

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING

April 4, 2022

The Ross Township Supervisors Meeting was called to order on April 4, 2022 at 6:00PM.

In attendance were Chairman James Zahoroiko, Vice Chairman David Shay and Supervisor Randy Detrick. Also present was Solicitor Timothy McManus. The meeting was held at the Township Municipal Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to approve the meeting minutes of the March 7, 2022 Supervisors meeting, seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Detrick to approve the current Treasurer's Report, seconded by Vice Chairman Shay and carried.

PLANS:

Lands of Beltzville Enterprises-Extension Request

No one was present to represent this plan. The Time Extension Request document was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to grant the extension request till July 11, 2022, seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Township Fee Schedule

Chairman Zahoroiko discussed the updates to the current approved Township fee schedule. The Board of Supervisors reviewed the proposed Sewage Application Fees completed by Ross Township SEO Ryan Engler. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to adopt the new proposed fee schedule to include revised SEO fees, seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried. Additional fees are being reviewed. Resolution #197 will prepared after the 2022 fee schedule is finalized. The topic will recommence at a future Board of Supervisors meeting.

Municipal Office Laptop Computer

Supervisor Detrick discussed his conversation with Township IT Technician regarding some of the recent challenges associated with the Township Secretary's office computers. The email storage is currently at capacity on the primary computer. The suggested solution is to establish a Gmail account to store existing emails, outlook folders, etc. The price quote received for the storage account is \$2 per month. The computer upgrade quote received is \$480 for the (2) office computers. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to upgrade the current Township Secretary's office computers and approve the new Gmail account, price \$2 per month. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

WEPOSC

The Board of Supervisors discussed the decision made by the West End Park and Open Space Commission to restructure the organization. Supervisor Detrick attended the WEPOSC meeting held in March and provided additional information. The recommendation was made to agree with motion to dismantle along with Chestnuthill Township. Direction of the organization in addition to the Townships' affected had been discussed by the Board of Supervisors and Solicitor McManus. After much discussion a motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to proceed with the dissolution of WEPOSC contingent upon Chestnuthill Township and Pleasant Valley School District also agreeing to such dissolution, upon terms mutually agreed upon by the parties, and Ross Township receiving the proposed distribution in the amount of \$54,794.32 as part of that dissolution. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

Employee Health Care Insurance

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the recent documentation provided by PA Chamber regarding the Renewal for the Employee Health Care Plan. The information, including the May 2022 Geisinger premium was reviewed. Supervisor Detrick also commented on the possibility of adding/covering family as well as the employee with the plan. Vice Chairman Shay discussed the Health Care Plan and the HRA Plan. The 2022 budget does not reflect a budgeted amount to include family, only the employee. This topic will be revisited in October 2022 during the Township budget session. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to continue with the Geisinger Plan, seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Resident, Tina Drake, presented Christmas ornaments for the Township Christmas tree. The Christmas tree and ornaments had been donated in 2021 by Tina Drake and her husband. Tina also inquired on the status of the benches purchased, dedicated in memory of former Tax Collector, Planning Commission Secretary and Part-Time Township Secretary, Sharon Steen. Road Foreman Ethan Brewer responded, the benches have been ordered and will be placed in the park as soon as received.

Planning Commission Chairman, Roger Christman, discussed AG Security and the Township Supervisors involvement. After a brief discussion by the Board of Supervisors, a motion was made by Chairman Zahoroiko to appoint Vice Chairman Shay as the Township AG Security Chairman. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

Resident Darren Brown of Ross Road, discussed his request to cut the hay on the Township Park field, and use the hay to feed his animals. None of the hay would be sold. A notarized letter stating his request was presented to the Board of Supervisors and Solicitor McManus for review and discussion. The Board of Supervisors instructed Secretary/Treasurer Danielle Romano to contact the Township Insurance Company regarding the request.

Chestnuthill Township resident, discussed his proposal to the Board of Supervisors regarding a mini-railway and train to be constructed in the Township park area, around the field. The resident provided magazines displaying photos of his ideas. The Board of Supervisors requested the idea/proposal in writing to be reviewed at a future meeting.

Resident Autumn Pangia, introduced herself to the Supervisors and audience. Autumn is running for PA House District 176, Libertarian.

Residents of Collins Avenue, discussed an ongoing problem concerning neighbors which had been addressed during the February 2022 and March 2022 Supervisors meeting. Vice Chairman Shay reviewed Township Ordinances, Zoning Report and the required procedure regarding the residents' concerns. Vice Chairman Shay stated he will follow up with the Zoning Department regarding the status.

NEW BUSINESS:

Open Bids for the 2022 Road Project

The sealed bids received from H&K Group, Inc and Hanson Aggregates PA LLC were opened and announced by Chairman Zahoroiko and Vice Chairman Shay in response to the advertised 2022 Ross Township Road Project. After a review of the bids and discussion, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to award the bid to Hanson Aggregates PA, LLC proposal for paving only, no line striping. Total project amount \$285,090. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried. All of the Liquid Fuels Funds will be used. The remaining balance due will be paid from the General Fund.

H&K Group, Inc.: Road prices ranging from \$100 - \$112 per ton, with line striping at .49 cents per LF.

Hanson Aggregates PA, LLC: All roads \$86 per ton, with line striping at .67 cents per LF.

2022 Election – Ross Township Congressional Districts

The Board of Supervisors discussed the information received from Monroe County Voter Registration regarding the election and the Ross Township districts. Monroe County Voter Registration requested separate locations for the election for Ross Township residents. The Board of Supervisors would prefer both Ross 1 and Ross 2 districts held in the same polling location by splitting the room at the Township Municipal Building for the election. A motion was made by Supervisor Detrick to hold both Ross 1 and Ross 2 at the Township Municipal Building, seconded by Vice Chairman Shay and carried.

Road Department - Fuel Tank

Road Foreman Ethan Brewer discussed the quotes received for the new fuel pump. After a brief discussion regarding fuel prices, savings per gallon, etc., a motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to allow/approve the purchase of a fuel pump for approximately \$400, intended for on-road diesel fuel, seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:

The report completed by Road Foreman Ethan Brewer was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. The Transco Pipeline Terms and Use Agreement was briefly discussed by the Road Foreman and Solicitor McManus.

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 to pay all current bills was made by Vice Chairman Shay, seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00PM was made by Chairman Zahoroiko, seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Romano
Secretary/Treasurer