

REGULAR MEETING
ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
JANUARY 2, 2018

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors was called to order at approximately 7:20 following the annual organizational meeting. Present were Chairman Howard A. Beers, Jr., Vice Chairman Tina Drake and Supervisor David Shay. Solicitor McManus was also present.

The minutes of the December 4, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Chairman Beers. The minutes of the December 19, 2017 special meeting were presented, but, the second Supervisor that was present at that meeting is no longer a Supervisor and therefore cannot vote on approval of the minutes. Solicitor McManus noted that the record should reflect that there was a majority present at the meeting of December 19, 2017 to conduct the business at hand.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented and a motion to that effect was made by Vice Chairman Drakes, seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS-Chairman Beers discussed receipt of the proposals for the generator and welding plug and that there is a difference of \$400.00 between the two lowest ones. He added that there seems to be a discrepancy. Solicitor McManus noted that once your below the \$10,000 mark you are not locked into taking the lowest. Of course, there should be a reason if possible. Chairman Beers moved to take the proposal from RJ Hoffman to install the generator (he did all electrical work in the building and would be familiar) \$9,150.00. Supervisor Shay noted that he would suggest holding off on that decision until next month stating there may be a grant and he would like to look into that. Chairman Beers withdrew his motion. However, the proposal for the welding circuit was awarded to R.J Hoffman for the amount of \$850.00 on a motion by Chairman Beers, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. The other proposal was for \$990.00 from Frable & Son Electrical

A letter was received from the tenant of the Haney House and Chairman Beers read it which discussed how he enjoys living in the home and how he would like to preserve it as it is. He proposed to continue paying his rent and will do some minor repairs as he is presently doing and will continue his routine maintenance including gutter cleaning, and keeping the country appearance presently there. He offered security service as part of a community service also. Of course major issues would be the responsibility of the Township. He would like to have first opportunity to purchase the home should the Township desire to sell it. Some discussion took place and all seemed to be in favor however a lease was discussed then it was determined to have Solicitor McManus draft a lease with the contents of the letter in mind. Supervisor Shay noted that instead of the expense of a lease we could agree in writing to the terms of this letter but limit it to just 2018. A motion was made by Supervisor Shay, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake to agree to the terms in Mr. Fatzinger's letter for 2018. The motion carried.

A letter was received from Mark Keglovitz concerning the Blue Ridge Hook and Ladder Fire Co. In which he outlined some concerns. Chairman Beers read some of the points and it was determined to keep this letter on file. Chairman Beers noted that some of the volunteers he spoke to indicated that the Fire co. has stepped up its fund raising efforts.

A letter was received from Supervisor Shay resigning from the Zoning Hearing Board . A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to accept this letter. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers. A motion was made by Supervisor Shay to appoint Randy Nolf to fill the unexpired term and noted that his name seems to be on a list of interested parties for such openings. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

Chairman Beers noted that Herbert Stecker's term on the Planning Commission is expiring this month. A motion was made to reappoint him for an additional four (4) year term by Supervisor Shay, seconded By Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

Supervisor Shay expressed appreciation to "Butch" Kresge for his years of service and offered admiration for the time he spent over the years. Mr. Kresge responded with expressing that he hopes his oath of office he took after he was elected (Supervisor Shay) is something he intends to follow. He discussed how unfavorably he feels about the construction of the building in particular the cost and where the money came from. He added that the tax millage rate went up from zero to 1.5 and he said he is totally against taxes of any kind. Some discussion took place concerning the various tax structures of the surrounding Townships between Mr. Kresge and Supervisor Shay. Supervisor Shay noted that he plans to keep expenses under control that can be kept that way. He would like to get a tenant for the former building and would be more than happy to find out about it. Additionally, he would like to discuss with some insurance people how we can find some solutions to our insurance costs. He discussed the park and if there is a budget for the committee. He suggested looking into a way of improving our park and planning for a budget.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-Some discussion took place concerning no litter signs to be placed on Meixsell Valley Rd. between Rt. 115 and High Point as requested by a resident of High Point. The Road Foreman noted that he would return a call to the resident explaining the Township's response.

CORRESPONDENCE-A support letter was received from the Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center describing their organization's activities and requesting an annual donation of \$300.00. After some discussion a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to submit a \$100.00 Donation for 2018 and no commitment for future years. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers. A roll call vote was taken and those in favor were Vice Chairman Drake and Chairman Beers. Supervisor Shay opposed. The motion carried.

A letter was received from Kettle Creek Environmental Fund also. It was a unanimous decision not to make a donation.

Chairman Beers noted receipt of a letter and information from Polk Township concerning SALDO and Zoning drafts and noted that the CJERP group discussed these prior. Solicitor McManus noted that they are required to submit them for Township's review and he looked them over to be sure they didn't change any of the Regional uses. Chairman Beers added if any of the Supervisors want anything to be brought to their attention they should let him know and he will bring it to the next CJERP meeting.

cell companies on Township rights-of-way. Small antenna's are cropping up and House Bill 1620 the Wireless Infrastructure Deployment would strip municipalities of their authority to regulate these facilities both within and outside the public rights-of-way. The PSATS resolution is opposing such installation and municipalities are encouraged to adopt it ASAP (Jan. 9th) as there is a hearing on the matter with the House Consumer Affairs Committee. A motion was made by Chairman Beers to adopt this resolution (given #191). The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried. The Secretary should submit ASAP because of the deadline.

Chairman Beers discussed a home located on Rolling Hills Rd. whereby a resident is plowing snow out on the road. The Secretary suggested looking for the residents name on the GIS and was asked to draft and send a letter stating the violation.

As the bills were being reviewed, Supervisor Shay asked about some of the vendors to familiarize himself with them. Both the Secretary and Road Foreman offered responses to the queries. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary