

ROSS TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

At approximately 7:00 p.m. on September 10, 2018 Chairman Howard A. Beers, Jr. called the monthly Township meeting to order with members Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Shay present. Solicitor McManus was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

After a review of the minutes of the August 6, 2018 meeting, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to approve as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried. The Treasurer's report was also approved with the same motion, second, and was also carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Resident Linda Zak noted she attended a Zoning Hearing Board hearing last Thursday which left her with two questions. The first question was who made the decision to "get rid" of the last Zoning Officer and what is the cost of the hearing that was held. Chairman Beers responded indicating that money was part of the reason. Vice Chairman Drake added that it took place at the reorganization meeting and also added that money was part of the issue. Regarding the other question, Chairman Beers said he did not have an answer to it. Solicitor McManus stated that the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor bills for his time and the applicant pays an application fee to cover some of the other costs. Mrs. Zak insisted on knowing the total cost and Chairman Beers stated that when we get the bills we will have that answer. Solicitor McManus noted that the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor probably has a fee list on file indicating his fee structure. Mrs. Zak stated that this matter seems to be a frivolous one costing money when the previous Zoning Officer approved permits. She added that in her neighborhood the residents are okay with whatever he (Randy Detrick) has done and they feel it is an asset to the Township. Chairman Beers noted that it still remains that the Zoning Officer must follow the Ordinance and obtain compliance. There was some discussion noting that the Supervisors do enter into zoning issues the Zoning Officer has first call on those issues. Supervisor Shay added that the present Zoning Officer is certified in response to Mrs. Zak's question about qualifications.

Resident Butch Kresge noted that one of the reasons the former Zoning Officer was not reappointed was money. He went on and questioned whether or not the Township has part time help for the road department today. Chairman Beers noted that in the winter he plows snow and there is some part time help then also, but, today no. Mr. Kresge noted that Chairman Beers was working last week at a pay rate of \$22.00/23.00 per hour when a part time person would be earning \$17.00/18.00 per hour. Mr. Kresge added that with money being an issue why was the difference in pay rate being paid when part time is approximately \$5.00 less? Mr. Kresge gave a review of some financial reports going back to 2014 which showed a general fund balance of \$208,000.00 and the current 2018 general fund balance of \$202,000.00 and noted that within the 4 years made many large purchases (service truck, land, paid for the Township building, paved the parking lot, donated to the fire co. truck fund, final payment last month, etc.). He also reviewed the 1.5 mill tax that was offered as a relief to residents for approx. 5 years and then put back on to cover the fire company's request for truck fund assistance. He asked if the Township was considering giving the residents another time of tax relief. Mr. Kresge noted that he noticed in ad in the newspaper for a full time road dept. worker and thought the ad should have included part time workers also.

PLANS-DE & S subdivision was recognized Deanna Schmoyer was present. Chairman Beers discussed the content of a letter from Russ Kresge, Township Engineers with three items outstanding: street addresses for proposed lots, a development agreement and performance security to be discussed by Board of Supervisors, and the signature block for the Township Engineer is to be removed. (The recreation fee for six new lots was paid) Ms. Schmoyer noted the signature block has been removed. Joseph Hanyon introduced himself as the Attorney and noted that he didn't think a developer's agreement was needed since there are no improvements. Since then he noticed there is a four foot berm issue to be addressed. Solicitor McManus said that a major subdivision like this needs stormwater addressed which will need a developers agreement and bonding. Ms. Schmoyer noted that the NPDES permit addresses the stormwater issue via each deed having the restrictions required. Chairman Beers noted that a C/O will not issue unless all requirements are met so he doesn't have a problem with them not obtaining bonding. Attorney Hanyon wanted to move this plan along and approve with conditions as discussed. Items #1, 3, & 4 of Russ Kresge's letter and the bond (cash) and that Russ Kresge will have to review rather than the applicant coming back to the Supervisors. Solicitor McManus noted that the developer's agreement should include cash bond or letter of credit. A motion was made Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Shay to approve the plan conditioned upon items 3 & 4 of the August 20, 2018 letter from Russ Kresge and a final review by Russ Kresge. A roll call vote was taken. Voting in favor was Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Shay. Chairman Beers was opposed only to the performance bond. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS-Solicitor McManus noted the Ordinance has been advertised and it establishes rules and regulations of the VanBuskirk/Haney Park, hours of operation, enforcement for violations and penalties. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Shay to adopt this Ordinance as Number 83. The motion carried. (There were no comments from the audience)

During last month it was necessary to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for the Regional Emergency Operations Center and to submit a letter for grant support. A motion was made by Supervisor Shay to ratify the aforementioned. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. In connection with the MOU a representative was to be appointed to hold a seat on the board to comment on the design, etc. A motion was made by Supervisor Shay to appoint Brian Stankovich (the Township's Emergency Management Coordinator) as requested. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. The Secretary was requested to contact Matt Neeb and advise of this appointment.

Solicitor McManus reviewed the stop sign ordinance he drafted and obtained a list from the Road Foreman of the roads involved. Solicitor McManus will advertise as is required and be ready for adoption at the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. He will also obtain a letter from Russ Kresge regarding this matter. Motion to advertise made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

Supervisor Shay asked about the LSA grant and the Secretary noted it's all together and waiting for assistance from Bernie Kozen to submit. (still need a few support letters that have not come in as yet) Deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Beers asked the Road Foreman if he is still taking pictures of the meter for the solar array and he said whenever he gets a reminder he reads it and submits it. He then told the Secretary it is time to contact someone to sell them.

**NEW BUSINESS-** Discussion took place concerning a starting wage for a new full time employee for the road dept. and it was determined that \$17.95 per hour would be the rate for a period of 90 days at which time there would be a review and start of benefits and laborer/operator status. The Road Foreman was advised to set-up interviews for Tuesday, 9/18 beginning at 5p.m. and every 15 minutes thereafter. A motion was made by Supervisor Shay seconded by Vice Chairman Drake to make the starting wage \$17.95 per hour. The motion carried.

Resident Kresge asked about the part time help once again and was told we have none at the present time (other than snowplowers) Chairman Beers noted no intention of hiring part time help. Supervisor Shay noted that if the Road Foreman needed part time help he would be open to listening and perhaps entertaining help if need be. Mr Kresge reiterated that the full time advertising should have included part time also.

Some discussion took place regarding stormwater when it comes to a one lot/minor subdivision and Supervisor Shay noted that Russ Kresge thinks the Supervisors want to require stormwater controls. Supervisor Shay noted that the stormwater should be addressed once a house is to be built since at that time you know what needs to be done based on house size, location, etc. In some instances a lot is just subdivided off and isn't slated to be built on for years to come, therefore, stormwater cannot be addressed properly since it is dependent on many factors relative to building on the property. A motion was made by Supervisor Shay that Stormwater plans should not be part of the submission of a minor subdivision and should be done when construction is to begin. Solicitor McManus stated that by doing that you are actually amending the ordinance and suggested that the applicant ask for a waiver from that requirement instead. Supervisor Shay agreed and said Russ Kresge needs to be advised by letter of the position the Supervisors take on this matter.

**ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-** Chairman Beers noted that clean up is Fri. and Sat of this week between 6:30-2:30. Mowing and shoulder work was discussed.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE-**

**RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES-**After a review of the bills a motion was made by Supervisor Shay to pay the bills, the motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. Chairman Beers asked about the Panko reporting bill and the Secretary explained it is for the stenographer for the Zoning Hearing Board hearing and is paid for as part of the application fee.

A Resolution for two Eagle Scouts was adopted as #192 on motion by Supervisor Shay, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. (Eric & Evan Bond)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary