

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING
August 1, 2022

The Ross Township Supervisors Meeting was called to order on August 1, 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 July 11, 2022 Supervisors meeting, seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

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

PLANS:

Beltzville Enterprises, LLC – Time Extension Request

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the Time Extension Request, dated 7-13-2022, received by the Township from the Applicant, to extend the time for making a Decision on this Plan by the Supervisors until October 3, 2022. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to grant the Time Extension Request, seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Township Park Events - Summer Concerts & Community Day

The second "Free Concert in the Park" was held on July 31, 2022. Ally Brown performed for those that attended. The next concert scheduled for August 28, 2022 was also discussed. The band performing will be "Last Flight Out Duo". Two musicians that play a variety of some originals and classic rock covers. The Board of Supervisors also discussed the Township Community Day. The event will be held on September 17, 2022 beginning at 12pm until 4pm at the Ross Township VanBuskirk-Haney Park. Vendors, crafters, entertainment and volunteers interested in the event may call the Township office for more information. Event information and registration forms will also be listed on the Township's web page and facebook page.

UCC Joint Board of Appeals Member

The Board of Supervisors stated the UCC Board of Appeals member position is currently vacant. Solicitor McManus discussed the qualifications of the position. The UCC Board of Appeals Member should be held by a Ross Township resident qualified by training and experience to pass on matters pertaining to building construction. Training and experience may consist of licensure as an architect or engineer, experience in the construction industry, and training or experience as an inspector or plan reviewer. If the Township cannot find a person within the Township who satisfies those requirements and is willing to serve, the law provides that in that circumstance, the Township may fill a position on the board of appeals with a qualified person who resides outside of the Township. A Ross Township building code administrator is not permitted to be appointed. The Township's alternate engineer had declined the position. The need to fill the volunteer position will be posted on the website.

Monroe County – Radio Communication Project

Vice Chairman Shay discussed the need for the Fire Departments in all townships to upgrade current radio communication equipment to meet current 5G standards. A letter of support was requested from Monroe County Control Center to support funding this project with State and Federal Grant monies received by the County. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to send the letter supporting the funding 100%, seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

WEPOSC – Update

Supervisor Detrick briefly discussed information regarding The Friends of WEPOSC, in addition to the proposed distribution of funds to the Township. The Board of Supervisors also discussed the need for volunteers for the Township Park and Recreation Committee.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Resident and Planning Commission Member, Frank Piraino, commented on the size of the existing monitor on the conference room wall. Mr. Piraino has requested a larger monitor for security purpose. Also discussed security during Planning Commission Meetings. The Security office will be contacted to request that security arrive fifteen minutes prior to start time.

Mr. Matt Jeffrey, questioned if his proposal to develop a miniature railroad track at the Ross Township VanBuskirk-Haney Park was accepted by the County. Administrative Assistant Deb Brown informed Mr. Jeffrey that she sent email declining the proposal at the present time.

Resident Carolyn Lange, inquired about community day date, this was clarified that a conflict with second Saturday in September moved the date to September 17, 2022.

Mr. Tony Li, inquired on Short Term Rental application renewal fees. Mr. Li made the request for the renewal application be waiver or reduced. The Board of Supervisors briefly discussed this concern regarding fees and would review prior to next fee schedule update. Solicitor McManus will review the ordinance and contact the Township Zoning Dept.

NEW BUSINESS:

Township Fall Clean-Up Day

Road Foreman Ethan Brewer discussed the dates available. The Board of Supervisors approved the Fall Clean-Up Dates; September 23rd and 24th from 6:30AM until 2:30PM.

LSA Grants

The Board of Supervisors discussed the current LSA Grants being completed to assist the township in meeting financial needs for two major projects. The township has received letters of support from surrounding Townships and the Fire Department. The applications require resolutions be submitted with the LSA Grant application. One Grant will be submitted to replace the current mower that is 22 years old in the amount of \$159,629.04 and the second project is to replace two major culverts in the township that have been deemed unsafe in the amount of \$384,560. Vice Chairman Shay made a motion to approve resolutions number 198 and 199 for the LSA Grant applications, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:

The report completed by Road Foreman Ethan Brewer was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors and Road Foreman Ethan Brewer briefly discussed the upcoming line painting schedule in addition to changing pipes on Mountain Road.

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 6:23PM was made by Chairman Zahoroiko, seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle Romano
Secretary/Treasurer