if the lines on Stone Hill Lane will be repainted. Chairman Beers noted all the line striping in the Township needs to be done.

A resident of Ramblewood Dr. asked what the status is of spraying for gypsy moths. The Secretary noted the County is taking names and information to determine areas of infestation. She added that if interested please call the office for the information.

ROAD FOREMAN- The Road Foreman submitted some roads for paving this year. Chairman Beers suggested a motion to do Owl Hollow, Mountain Wood Rd., Spruce Rd., Pine Cone Ct. and line striping to be included. The motion was made by Chairman Beers, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. Some discussion took place concerning drainage issues at Spruce Rd. which will be addressed by the Road Foreman before they do paving work. Another pipe that has been abandoned for many years needs opening or troubleshooting. Supervisor Kresge noted before opening it discuss it with

the property owner.

Chairman Beers noted the road department together with himself attended a flagging class at which they have learned of some of the safety sign equipment needed for safety and to comply with the law. Including, specific cones and reflective vests, stop/slow signs, etc.. Chairman Beers asked the Road Foreman about the five year sign project and he indicated he will continue moving on to this years proposed area .

Chairman Beers noted we are still in need of an electrician and a ditch to be dug to light the flagpole in front of the Municipal Building.

CORRESPONDENCE-

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES-After a review of the bills to be paid a motion was made to pay the bills as presented with the exception of the RAL invoice in the amount of \$1,925.00 until further review. The motion was made by Supervisor Kresge, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

At this time 7:48p.m. the Supervisors went into an executive session to discuss possible litigation.

The meeting resumed at 8:04 with no decisions made.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary