

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Howard A. Beers, Jr. at 7:00 p.m.. Members Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Shay were present. Andrew Wolf was filling in for Solicitor McManus who had a conflict.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

The minutes of the August 5, 2019 special meeting and regular meeting were approved on a motion by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried. The current Treasurer's report was also approved by motion of Vice chairman Drake and seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Judy Breidinger, Park Committee Chairman spoke about the dog bag containers and the Secretary noted the cost was \$99.00 each. Vice Chairman Drake noted receiving an email and felt that two should be purchased for the trail locations. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to order two containers. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shay. A roll call vote was taken on the motion and Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Shay were in favor and Chairman Beers was opposed. The motion carried.

There was some discussion concerning the sign in front of the former Township Building. and it was decided that since the Road Dept. is still in that facility and others are using the building it should be indicate " Ross Township Annex" building which would cover all users of the facility. Supervisor Shay said he would look into the lettering.

PLANS-An extension request was received on the Bogart subdivision and it was agreed to extend it until November 4, 2019. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

OLD BUSINESS-The Walking Trail refurbishing was up next and there was much discussion on this matter considering a proposal from George Paving for \$24,000.00. The Road foreman suggested looking for other proposals, and the discussion was to wait until next Spring to do the work and look for bids now. The Secretary noted that the grant is good until 2020 (Fall) Supervisor Shay noted that the bid spec should be put together and see if we get favorable response.

The Stormwater Ordinance was talked about and put on hold since Carson Helfrich is planning on meeting the MCCD. Chairman Beers added he spoke to Carson about the Engineer fees that came up and he thought that was figured in originally.

Vice Chairman Drake discussed the building maintenance list and noted she spoke to a representative of Valor who works on helping Veterans get back in to the work force. She stated that they want to

know what the pay rate is and who supplies the materials which brought up the type of work to be done and it was discussed that some of the work is high work from a ladder and then insurance came into the conversation. It was decided to have Vice Chairman Drake find out more particulars about the group and particularly the insurance question and their typical pay rate.

Chairman Beers discussed the ceiling tile work that was discussed for the building and the quote he received is \$5,825.00 since there all cut to short new ones have to be purchased and installed. Supervisor Shay said no to that work and since it just esthetic it's not pressing . The other Supervisors agreed to hold on that.

Supervisor Shay indicated that the generator will be installed tomorrow and Wed. the propane will be put to it and than Thurs. a ditch will be run to the flag pole for the lights he indicated that Tolino's will donate the time to run the ditch.

Vice Chairman Drake discussed the part time Secretary position and in talking about it with the Secretary she was looking to entertain a motion to appoint her (presently is P/C Sec.) and she made a motion to that effect and it was seconded by Chairman Beers. There was a roll call vote on the motion and Chairman Beers and Vice Chairman Drake moved to appoint and Supervisor Shay was opposed. (he said nothing against the applicant just against needing the position filled) the motion carried. The Secretary was asked to contact Heather McDonald.

NEW BUSINESS-The next item on the agenda was adopting the resolution needed for the LSA grant Application (for dump truck) The resolution was reviewed and a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Shay to adopt it. The motion carried.

Solicitor substitute Andrew Wolf informed the Supervisors of some material that was received in the mail relating to a law suit from a resident concerning the new tax assessment. He indicated that the Township is named because it has the potential of collecting taxes but normally do not take part in these types of matters. (Ross presently does not have a Real Estate Tax) but that nothing needs to be done on the part of the Township at this point.

Vice Chairman Drake thanked many people who helped with community day as did Chairman Beers. Chairman Beers noted that the Fire Col. said this was the busiest they had giving rides. He added a letter should be sent to Dave Labar for his all day entertainment and also the Alcamo Brothers, one of which entertained also.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-Chairman Beers discussed the work to be done on Brick Church Rd. and a proposal that was received from Bruce George Excavating in the amount of \$9,800 after some discussion it was decided to try and obtain other estimates for this work. However, this work should not be delayed especially because there are blacktop deadlines.

CORRESPONDENCE-A reply was received from DCED regarding an eligible applicant question posed last month as to whether or not the Fire Co. could apply on their own for grant funds through the LSA Monroe County Local Share and the response is that the Township would have to apply as a "sponsor" and that the Fire Co. is not eligible to apply on its own and further that if the Township were to apply on their behalf the Fire Co. would have to follow all the Township rules and regulations. (such as bidding, prevailing wage, etc.)

RECEIPTS & EXPENTITURES-After a review of the bills to be paid, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

A report was received from the Township's insurance company whereby they did a survey of Township properties and the report showed a problem with the garage on Kunkletown Rd. across the street from the former Haney house. It was decide the Supervisors would inspect it to determine how to proceed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:33p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary