

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING
MARCH 2, 2020

The Ross Township Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tina Drake, at 7:00PM. Vice Chairman David Shay, Supervisor James Zahorokio were present and Solicitor Timothy McManus was also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

The minutes of the February 3, 2020 Supervisors meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Supervisor Zahoroiko, seconded by Vice Chairman Shay and carried.

A motion was made to approve the current Treasurers report by Vice Chairman Shay, seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Resident Mr. Mark Sandt, spoke in reference to a request for a road dedication. The road had been evaluated in February 2020. Mr. Sandt is requesting to have approval from the Board of Supervisors. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to allow Township Engineer Russell Kresge to review the profiling of the existing roads for future potential acquisition by the township and give appropriate feedback, motion seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and carried.

Resident Frank Pirano, inquired about tree trimming on Ross Township roadways. Road Foreman Ethan Brewer, discussed with the Board of Supervisors the possibility of hiring contractors to trim the trees.

Resident Carolyn Lange, spoke about how she has been picking up trash along the side of the roads. Carol is concerned about the excessive trash that sits along Mountain Road. Vice Chairman Shay stated that in the past the County Sheriff's office would take inmates out to township roads to pick up the trash. Road Foreman Ethan Brewer spoke about the township road crew picking up trash in the past. Secretary Danielle Romano was asked to contact the County Litter Control to question if they will continue to have inmates picking up the road side trash this spring and report back to the Board of Supervisors with the information.

Resident Kathy Sufrich, spoke about festivals and township events. Kathy has volunteered to perform, playing guitar at the upcoming events. The second Sunday in June, July, August & September are scheduled for concert events. September's concert maybe combined with Community Day. The information will be advertised in the Spring Newsletter and on the Ross Township webpage.

PLANS:

No Plans To Review.

OLD BUSINESS:

School House Roof: Vice Chairman Shay has received a bid/proposal. Vice Chairman Shay also spoke to a gentleman in reference to a Keystone Grant, which is administered through the Pennsylvania Historical District. The grant closure date was the last week in February. The township will plan to apply for the next grant in late November. The amounts range from \$5,000-\$100,000 for the grant. Vice Chairman Shay will schedule a follow-up meeting with the gentleman who will assess roof. At this time a temporary fix is needed to avoid any additional damage. Road Foreman Ethan Brewer was instructed by the Board of Supervisors to place a tarp over the roof in the interim.

Mowing of Park Property: Last year the township hired George Washburn of Washburn's Lawn Service to maintain the township property. His rates for 2020 stayed the same as last year. A motion to hire George Washburn was made by Vice Chairman Shay seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and carried.

Truck Sale: Vice Chairman Shay and Road Foreman Ethan Brewer discussed the sale of the 1995 municipal truck. A motion was made to advertise on the municibid website for \$8,500 min bid, by Vice Chairman Shay, seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and carried.

Township Credit Card: Discussion from the Board of Supervisors in regard to the needs of a township credit card. Some companies no longer accept checks as a form of payment and a credit card is the only method accepted. Vice Chairman Shay is against having a township credit card. A motion was made to investigate this issue further. Chairman Drake requested that Supervisor Zahoroiko speak to the bank officer in regard to the possibility and process required of obtaining a township credit card.

Kunkletown Garage: Vice Chairman Shay spoke to the company in Lancaster County the last week in February. The company is interested in looking at the garage. Vice Chairman Shay will follow up to schedule a meeting to inquire if they would be interested in buying or taking down the materials.

Short Term Rentals: The Board of Supervisors and Solicitor Tim McManus discussed allowing short term rentals in the township. The location and zones allowed were reviewed on the township map by the Board of Supervisors and Solicitor Tim McManus. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to request that a draft ordinance be prepared by Solicitor Tim McManus, motion seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and carried.

Sign for the Municipal Annex Building: Vice Chairman David Shay stated that the sign will match the current sign with the same font for the lettering. After completion, the Historical Society sign will be hung under the Municipal Annex sign by Road Foreman Ethan Brewer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Blue Ridge Hook and Ladder Volunteer Fire Company, New Fire Truck Letter: Vice Chairman Shay discussed that in addition to the monies Blue Ridge Hook & Ladder Volunteer Fire Company receives from the township throughout the year, the additional donation is above and beyond the normal contribution the township makes. A donation of \$50,000.00 will be donated. A motion was made for a

donation of \$50,000 toward their new fire truck by Vice Chairman Shay, seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and carried.

