

**PUBLIC HEARING  
ZONING AMENDMENT AND SALDO AMENDMENT  
OCTOBER 2, 2017  
and  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**

The above public hearing was called to order at 6:45 p.m. with members Chairman Howard A. Beers, Vice Chairman Tina Drake and Supervisor Kresge present. Solicitor McManus was also present as well as Donna Kenderdine court stenographer.

Solicitor McManus introduced SALDO proposed amendment Ordinance #81 and explained the advertisement that was completed together with the Secretary's certification and the favorable responses from the Monroe County Planning Commission and the Ross Township Planning Commission. He noted no response was received from the Regional Planning Group. Chairman Beers noted that he is a member of that group and at their last meeting there were no objections raised to the amendment by the CJERP committee. There was no Public Comment. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to close the hearing for this proposed amendment. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

At approximately 6:50 p.m. Solicitor McManus introduced the Zoning Ordinance proposed amendment Ordinance #82 and explained the advertisement that was completed together with the Secretary's Certification and the favorable response from the Monroe County Planning Commission and the Ross Township Planning Commission and noted once again no response was received from the Regional Planning Group. The same response was indicated by Chairman Beers on behalf of the CJERP committee. There was no public comment. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to close the hearing on this proposed amendment. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

At 7:00 p.m. the Regular Monthly meeting was opened with the same members present as well as Solicitor McManus. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag the minutes and treasurer's report were approved as presented on a motion by Supervisor Kresge, seconded by Chairman Beers. Vice Chairman Drake abstained as she was absent the prior month. The motion carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Linda Kresge a resident of Flyte Rd. was present to update the Supervisors on the progress of the Veterans Memorial noting completion of the stone work and bronze work. They plan to place a flag pole and pavers. However, she explained that they will not have enough funds to complete placing pavers from the Memorial site to the path nearby to allow for handicapped accessibility. She asked if the Supervisors would consider completing that portion. Some discussion took place regarding the flag pole being lit since there was no provision when the park electric was installed. Mrs. Kresge suggested a solar type of light if the other cannot be done. A question was raised as to placing bricks for a pathway or walkway for dedication purposes of other veterans who are not listed on the memorial. David Shay a Township resident noted a friend of his works for a company who indicated they would be willing to discuss some help in this type of situation. He suggested that Mrs. Kresge contact him for further discussion. Chairman Beers noted that the Supervisors will discuss assisting with completion of the walkway in the future and Mrs. Kresge noted that without its completion it will be difficult for the elderly and/or handicapped to visit the Memorial. Linda Zak suggested that the memorial include the names of the three people who were killed in the Township shooting of August 2013. The Supervisor opposed that suggestion

noting that this is a Veterans Memorial and a totally different from what occurred at the Township. Further discussion was to hold a dedication of the Veterans Memorial at the same time as a building Dedication ceremony. Supervisor Drake noted she would be in touch with Mrs. Kresge in that regard.

Bernie Kozen, Executive Director of the WEPOSC was recognized who expressed appreciation to all who assisted with the Fleetwood 5K race resulting in a very successful event raising approximately \$10,000 to be part of the scholarship funds in Dave Fleetwood's name.

Anna Gordon a young lady who made a scarecrow for a 4H project thanked the Supervisors for allowing her to display it at the Municipal Building as it was a requirement that it be placed in a public location. It was noted that it was nice to see that the 4H is still alive and well.

Judy Breidinger announced the tree lighting is scheduled for December 2, 2017 at 4 p.m.. (Sat.) and wanted to know where to hold the event. The consensus of opinion was to have the festivities in the new building.

#### PLANS-NONE

OLD BUSINESS-Table from last month was a request for a donation from the Friends of Cherry Valley. A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to donate \$75.00 as we did last year. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake. A roll call vote resulted in Chairman Beers opposed to the motion and both Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge in favor. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS-A resolution #188 was read by Vice Chairman Drake dedicated to Community Day and the Bicentennial Celebration. A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake to adopt this resolution. The motion carried.

A Budget work session was scheduled for October 12, 2017 a 6:00 p.m. and a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Chairman Beers to advertise this session. The motion carried.

Some discussion took place concerning the location of a polling place and the fact that it should be moved back to the Township building rather than holding as St. Peter's Church. Disagreement followed with Chairman Beers against holding the voting in the "new" municipal building and both Supervisor Kresge and Vice Chairman Drake agreeing to have it in the "new" municipal building. The Secretary was requested to write to Voter's registration advising of the requested change in the polling place for Ross Township. (Spring of 2018)

Ordinance Amendments #81 and #82 as above described at the Public Hearing were adopted on a motion by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

Supervisor Kresge discussed placing a new sign in the front of the building on the sign that is presently displayed in front of the new building by placing another slat on the existing sign. Some discussion took place about a separate sign keeping the park sign on its own. It was decided to look into that and to "fix" the sign at the former Township Building noting "Maintenance Dept".

Chairman Beers suggested that the park have its own website and to place the many pictures of park events on it or a facebook page and can include announcements of park events. It was noted

that the Historical Committee has its own website. The Secretary noted that the Township website does have announcements of park events. Bernie Kozen noted he would help Judy Breidinger, Chairman of the Park committee develop a website or facebook for the Park as Chairman Beers suggested.

**ROAD FOREMAN REPORT- No questions**

**CORRESPONDENCE-** Letter number 26 was discussed which was a donation request for a Golf tournament for Brodhead Watershed. It was decided not to donate this time.

A letter was received from the Ross Township Historical Committee expressing appreciation for the support given for the Bicentennial. They are also requesting use of the former Township building for their meetings and storage of their archives. Chairman Beers asked what the plans are for that building and suggested it be rented. Vice Chairman Drake noted that for right now the Historical Committee should use it for their purposes. It was decided to allow them use of the building for their meetings and storage.

Supervisor Kresge indicated that the Flyte Rd. schoolhouse is being painted and is looking good.

A letter was received from Monroe County Planning Commission with a sample short term rental ordinance enclosed. Chairman Beers noted this was discussed at the CJERP meeting and it was decided to look it over and return to at a later date.

Chairman Beers noted a change should be made in the signatories for checks. It was decided to have any three of the four signatories sign checks rather than requiring the Sec./Treas. and any two of the other three signatories.

After a review of the bills to be paid a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to pay the bills as presented. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary