

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING
October 3, 2022

The Ross Township Supervisors Meeting was called to order on October 3, 2022 at 6:00PM. In attendance were Chairman James Zahoroiko, Vice Chairman David Shay and Supervisor Randy Detrick. Also present was Solicitor Timothy McManus via phone conference. The meeting was held at the Township Municipal Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

A motion was made by Supervisor Detrick to approve the meeting minutes of the September 12, 2022 Supervisors meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman Shay and carried.

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

PLANS:

Lands of Beltville Enterprises, LLC – Request for Extension of Time

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the documentation for the request dated September 20, 2022. A motion was made Vice Chairman Shay to grant the Extension Request till March 6, 2023, seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Township Park Events

Community Day

Administrative Assistant Deb Brown discussed the activities of the Township Community Day. The event was held on September 17, 2022 at the Ross Township VanBuskirk-Haney Park. 14 vendors/crafters, local organizations, entertainment, a food truck and Blue Ridge Hook & Ladder fire truck were present. The weather was beautiful and many enjoyed the event.

Historical Society Open House

Resident and Historical Society Member Martha Rezeli and the Board of Supervisors discussed the Historical Society Open House held on October 1, 2022. Many attended the event in addition to State Representative Jack Rader, State Representative Rosemary Brown and The Times News journalist Staci Gower who published a lovely article regarding the event. The Board of Supervisors expressed their appreciation and complemented the Historical Society members on their efforts and the successful outcome of the open house.

Memorial Bench Dedication

Chairman Zahoroiko discussed the Memorial Bench Dedication in memory of Sharon Steen to honor her and recognize her many years of service. Sharon held many positions with Ross Township as Tax Collector, Part-Time Secretary and Planning Commission Secretary. Chairman Zahoroiko expressed the Township's appreciation for all of Sharon's accomplishments to the community as he dedicated the bench in her memory. Sharon's service to the Township was appreciated by residents, friends, Township staff and others. Sharon will be greatly missed by Ross Township Staff and community.

Trivia Night

Chairman Zahoroiko also discussed Trivia Night which began at 4:30PM. Unfortunately the event did not attract a large crowd. The Township will attempt to hold another Trivia Night in the future.

(Old Business Continued)

UCC Joint Board of Appeals Member

The Board of Supervisors stated the UCC Board of Appeals member position continues to be vacant. Vice Chairman Shay contacted resident and Zoning Hearing Board Member David Bray. Mr. Bray possesses years of engineering experience and would be highly qualified to represent this position. The topic and response from Mr. Bray will be discussed during the November 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Friends of the WEPOSC

The request to share the attorney fees to dissolve the Friends of WEPOSC along with Chestnuthill Township had been made to the Ross Township Board of Supervisors during the September 2022 meeting. The Board of Supervisors briefly discussed the legal documentation received by Friends of WEPOSC Representative Tina Drake. The Board of Supervisors and Solicitor McManus discussed the disbursement of the group, options and WEPOSC account funds. A motion was made by Supervisor Detrick to deny contribution from Ross Township for the dissolution of the Friends of WEPOSC, seconded by Vice Chairman Shay and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Matthew D'Elia shared prior experience as a municipal council member and discussed working together with a grant writer for items essential to the municipality. Mr. D'Elia stated he has acquired the experience in grant writing and proposed to assist in future grant writing opportunities for Ross Township. The Board of Supervisors briefly discussed the proposal and suggested Mr. D'Elia provide the details of the proposal in writing.

State Representative Jack Rader mentioned attending the Township Community Day and also the Historical Society Open House. He commented briefly about the occasions and complemented those involved with the preparation and hosting the events.

Planning Commission Chairman Roger Christman inquired on the recent State Law regarding Fireworks. The Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission Chairman Christman discussed the current firework regulations in addition to the audience stating their opinions. Chairman Zahoroiko also discussed conversation from the CJERP meeting which had reviewed the topic during their September meeting.

Resident Mrs. Barbara Migliaccio inquired on the possibility of placing a traffic light at the intersection of Route 115 and Anchorage Road. The Board of Supervisors, Representative Jack Rader and Road Foreman Ethan Brewer responded to the inquiry. Mrs. Migliaccio also inquired on community development and a senior association. Mrs. Migliaccio also provided the Board of Supervisors with a document listing possible recreation activities ideas for the Township Park. A few of the items listed were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming Township Events

Chairman Zahoroiko reviewed the list of upcoming Township events. The Pet (costume) Parade will be held on October 29, 2022 at the VanBuskirk-Haney Park, beginning at 11AM. The Board of Supervisors also discussed the Township Trick or Treat, which traditionally has been held on Halloween evening. Chairman Zahoroiko approved Trick or Treat to be held on Monday, October 31, 2022 from 5PM-7PM.

(New Business Continued)

AG Security – Resolution Adoption

After a review of the documentation, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to adopt Resolution #200 for the AG Security Area and all those requesting to be included, seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

Election – November 8, 2022 - Township Building, Polling Location (Opening/Closing of Township Office)

Vice Chairman Shay agreed to open the Township office at 6:00AM for the election officials, staff and volunteers. Chairman Zahoroiko agreed to close the office in the evening after the election.

Schedule Budget Session

The Board of Supervisors agreed to hold the budget session on October 24, 2022 beginning at 5:00pm.

Chrin Hauling, Inc. – Notice of service Cancellation for Monroe County

Chairman Zahoroiko shared quotes from (3) local haulers received, with GFL being the lowest quote. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to arrange a month to month agreement with GFL for the Township garage and office, seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

Intergovernmental Agreement to Dissolve the WEPOSC

Solicitor McManus briefly discussed the draft agreement sent to the Board of Supervisors. A motion was made by Supervisor Detrick to authorize Solicitor McManus to review, prepare and advertise the ordinance, seconded by Vice Chairman Shay and carried.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:

The report completed by Road Foreman Ethan Brewer was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. Road Foreman Brewer briefly discussed information regarding a PT Snow Removal application received and made the request to hire the applicant. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to hire resident Hunter DeMeglio as a Part-Time Non-CDL Driver, seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

An Executive Session was called by Vice Chairman Shay at 6:50PM, regarding a personnel issue. Reconvene from Executive Session at 7:02PM. Chairman Zahoroiko stated, no decisions were made.

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 7:07PM was made by Chairman James Zahoroiko, seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Romano
Secretary/Treasurer