Vice Chairman Shay stated that he will contact Lawrence Buzzard from Hamilton Township in reference to a collaborative LSA Grant writing effort. The funds received from this grant would be used toward the purchase of the new fire truck.

Spring Clean Up: Dates held will be April 16th & 17th 2020:

The Board of Supervisors and Road Foreman Ethan Brewer discussed the Spring Clean Up Day. Normal fees apply to residents. Nothing on the schedule from last year has changed. The Proposal from Scotta for the Dumpsters for Spring Clean Up was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. A motion was made to accept the proposal from Scotta by Vice Chairman Shay, seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and carried.

Permit Free Yard Sale Day: After discussion from the Board of Supervisors and the public, the Permit Free Yard Sale day will be scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2020.

Municipal Annex Building Repair: Decks and Stairs are in need of repair. At this time the access to the steps have been boarded off. The zoning officers don't feel comfortable with having any events at the Annex Building due to safety. A meeting with the zoning officers and Board of Supervisors will be scheduled to discuss this issue. Chairman Drake will contact the zoning officers and Supervisors with a meeting date. All future meetings for the Parks and the Historical Society will be held at the Ross Township Municipal Building until repairs are completed.

Nauman Mechanical Proposal Letter (Service & Clean Split System): The Board of Supervisors reviewed the proposal. A motion to accept the proposal from Nauman Mechanical to maintain the office system was made by Vice Chairman Shay, seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and carried.

Septic System: Road Foreman Ethan Brewer discussed the septic alarm situation that occurred last week. The switch will be kept under lock and key. Road Foreman Ethan Brewer will complete the required maintenance.

The request was made by Chairman Drake to look into having the septic pumped out. Names of companies to complete the task will be reviewed by Chairman Drake and contacted by Secretary Danielle Romano.

Chairman Drake discussed advertising the Planning Commission secretary position. The salary will remain the same at \$100. The current Planning Commission Secretary is Danielle Romano. Chairman Drake and Planning Commission Chairman Roger Christman discussed the AG Security secretary position. The current AG Security Secretary is Chairman Tina Drake. The request will be made to have one secretary responsible to perform both positions as Planning Commission Secretary and AG Security Secretary. Sharon Steen had been the prior secretary in 2019. Sharon will be contacted by Chairman Drake to inquire if she would be interested in the position. If not, the position will be advertised.

Chairman Drake discussed the next Regional Comprehensive Planning Commission meeting. Chairman Drake invited the Supervisors to attend the next meeting on March 26, 2020 at 7PM, at the Chestnuthill Township building.

Chairman Drake discussed the 2020 Census happening this year. The township received the informational documents provided by the county. The information is located in the vestibule at the municipal building for anyone who is interested.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:

Vice Chairman Shay and Road Foreman Ethan Brewer discussed the roads to be completed/maintained. Liquid Fuels Monies will be received.

A motion to put the projects out for bid and to be opened for the next meeting was made by Vice Chairman Shay, seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and carried.

The Detention Pond List was discussed by the Board of Supervisors and Road Foreman Ethan Brewer. Request to verify who is responsible to maintain and determine what is to be done.

The Ross Township Supervisors called an Executive Session at 8:05PM.

Reconvene Ross Township Regular Supervisors meeting at approximately 8:25PM. Personnel matters were discussed. No decisions were made.

Chairman Drake discussed the Secretary/Treasurer position. Danielle Romano is due for her 90 day review. Based on her performance, the Board of Supervisors will continue to keep Danielle Romano as the Secretary/Treasurer. The salary rate will increase from \$15 to \$17 per hour. A motion to approve the increase in salary was made by Supervisor Zahoroiko, seconded by Chairman Drake and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The list of correspondence information was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES:

After a review of the bills to be paid, a motion was made by Vice Chairman David Shay, seconded Supervisor James Zahoroiko and motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor James Zahoroiko, seconded by Vice Chairman David Shay and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Romano
Secretary/Treasurer