

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

The minutes of the August 3, 2020 Supervisors meeting were approved as presented by motion of Vice Chairman Shay, seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko 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 Mike Galler discussed concerns in reference to the home located at 257 High Point Drive. Mr. Galler also questioned why the township zoning officer was not present at the meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Galler mentioned requesting the presence of zoning officer at the last township meeting held on August 3, 2020. The request for the township zoning officer to be present at the October 5, 2020 meeting was made by Mr. & Mrs. Galler. Much discussion took place in reference to the Township zoning officer's work performance.

Other High Point Drive residents discussed their concerns and frustration in reference to the 257 High Point Drive property. The concern relates to advertisement of the home and the frequent disorderly guests who have been staying at the home. The High Point Drive residents also have stated that people have been trespassing on their property.

Solicitor McManus spoke in reference to enforcement action. Solicitor McManus also reminded the residents to contact the state police with noise and nuisance issues.

Vice Chairman Shay concurred and also indicated the lack of response from the zoning officer in reference to Right To Know requests.

Resident Dave Trout discussed the need for a protective barrier on his property. Mr. Trout asked the Board of Supervisors, Solicitor McManus and Road Foreman to review the letter received from Chemung Supply Corp. regarding the guide rail quote. The Board of Supervisors and Solicitor McManus discussed the documents and Mr. Trout's request. Solicitor McManus will review and follow up with information at the next Township meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:**Declaration of Disaster:**

The Board of Supervisors discussed Storm Isaias and the need for a Blanket Declaration of Disaster for the Township. Solicitor McManus discussed the existing prepared template. This template may be used for future declarations with new information to be entered as required.

Charitable Donations:

The Board of Supervisors discussed donating to two organizations in memory of Township Auditor, Dale Kirk and Township Planning Commission Solicitor, Daniel Lyons who passed away recently.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to donate \$100.00 to The American Cancer Society in memory of Dale Kirk, seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and carried.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to donate \$100.00 to Meals on Wheels in memory of Attorney Daniel Lyons, seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and carried.

Township Fall Events:

The Board of Supervisors discussed Trick or Treat, which has been traditionally held on Halloween evening. Chairwoman Drake approved Trick or Treat to again be held on October 31, 2020 from 5PM-7PM. The Board of Supervisors and Judy Breidinger, Park and Recreation Committee Chairwoman discussed the Township Tree Lighting Event and visit from Santa Claus. Solicitor McManus suggested contacting PSATS for some possible ideas. This topic will be discussed at the next Township meeting.

There was a brief discussion by Chairman Shay and Solicitor McManus in regard to the Zoning Ordinance definition of Bed & Breakfast. Discussion on amending the definition of a Bed & Breakfast Inn, to delete the statement restriction of building existing prior to January 1, 1940. Vice Chairman Shay made the motion to amend this Ordinance, seconded by Chairwoman Drake and carried.

Vice Chairman Shay made a motion to advertise for a new zoning officer immediately. Motion does not carry.

PENDING:**Schoolhouse Roof:**

Vice Chairman Shay discussed proposing repairs in the budget for 2021.

Municipal Annex:

Vice Chairman Shay discussed speaking with companies and anticipating price quotes. Chairwoman Drake and Supervisor Zahoroiko will also contact contractors.

Municipal Building Wood Staining:

Vice Chairman Shay discussed speaking with companies and anticipating price quotes. Chairwoman Drake and Supervisor Zahoroiko will also contact contractors.

Kunkletown Road Garage:

Vice Chairman Shay is in contact with the company. The company will be in contact when they are back in the Saylorsburg area.

PLANS:

Mr. & Mrs. Roger Christman Lot Joiner:

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the documents and plans. The motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to approve the Lot Joiner request, motion seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and carried.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:

The report completed by Road Foreman Ethan Brewer was review by the Board of Supervisors. A motion to allow repairs from Palmerton Garage Door to the Township existing maintenance building doors was made by Vice Chairman Shay, seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and carried. Compliments & applause were given to Road Foreman Ethan Brewer and Ross Township road crew for their rapid repairs and clean up to the Township roads after the storm on August 4, 2020.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The list of Correspondence items were reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. Nothing to address, no comments were made.

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES:

After a review of the bills/expenditures to be paid, Chairwoman Drake requested to view the SEO's invoice. A motion was made to pay all current bills by Vice Chairman Shay, seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and motion carried.

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26PM was made by Vice Chairman Shay, seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle Romano
Secretary/Treasurer