

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING
December 5, 2022

The Ross Township Supervisors Meeting was called to order on December 5, 2022 at 6:00 PM. 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 Ross 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 November 7, 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tree Lighting and Santa Visit

Chairman Zahoroiko briefly discussed the successful event held on December 3, 2022. Santa and Mrs. Clause arrived on the Blue Ridge Hook and Ladder Fire Company truck greeted by residents. The children were very excited to meet Santa and Mrs. Clause. Santa counted down and lighted the tree and then moved into the Township building to meet with each child for pictures. Small gifts, hot chocolate and cookies were provided. Chairman Zahoroiko lead Christmas trivia with guests and park committee members helped passing out gifts, cookies and hot chocolate.

2023 Budget Adoption

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to adopt the 2023 Budget as advertised, with no tax levy, seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

Sanitation Service for Township Garage/Office

Sanitation service is currently being provided by GFL on a month to month basis. Vice Chairman Shay has been in contact with a representative from JP Mascaro & Sons in efforts to negotiate a longer term agreement with a fixed monthly price. The proposal needs additional clarification regarding rate and increases over the term of contract. Vice Chairman Shay stated he will follow up JP Mascaro & Sons representative to verify potential contract material. This topic will resume during the next meeting.

Township Roads – Anti-Skid

The Board of Supervisors discussed offering anti-skid material to the Township residents to use on their driveways. Road Foreman Brewer should decide where to place the material and Vice Chairman Shay will obtain signage with instructions to residents.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Residents and recent Park Committee Members, Eric Longenbach and Jody Dorney discussed possible ideas and asked questions regarding events, fund raising, park budget, park structure, the park trail, etc. of the Township Van Buskirk/Haney Township Park. The Board of Supervisors thanked the members for volunteering in establishing a new Ross Township Park Committee. Eric discussed ideas and discussion continued around the Board of Supervisors views regarding the park, prior events held, future events, possible consideration of additional recreation development and liability related to projects. The Board of Supervisors were in agreement that they would be in favor of activities and events that ensure the park remain a family oriented, passive recreational community space. Also discussed was the need to schedule 2023 park events. The committee will meet in the first quarter of 2023 and create a list of 2023 events and committee meetings to be reviewed with the Board of Supervisors. The Supervisors suggested contacting other local municipalities to inquire on their Park Committee structure. Administrative Assistant Deb Brown also discussed minutes from the first meeting held with Mr. Longenbach and Mrs. Dorney in November. The committee members requested an additional waste container be placed at the beginning of the trail and signage reminding those that use the trail to pick up after their pets and themselves. Also suggested a camera be placed to keep those using the trail safe. The committee will present a list of events and other objectives at a future Board of Supervisors meeting in the first quarter of 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

Internal Memo – Ross Township Zoning Dept.

The Board of Supervisors and Solicitor McManus discussed the memo provided by the Township Zoning Department regarding Exempt Accessory Structures. The Board of Supervisors stated they will contact the Zoning Department for further information. The topic will resume during a future meeting.

2023 Insurance Proposal

The 2023 Insurance proposal provided by Caputo Insurance was discussed by Vice Chairman Shay. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to adopt the 2023 Proposal, Annual Premium Package \$32,900, seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

Ross Township Park Committee New Members

The topic was discussed during Open To the Public.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:

Ross Road Culvert Replacement Project – Contech Quote

The report completed by Road Foreman Ethan Brewer was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. Road Foreman Brewer discussed information received and briefly explained the installation process regarding the Ross Township Road Culvert Project. Solicitor McManus briefly discussed the Contech Engineered Solutions proposal in addition to his conversation with Township Engineer Russell Kresge. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to award the Ross Township Ross Road Culvert Project Material to COSTARS Vendor, Contech Engineered Solutions in the amount of \$37,964, funds to be disbursed from the ARP Fund Account, seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

An Executive Session was called by Vice Chairman Shay at 7:02PM, regarding a Personnel Matter and Legal Counsel. Reconvene from Executive Session at 7:10PM. 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 Supervisor Detrick, seconded by Vice Chairman Shay and carried.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15PM was made by Vice Chairman Shay, seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Romano
Secretary/Treasurer