

ROSS TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS MEETING  
JUNE 4, 2018

At 7:00 p.m. the above meeting was called to order by Chairman Howard A. Beers, Jr. with members Vice Chairman Tina Drake and Supervisor David M. Shay present. Solicitor Timothy McManus was also present.

The Chairman began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

After a review of the minutes of the May 7, 2018 meeting and the current Treasurer's report, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to approve as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Mr. Mike Chopek, owner of the Sunset Bar & Grill was recognized who wanted to discuss having the Township to oversee noise issues as it pertains to bars which are now governed by the LCB which does not have guidelines but rather arbitrarily call State Police which counts as a complaint whether founded or not. Chairman Beers stated that the Township would be burdened in this instance since weekend coverage does not exist. Solicitor McManus added that the noise ordinance the Township has does not allow for certain noise levels to extend beyond the property line of the venue. He added that the LCB has some regulations that allow the enforcement to be the responsibility of the Township. Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Shay discussed looking into the matter and further discussion next month. Chairman Beers noted that the sound device the Township has may need replacement and continued calibration as well as personnel training.

Attorney Molnar, representing Thomas and Barbara Nedo, was next on the agenda. Attorney Molnar discussed his clients interest in purchasing the Borger property on Rt. 115 and Mt. Eaton Rd. which includes a race track. He added that they were before the Zoning Hearing Bd. with a variance application which was denied. He explained they have two routes to take to make use of the property the way they would intend to. One is to request a zoning change to allow used car sales in the zone where the property is located. The other is to apply for a change of a non conforming use showing abandonment of the race track use. Some discussion took place about some of the race track amenities and gas station equipment being removed. Mr. Nedo was most receptive to no bright lights, taking down the dilapidated wooden barrier, repairs of his own company cars—no outside repairs, using the track area of his cars for security purposes and no late evening hours. (approx.. 6p.m. closing) Jack Breidinger was recognized who spoke about stopping the race track with deed restrictions. Attorney Molnar reiterated that seeking the non conforming use allowing for a special exception would be the cleaner approach as it would be a lesser degree of non conformity than the race track and it wouldn't be necessary to address abandonment. Chairman Beers suggested tabling the matter until the next meeting and Solicitor McManus noted that a Zoning change would take some time given the review process necessary. It was noted that the applicant and his Attorney be present at the next Supervisors meeting.

Chairman Beers recognized Jack Breidinger who stated that the proposed use for a used car lot is way more acceptable than the race track and added that the Board should put that to rest if at all possible.

Mr. Eric Logenbach who is a Township resident for approximately 25 years and discussed the walking trail and his wife's use of it and noticing used doggy bags that are placed at the sign that says take the used bag with you. He would like to see a container put there rather than the bags left on the ground. (and some litter) Some discussion took place concerning the type of container to be used so as not to allow collection of household trash. This will be discussed and looked into.

The bids for road work were opened and read by the Supervisors as recapped on the attached sheets showing the products and amounts as requested. Each bidder supplied the appropriate forms and bid bonds. After all were opened and read it was moved to hold a special meeting to award the bids on June 11, 2018 at 6:00p.m. and to advertise same.

PLANS- DE & S subdivision was next on the agenda and a letter was received from Russ Kressge noting that all comments have been met and been recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. The planning module has been approved also. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to approve the preliminary plan. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

OLD BUSINESS-Some discussion took place regarding the park pavilion. The park committee has submitted ideas regarding the rental and the Township's insurance company indicated the coverage would be included if rented since it is not a daily occurrence and if a group were to use it e.g. boy scouts, girl scouts, non-profit organizations they usually have insurance certificates that can be submitted with application. Chairman Beers noted that he is not in favor of renting it since it is a public park and should be available to all. Vice Chairman Drake noted that if it is posted it would be acceptable and would help with park up keep and suggested giving it a try to see if it works out. Chairman Beers noted the water and electric needs to be tended to if it is rented. Some discussion took place and Supervisor Shay noted that maybe a deposit should be placed on the rental when water and electric is used and perhaps a key arrangement could be made. Additionally, it was discussed that Chestnuthill Township refers to an Ordinance in their rental agreement and perhaps that should be looked into also. This was tabled until the next meeting for further discussion. Supervisor Shay discussed the probability of having numerous people and crowds as well as people trying to sell products. The ordinance could address those probabilities.

An update on the Standpipe installation was described by Solicitor McManus who noted he drafted three agreements and will be sending them out to each property owner for review and signature.

NEW BUSINESS-A donation request was received from Monroe County Youth Field Day and a motion was made to donate \$100.00 to the organization on a motion made by Chairman Beers, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

Chairman Beers discussed the litter clean up being conducted by the prisoners from Monroe County Correctional Facility under the direction of Deputy Rickie Serfass and suggested a letter of appreciation be sent to him for his attention to Ross Township's litter. All were in agreement and Vice Chairman Drake will take care of it.

Vice Chairman Drake noted that the free lunch program will be held at the Ross Township Park Pavilion on Monday and Wednesday beginning June 25<sup>th</sup> and run through August 3<sup>rd</sup>. for youth 18 years old and younger. The lunch will be provided for pick up at approximately noon.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-A review of the report was conducted and discussion about various matters

such as line striping from list submitted, small truck to be sold, the purchase of a chip box, bins and a gate. Suggested working 4 -10 hour days not yet discussed with other personnel. All were in agreement with the aforementioned.

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES-After a review of the bills to be paid, Vice Chairman Drake asked about the April 26<sup>th</sup> item on the LVIS invoice and the Secretary noted that the billing period runs from the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month to the 25<sup>th</sup> of the following month. A motion was made by Chairman Beers, seconded by Supervisor Shay to pay the bills as presented. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Chairman Beers to pay \$3,125.00 from the Veteran's Memorial Account to Albanese Landscaping as a partial payment for the paving work at the memorial site.

The Board went into an executive session to discuss personnel at approximately 8:27 p.m..

At 8:38 p.m. the Board returned announcing no decisions were made and the discussion was involving personnel.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary