

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10, 2021  
In Person and Audio

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

The minutes of the January 4, 2021 meeting were approved as presented by motion of Supervisor Zahoroiko, seconded by Vice Chairman Shay and carried.

The minutes of the February 1, 2021 Audio meeting were approved as presented by motion of Supervisor Zahoroiko, seconded by Vice Chairman Shay and carried.

A motion was made to approve the February 1, 2021 Treasurer's Report by Vice Chairman Shay, seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Dave Trout (Protective Barrier):

Road Foreman Ethan Brewer had received (3) additional quotes. The documents were reviewed by the Board of Supervisors and further discussion continued with Road Foreman Ethan Brewer. A motion was made by Supervisor Zahoroiko to use Chemung Supply Corporation, with the lowest bid of \$8,077.30, seconded by Chairwoman Drake and carried. Opposed by Vice Chairman Shay. Chairwoman Drake instructed Road Foreman Ethan Brewer to work together with Mr. Trout to schedule the project.

Megan Martin (Fit Camp):

Resident Megan Martin and the WEPOSC Representatives were not present to discuss the topic. The topic was tabled till the next meeting.

Old Business from the Board of Supervisors:

Vice Chairman Shay discussed his concerns regarding the Part Time Secretary position. Chairwoman Drake rebutted Vice Chairman Shay's concerns. The position had previously been approved. Chairwoman Drake discussed the inappropriate statement made by Vice Chairman Shay during the January 2021 meeting in regard to Chairwoman Drake and Supervisor Zahoroiko not being present at the Township Building. Chairwoman Drake requested an apology for the statement made. An apology was denied by Vice Chairman Shay with no further discussion.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Resident Howard Beers, Tittle Road:

Mr. Beers discussed an email sent to the Township in December 2020 in regard to a camper on a property being occupied which does not include pressurized water or sewer. Mr. Beers completed a complaint form in regard to the matter. The Township Zoning Officer and the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer never responded to the complaint. The Board of Supervisors addressed Mr. Beers concern and discussed speaking with the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer and Zoning Officer to request follow up and resolution. Mr. Beers commented in regard to the approval of Mr. Dave Trout's protective barrier and agrees with Vice Chairman Shay.

Resident Mike Galler, 198 High Point Drive:

Mr. Galler stated he agrees with Vice Chairman's position to hiring a part time secretary. Mr. Galler also expressed his concern with the unprofessional behavior during the past meetings between the Board of Supervisors.

Resident Dawn Galler, 198 High Point Drive:

Mrs. Galler requested the status of Short Term Rental for High Point Drive. Solicitor McManus addressed the concern with the current and future progress. Mrs. Galler expressed her concern with the unprofessional behavior during the meeting on January 4, 2021 by the Board of Supervisors.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

WEPOSE Representative to replace Judy Breidinger:

Chairwoman Drake discussed the vacant position. As of yet, no one has contacted the Township in request to serve on the Board.

Aquashicola Creek - DEP:

Chairwoman Drake discussed an email received requesting support for the Aquashicola Creek being redesignated as exceptional valued stream (the state's highest level of protection). Chairwoman Drake requested the Board of Supervisors to approve and respond to the email, in favor of redesignation of the Aquashicola Creek to exceptional value. A motion was made by Supervisor Zahoroiko to respond in favor of the redesignation to "Exceptional Value" Creek, seconded by Vice Chairman Shay and carried.

2021 Road Project Preparation:

Vice Chairman Shay discussed the upcoming Township road project and the roads in need of repair. Vice Chairman Shay requested Road Foreman Ethan Brewer to prepare a list for respective roads to be paved/repared. This list is to be presented at the March 1, 2021 meeting, in preparation for the opening bids to be received in April 2021.

Facebook Account for future Board of Supervisors Meetings:

Supervisor Zahoroiko discussed the possibility for future meetings to be viewed on a Township Facebook page. Supervisor Zahoroiko had discussed speaking with other Townships in regard to meeting recordings. Supervisor Zahoroiko will look into the set up procedure. Solicitor McManus discussed the legal issues. If live streaming is being used, the Township needs to announce it. A motion was made by Chairwoman Drake to look into live streaming at next meeting, seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and carried. Opposed by Vice Chairman Shay.

Zoning Hearing Board – Short-Term Rental 202 Stacia Way Status:

Solicitor McManus discussed the current Zoning Hearing Board status of the short-term rental located at 202 Stacia Way. Solicitor McManus inquired about being authorized to intervene and represent the Board of Supervisors. A motion was made by Chairwoman Drake requesting Solicitor McManus to represent the Board of Supervisors at the future hearing, seconded by Vice Chairman Shay and carried.

**PLANS:**

TKL Properties – Tighe Meckes - Blue Ridge Hills Subdivision Plan:

Mr. Tighe Meckes and Mr. Jonathan Shupp presented the subdivision plans to the Board of Supervisors. Details of the subdivision and documents were discussed by Mr. Meckes and Mr. Shupp. The comments from the Ross Township Planning Commission and Township Engineer Russell Kresge were reviewed by the Board of Supervisors and Solicitor McManus. Waivers requested by Mr. Meckes and Mr. Shupp were not approved. Additional documentation in addition to updated information from Mr. Meckes and Mr. Shupp will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at a future meeting. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to table the plans, seconded by Chairwoman Drake and carried.

**ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:**

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the report presented by Road Foreman Ethan Brewer. Discussion took place by Road Foreman Ethan Brewer and the Board of Supervisors in regard to the 2013 International Truck repairs needed. The Board of Supervisors expressed their appreciation to the Township Road Crew on their Exceptional work during the recent snow storms.

**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 to be paid, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to pay all current bills with the exception of Bureau Veritas. Motion not carried. A motion was made by Supervisor Zahoroiko to pay all the current bills, seconded by Chairwoman Drake and carried. Opposed by Vice Chairman Shay.

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02PM was made by Vice Chairman Shay, seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Romano  
Secretary/Treasurer