

ROSS TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
MAY 7, 2018

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors was called to order at approximately 7:00p.m. by Chairman Howard A. Beers, Jr. with Vice Chairman Tina Drake present. Solicitor McManus was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by Chairman Beers.

The minutes and Treasurer's report were reviewed and a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried. Approval of the minutes was tabled until Supervisor Shay arrived, as Vice Chairman Drake was not present at the prior meeting.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Fred Wagner Jr. a resident of Tittle Rd. was recognized who spoke about the pig farm (Stryker Farm)he said there are problems with the pigs getting out and he noted that there are some dead animals creating odors. He added there are many vultures in the area also and he added he feels that they are pigs that are dead. Vice Chairman Drake suggested sending the Zoning Officer to the site to investigate what is going on. Chairman Beers noted that the previous Zoning Officer visited the site and indicated there was no problem. Both Chairman Beers and Vice Chairman Drake agreed to send the new Zoning Officer to evaluate the situation. Mr. Wagner spoke of a driveway/road problem with the Road Foreman and the Road Foreman noted he is aware of the issue and will take care of it shortly.

At this point Supervisor Shay arrived.

PLANS-DE& S subdivision was on the agenda, but, no one was present to represent the plan. It was decided to discuss it later in the meeting allowing time for a representative to arrive.

OLD BUSINESS-Some discussion took place regarding the Herman property on Dogwood Lane that was offered to the Township. Vice Chairman Drake noted that she looked at the property noting it is very steep, access is not good. She noted appreciation to Ms. Herman for offering it and moved to decline the offer. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

Regarding the park pavilion program for rules and regulations and rental of the pavilion it was decided to have the Park Committee look over the submissions we received from Paradise and Chestnuthill Township and offer suggestions. Judy Breidinger, Chairman of the Park Committee noted their monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 10th and they will have a discussion on this matter.

In connection with the standpipe installation, Supervisor Shay noted that he submitted the contact information to Solicitor McManus who will contact the property owners and draft the necessary Paperwork. He added that the Township and Fire Co. will be involved in installation of these standpipes which will be located at Rossland Lake, Mrs. Jones pond Meixsell Valley Rd., and the Weismeth property on Anchorage Rd.

NEW BUSINESS-Discussion took place concerning Polk Township's submission of Zoning and Subdivision amendments. There were no comments offered by any of the Supervisors. Chairman Beers noted that these affect their Township and they should make their own decisions regarding same as he would do for Ross Township.

An offer was received from a student to perform intern duties for park & recreation (Alexandra Elder) Bernie Kozen stated that she is no longer available because she took a position with another municipality.

An email from Brown & Brown, the Township's insurance agent, was received noting that the current insurance does not include the Veterans Memorial. Both Supervisor Shay and Vice Chairman Drake discussed having the Secretary contact them to obtain a price on the coverage to include vandalism and accidental insurance.

Supervisor Shay discussed an agility agreement from Penndot and asked if the Township ever signed one before (which they didn't) and he described as a five year agreement. Discussion was that they would store stone here and for them to do something in return the Township would sign the agreement detailing the particulars. A motion was made by Supervisor Shay to enter into the agility agreement. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake who added this is for storage of stone only. The Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Drake noted from the minutes of the recent CJERP meeting that the former Township Building is for rent and added that a vote should have been taken on that matter which she doesn't recall happening. Supervisor Shay moved to make the former Township Building available for rent. Vice Chairman Drake noted that the Historical Committee and Park Committee presently use the Building and asked where they would go. Chairman Beers noted they could come to the new Building. Supervisor Shay noted that perhaps a governmental unit or quasi governmental agency could be considered and added that to the motion. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-Some discussion took place concerning the road projects for this year and the Road Foreman submitted a list of roads to be blacktopped and/or oil and chipped. A review of the various applications was discussed that included pros & cons on the oil and chip application. Chairman Beers moved to place the list as submitted out for bids. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

An executive session was called at approximately 7:23 to discuss personnel matters.

At 7:32 the meeting convened with Chairman Beers announcing discussion in executive session was about personnel and no decisions were made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Shay to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers. Vice Chairman Drake abstained because she was not in attendance at that meeting. The motion carried.

It was decided to table the DE & S plan until the next meeting

CORRESPONDENCE-

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES-A motion to pay the current list of bills was made by Vice Chairman Drake with the exception of deducting the five hour discrepancy on the Lehigh Valley Inspection Service invoice. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

Some discussion took place on the invoice from E.M. Kutz and company for the body on the new truck

that was purchased. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to pay the bill from the State Liquid Fuels Fund. (\$38,807) The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shay. A roll call vote was taken on the motion and Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Shay were in favor and Chairman Beers opposed. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary