

**ROSS TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING
MARCH 5, 2018**

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Howard A. Beers. Vice Chairman Tina Drake and Supervisor David A. Shay were present. Solicitor Timothy McManus was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited and led by Chairman Beers.

The minutes of the February 5, 2018 meeting were approved as presented as well as the current Treasurer's report on a motion made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC- Frank Piraino, a resident of Mountain Crest Circle was recognized and offered appreciation to the road crew for their work during the storms especially in the Owl Hollow area. He added trees need to be looked at more since power lines can be affected by falling trees even if a tree service is called in to survey various potential problem areas.

PLANS-DE & S Sewer Planning Module was presented and it was noted that the Planning Commission and Zoning Officer have signed it. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake and seconded by Supervisor Shay to approve this module and submit to DEP. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS-Proposals were received last month for preventative maintenance of heat and a/c for the Municipal Building they were tabled until this month and a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to accept the contract from Nauman Mechanical of Stroudsburg, for one year, in the amount of \$525.00 as opposed to Plum Air's of Hazle Township who proposed \$890.00. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

The next item on the agenda was hydrant location in connection with Aqua Pa. water line replacement and Chairman Beers noted he will contact the Fire Co. for their input.

The next item was the standpipe location as was discussed last month and Supervisor Shay noted he is waiting to hear back from those he contacted.

NEW BUSINESS-Vice Chairman Drake asked about the stipend in connection with the Benefit Replacement Program and asked if this was for future employees, therefore present employees would be grandfathered, and Supervisor Shay noted that it should take effect now for all employees since the broker involved in the insurance discussion advised that all have to be treated the same what is done for one must be done for all.

A proposal was received from Washburn Lawn Service which is the only one received. Supervisor Shay asked if it was advertised or were others solicited? Chairman Beers responded that we have used this vendor in the past and were happy with the performance and the price for the work is the same as last year. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to accept the proposal from Washburn Lawn Service in the amount of \$325.00 per mowing. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers. A roll call vote was taken. Voting in favor was Chairman Beers and Vice Chairman Drake. Voting against was Supervisor Shay. The motion carried

A proposal was received from Hoffman Electric for some changes to the electric service at the former Township Building. Supervisor Shay noted that a hold should be put on that and the cost could be lumped together with the generator grant application for which he will get the paperwork together for. It was discussed that the application is to be made sometime in July.

The Township permit free yard sale was scheduled for April 14th between 9a.m. and 4p.m. upon motion made by Supervisor Shay, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

The Township Spring clean-up was scheduled for April 20th and 21st. Vice Chairman Drake mentioned receipt of information from Monroe County Waste Authority regarding electronic waste collection and asked if Ross will be participating and it was agreed the Township will, the same as last year. Chairman Beers noted he gave the particulars from the Waste Authority to the Road Foreman.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-Chairman Beers noted that the Road Foreman has an invoice in the amount of \$49,203 from Ray Price Ford which is not listed on the bills to be paid and is intended to be paid from the State Liquid Fuels account.

Some discussion took place regarding road work for this year. The Road Foreman and the Board discussed blacktop and tar and chip. The Road Foreman noted he is not opposed to tar and chip although it has not been done here for a long time and he used Ross Lane as an example stating that it will cost approximately \$61,000.00 to blacktop it in comparison to oil and chip for approximately \$20,000.00. Chairman Beers noted the road it only used by the residents and is not a general public traveled road. The Road Foreman noted Faulstick Rd. is the main road that needs paving this year and gave ways that could be done also which could run as high as \$160,000.00 Eldred Township is considering paving Roth Rd. and asked if the Township would consider paving the Ross Township part. The Road Foreman indicated the cost would be somewhere around \$27,000.00, but, that Roth Rd. is not one of our main areas of concern. Ruby Ct., Hickory Ln. and Woodhaven, Pheasant and that whole development were discussed also. Resident Butch Kresge discussed some tar and chip and blacktop numbers with the Road Foreman. Some discussion took place between Chairman Beers and resident Kresge concerning where the money would be coming from for payment of the truck on order and Chairman Beers noted that the truck part will be paid for from Liquid Fuels and there has been no decision as yet on payment of the body. It was decided that the Road Foreman would work up some costs and various scenarios for pavement projects (and oil & chip) considering the Liquid Fuels Allocation for 2018 is \$275,000.00 in time for the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE-Discussion took place concerning an email from TOLAC asking for permission to hold an art class since they are being charged where they are now. It seemed confusing as written and was tabled until the next meeting on a motion made by Chairman Beers, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

Another email was discussed that was received from Marie Herman who is interested in selling or donating her property located on Dogwood Lane. The Secretary was requested to print a picture from the GIS for the next meeting. Vice Chairman Drake noted that if the Township is not interested there are other agencies such as the Natural Land Trust and Nature's Conservancy that could possibly be interested in acquiring it.

An email was received from Monroe County Meals on Wheels asking for participation in their delivery process for the month of March and both Supervisor Shay and Vice Chairman Drake noted they would

assist as requested. It was also determined to put the information on the Township website and bulletin board. Supervisor Shay said he would contact them.

Some discussion took place concerning use of the pavilion prompted by a request to hold a wedding there. The Secretary noted she emailed the person and no response was received back. However, Supervisor Shay discussed the possibility of charging a fee for the pavilion (of course the park is not Included) A schedule could be set up reserving the pavilion and possibly set up a resident rate and non-resident rate, insurance proof could/should be part of it also. Solicitor McManus suggested that the Secretary speak to Reda Briglia of Paradise Township as they have a facility they rent out and have rules and regulations for it which may be a guide for a program we may want to set up. Chairman Beers noted that the non-resident rate could include a group that could monopolize the whole area including the park if it were a big enough event. Some discussion took place regarding the request for a garbage container in the park vicinity and it was determined that if a garbage drum was placed there it would attract people dropping off household trash. The Secretary was requested to contact both Paradise Township and the lady interested in having a wedding indicating we are working on a program.

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES-Vice Chairman Drake asked about an invoice received from Lehigh Valley Inspection services and noted discrepancy on an entry that occurred on a day she had visited the office. It was determined the discussion would continue in executive session and the bills would be paid After that.

The executive session began at 7:43 p.m. Chairman Beers noted personnel matters will be discussed.

At 8:09 the Supervisors returned to the meeting with Chairman Beers announcing no decisions were made and that personnel matters were the topic.

After a review of the bills to be paid a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to pay the bills as presented with the exception of holding back one third of the Lehigh Valley Inspection bill and the addition of a bill to Ray Price Ford for the truck in the amount of \$49,203.00 to be paid from the Liquid Fuels account. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shay. A roll call vote was taken on the motion and voting in favor of the motion was Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisors Shay. Voting against was Chairman Beers. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary