

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING
MAY 4, 2020
Audio Conference

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

The minutes of the April 6, 2020 Supervisors meeting were approved as presented by motion of Chairwoman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and carried.
A motion was made to approve the current Treasurers Report by Supervisor Zahoroiko, seconded by Chairwoman Drake and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Resident Frank Piriano, inquired about the tree trimming budget for township roadways. Some discussion took place in regard to the trees along the Township roads that could endanger the right of way. The power company would be contacted about any trees in danger of hitting a power line. Road Foreman Ethan Brewer, will assess and the road crew will complete the minor limb trimming. However regarding the larger trees which would require a professional tree trimming service, estimates will be received by Road Foreman Ethan Brewer and forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for review. Mr. Piriano mentioned being proactive rather than being reactive and would like to point out certain trees in question. Road Foreman Ethan Brewer will contact Mr. Piriano to discuss which roads are affected by the trees.

OLD BUSINESS:

Township Debit/Credit Card: Supervisor Zahoroiko discussed acquiring a Township Debit Card with a customer service representative from First Northern Bank and Trust. The need for the card is due to many vendors who will now only accept a credit or debit card for payment. A separate new account would need to be opened for the use of debit card transactions. The minimum balance required for the account to avoid service charges is \$200.00. A motion to open the new checking account and apply for township debit card, with an opening deposit of \$600.00 was made by Chairwoman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko, opposed by Vice Chairman Shay and motion carried.

Township Yard Sale: The yard sale was originally scheduled for May 2, 2020. Chairwoman Drake requested that the discussion for a future date for the permit free yard sale will be postponed until the next Supervisors meeting.

Township Spring Clean Up: The Spring clean was scheduled for May 15th and 16th 2020. The Board of Supervisors requested that the discussion for the future dates for the Clean Up be postponed until the next Supervisors meeting. Road Foreman Ethan will contact the company in regard to available dates to receive the dumpsters.

Kunkletown Road Garage: Vice Chairman Shay stated that he will contact the company to request a future date to assess the Garage Roof.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tax Resolution: Vice Chairman Shay read the Tax Resolution aloud that Governor Wolf, signed into law Act 15 of 2020. The Resolution authorizes municipalities to extend the discount period for the payment of Property Taxes to August 31, 2020 and the base period date to December 31, 2020. A motion to accept and sign the resolution was made by Chairwoman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Zahoriko and carried.

Wind Gap Ambulance Request for Donation:

A letter was received from the Wind Gap Ambulance requesting a donation. A donation of \$1,000.00 had been made last year. A motion was made to again donate \$1,000.00 to the Wind Gap Ambulance by Vice Chairman Shay, seconded by Chairwoman Drake and carried.

Zoning Activities During Covid-19:

Vice Chairman Shay and Chairwoman Drake discussed the current zoning activity at Ross Township. PSATS was contacted to inquire about zoning activities during the current crisis. A representative from PSATS stated that the zoning activities may continue during the crisis. PSATS suggests that the Township Supervisors would need to communicate & direct their expectations to individual zoning officials. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay for the continuance to conduct zoning business/activity based on PSATS and under the Governor's authorization for the industry's current regulations during the COVID-19 Crisis. Also requesting that a weekly report providing information on all zoning activity be submitted on a weekly basis to the Board of Supervisors. The motion was seconded by Chairwoman Drake and carried. Secretary Danielle Romano was instructed to draft a letter to be sent to zoning with this request. The letter will be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors prior to being sent.

Chairwoman Drake discussed the conversation she had with the Sewage Enforcement Officer. The Board of Supervisors will require a weekly activity report and an invoice to be provided on a monthly basis. A motion was made by Chairwoman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and carried. Secretary Danielle Romano was instructed to draft a letter to the Sewage Enforcement Officer with this request. The letter will be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors prior to being sent.

New Business Continued:

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT: Ethan Brewer met with Hanson Aggregates PA LLC (Awarded Road Project for 2020) to review/prepare the township roads. After discussion in regard to issues with some of the areas on Brick Church Road, it was determined to allow Hanson Aggregates to build up the road in areas that are needed. The restoration will improve and resolve the water issue.

A motion was made to allow Hanson to go under bid/current to build that section up by Vice Chairman Shay, seconded by Chairwoman Drake and carried.

Tractor/Mower New Rear Tires: Road Foreman Ethan Brewer stated that the estimated cost for the new tires would be approximately \$1,500.00 to \$1,700.00 per set.

A motion was made to purchase/install new tires on the mower up to \$1,700.00 by Vice Chairman Shay, seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and carried.

Road Foreman, Ethan Brewer made the request to allow the road crew to work (4) 10 hour days weekly. The request was approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Chairwoman Drake acknowledged the township office; secretary/treasurer, tax collector & maintenance department, remaining opened during this Declaration of Disaster and thanked the employees for working through this time. Vice Chairman Shay along with the Board of Supervisors also expressed their sincere appreciation on behalf of the township community.

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES:

After a review of the bills/expenditures to be paid, a motion was made to pay all current bills by Supervisor Zahoroiko, seconded by Chairwoman Drake and motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Chairwoman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Romano
Secretary/Treasurer