

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
JULY 1, 2019

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors was called to order by Vice Chairman Drake with Supervisor Shay present. Chairman Howard Beers was absent. Solicitor McManus was also present.

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of the minutes of the June 3, 2019 meeting were tabled until the next meeting of August 5, 2019 as Vice Chairman Drake was not present at the June 3rd. meeting and therefore could not take part in approval of them at this meeting. However, a motion was made by Supervisor Shay to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Russell "Butch" Kresge was recognized who noted that the General Fund has a balance of \$308,000.00 and the Capital Reserve Fund has a balance of \$287,000.00 totaling approximately \$600,000.00 and he added that is nice balance for what was supposed to be a Township that is broke. The next item was concerning the dry wells (standpipes) that were approved some time ago to assist the Fire company in obtaining water easier. He questioned whether or not they have been installed. Supervisor Shay noted that he has been in contact with Leon Clapper and anticipate getting together for an installation plan. Mr. Kresge discussed the paving that was bid for this year and asked why oil and chip were not part of the bid and added that more could have been paved if a contract for scratch coat with a finish coat next year was entertained as has been done in the past. There was some slight discussion in response

PLANS-Ervin Miller Stormwater Management Plan. No one was present to represent this plan but Solicitor McManus discussed a letter received from Attorney Wolfe concerning the Township sharing some of the cost of this stormwater plan with the applicant. Supervisor Shay noted he is not interested in having the Township pay any portion of this. Vice Chairman Drake noted that we wait and see if the applicant or his representative come in before the meeting is over. The Secretary explained that the Planning Commission gave conditional approval to this plan with five conditions spelled out in Russ Kresge's May 3, 2019 letter which have not been addressed as yet.

OLD BUSINESS-The contract proposals for heating and a/c for the Township building were reviewed and it was determined that the Nauman Mechanical proposal be accepted as it is the lowest received. A motion was made by Supervisor Shay, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried in the amount of \$612.50.

The next item is installation of the back flow valve for the water at the Township Building. Two proposals have been received which the Secretary explained are very close but the lower one does not include shipping of the valve. It was determined to pursue the shipping amount and a motion was made by Supervisor Shay to accept the one that comes in cheaper. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

Some discussion took place concerning the message center sign for the pavilion area and

Supervisor Shay noted that it could be built and added that only a few companies make them thus the cost of purchasing it. Vice Chairman Drake noted that since this has been tabled and delayed and the season is passing by it should be purchased. She made a motion to buy the message center for \$599.00 plus \$64.00 shipping. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

Vice Chairman Drake discussed the Monroe County Waste Authority's Anti Litter Ordinance and It was decided to forward same to Solicitor McManus for review.

NEW BUSINESS-Chairman Drake reviewed the notice the Secretary drafted regarding the dog Waste issues pursuant to last months meeting and suggestion for a meeting. It was decided to hold a town meeting August 5, 2019 at 6:30 (prior to the next Regular Monthly meeting). The Secretary will post on website and make other necessary advertisements.

Some discussion took place concerning the grant we received from Monroe County Open Space to refurbish the walking trail. The Road Foreman noted he could work on it and needed to rent a box. We can start anytime and completion is approx.. 11/29/2019.

Vice Chairman Drake discussed having a concert in the park and noted that she is aware of a band that would perform in August. Judy Breidinger suggested discussing with Bernie Kozen for input. It was determined to move forward with a plan to hold a concert at the Ross Township Park Pavilion sometime in August.

The next item on the agenda was to appoint a person for the part-time/planning commission Secretarial position. Vice Chairman Drake noted that interviews were held she moved to appoint Patricia Howerter to the position. There was no second on the motion. Vice Chairman Drake suggested the Secretary call the applicants to let them know this matter was not decided on this evening but that it is tabled until August.

At this time no one has come in for the Ervin Miller Stormwater Plan and the two Supervisors present indicated that the Township is not interested in sharing the costs as requested and that a decision will be made at the next meeting and they should attend.

Supervisor Shay noted that it is LSA grant application time again and he suggested the Township apply for a new dump truck (same specs as the new one we are purchasing) Considering the time to receive such grant it would probably be the right time to be purchasing another anyway. He made a motion to apply for this grant and the motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. Some discussion took place regarding the fleet of trucks the Township presently has and it was noted that perhaps one could be removed from service.

Vice Chairman Drake noted there are a few things around the building that need attention, such as staining and landscaping to name a few. Supervisor Shay suggested that we gather a punch list of items and work from there.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-Supervisor Shay asked about some boxes that were mentioned on the report for Weingartner Rd. some discussion took place on pricing of same. Supervisor Shay noted he would call around for information regarding this project.

CORRESPONDENCE-Supervisor Shay was pleased to see a letter was sent to William Oxforth as was suggested last month.

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES-After a review of the bills to be paid a motion was made by Supervisor Shay to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary