

ROSS TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS MEETING  
OCTOBER 1, 2018

On October 1, 2018 at approximately 7:00 p.m. Chairman Howard A. Beers called the Ross Township Supervisors monthly 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 led by Chairman Beers.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2018 meeting and the current Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-

PLANS-Regarding the DE&S subdivision, Solicitor McManus announced that he has sent a proposed developers agreement to Attorney Hanyon and to Township Engineer Kresge for review and comment. Attorney Hanyon discussed the plan and wanted to review the stormwater requirement and bond as he understood from last month the bond was to be for the road improvement. Chairman Beers noted that he totally disagreed it was very clear that all of it was to be bonded. Attorney Hanyon described his position again noting two- three ways the Township is protected instead of requiring this entire bond. Vice Chairman Drake noted that this has been required in the past and Supervisor Shay noted that Solicitor McManus indicated stormwater is a problem. Solicitor McManus explained a circumstance just like this happened in Pocono Township. There was much conversation concerning this issue between Attorney Hanyon and Solicitor McManus which resulted in no change in the Township's position on requiring a bond for the road shoulder work and the installation of stormwater facilities on a per lot basis in the amount of \$104,099.60. The applicant must now accept the development agreement and present the bond. This discussion came to a close.

OLD BUSINESS-The next item on the agenda was the fees for the park pavilion use. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to adopt the fees set by the Ross Township Park committee which are \$35.00 resident fee, \$70.00 non resident, \$15.00 non profit and \$10.00 for access to electric and water (which will be refunded upon key return). The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shay. A roll call vote was taken. Voting in favor was Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Shay and opposed was Chairman Beers. The motion carried. Chairman Beers asked who is going to take care of the scheduling of use so there is no conflict. Supervisor Shay indicated the Township Secretary. Vice Chairman Drake noted that perhaps Bernie Kozen could assist also. He concurred.

NEW BUSINESS-Internet was discussed for the maintenance department and Vice Chairman Drake indicated she assumed it was at that facility. In any event, the discussion continued with various ideas on how to obtain it. It was decided to check with our computer service company and other means as discussed.

Chairman Beers discussed the ability to obtain defibrillators through a grant obtained by the Greg Moyer Memorial Fund at a cost of \$500.00 each. The AED we own is outdated, per Mrs. Moyer, and should be replaced. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to purchase two (one for this building and one for the maintenance building) at a cost of \$500.00 each. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

A request from Boy Scout Troop #102 to sell hot dogs at the Municipal Building on election day was received via email for the purpose of raising money for their Blue & Gold banquet. Some discussion took place and it was decided that as long as there is no campaigning or political attachment this should be permitted. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to allow the scout troop this request, with the aforementioned stipulations. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers. A roll call vote was taken and voting in favor was Vice Chairman Drake and Chairman Beers opposed was Supervisor Shay. The motion carried.

Vice Chairman Drake asked for permission to allow her niece to place a scarecrow display in front of the Municipal building as she did last year as part of her 4-H membership. All were in agreement.

**ROAD FOREMAN REPORT**-There was some discussion on hiring a new employee after having held interviews. After being asked who he would recommend, the Road Foreman, named Patrick Lapping. Supervisor Shay added that along with interviewing there was discussion concerning doing background checking, which according to the Road Foreman was completed. Supervisor Shay said in the event the first choice is no longer interested is there a second choice and the Road Foreman indicated Brandon Gehringer. A motion was made that on the recommendation of the Road Foreman hire Patrick Lapping to a Laborer/Operator position with a starting rate of \$17.95 per hour and after a 90 day probationary period is completed the rate goes up to \$18.95 per hour pending a satisfactory drug/alcohol test and a clean ten year motor vehicle record. Chairman Beers asked for clarification on a "clean" driving record and Supervisor Shay said not a ton of violations, again, clarification was requested the end result was that there should be no issues with our insurance carrier on the driving record. In the event the first choice does not work out the second choice of Brandon Gehringer would be hired. This was put into a motion by Supervisor Shay, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake. The motion carried with Chairman Beers abstaining as he explained Patrick Lapping is his son-in-law.

Some discussion took place regarding the stop sign ordinance and it was decided that the new ones will have to have a traffic study done by the Township Engineer (estimate \$500-1,000). It was decided to proceed.

The Road Foreman recommended advertising the 98 GMC dump truck for sale. Supervisor Shay suggested tabling that decision pending a minimum bid decision. Also discussed was a state auction that can now be done on line.

**CORRESPONDENCE**-It was noted that there is a Penndot meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and it was suggested Ethan attend.

Vice Chairman Drake discussed a letter received from the Monroe Animal League and noted she would do the survey with the assistance of the Secretary.

**RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES**-It was noted that there is one additional bill to pay that is not on the list and is from Chrin Hauling for clean -up day in the amount of \$2,757.31. Vice Chairman Drake asked about the Palmerton Garage Door Co. bill and the Road Foreman said it was for a broken cable. After this review a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to pay the bills including the Chrin Hauling mentioned above. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

The final item and not on the agenda was to set a budget work session which was arranged for October 30<sup>th</sup>. Tues. at 5:30.

Bernie Kozen, Director of the West End Regional Park expressed appreciation to the Board of Supervisors for delivering a load of stone to the park for some maintenance along the trail.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary