

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING
February 6, 2023

The Ross Township Supervisors Meeting was called to order on February 6, 2023 at 6:00PM. In attendance were Chairman James Zahoroiko, Vice Chairman David Shay and Supervisor Randy Detrick joined the meeting via phone. Also present was Solicitor Timothy McManus. The meeting was held at the Ross Township Municipal Building.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to approve the meeting minutes of the December 29, 2022 meeting, the January 3, 2023 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:

Feller/Bartholomew- Minor Subdivision

Vice Chairman Shay made a motion to approve the plans to be signed and sent to Monroe County for recording. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sanitation Service for Township Garage/Office

The township has been evaluating the current contract with GFL and has received a proposal from J.P. Mascaro that would result in a cost savings for the township. The J.P. Mascaro proposal is a fixed monthly fee of \$198.60 for a 36 month term. GFL would not offer a fixed monthly rate and is currently costing the township \$300 or more per month. Supervisor Shay made a motion to accept the terms of the agreement received from Mascaro and terminate the GFL agreement. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

My notes indicate that the Supervisors approved a 3 year fixed price uniform contract with Dempsey's

Inter-office Memo – Ross Township Zoning

Discussion on this item has been postponed until a later date.

Blue Ridge Hook & Ladder Fire Company – Radios

Decision on amount of funding that can be allocated to this project is pending until the township receives decisions regarding LSA Grant funding applications made in 2022.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

NEW BUSINESS:

Act 167

David Hooker, representing Monroe County Conservation District presented information regarding an updated Monroe County Act 167 Pan that was approved by PaDEP on 12/2/2022. Local governments have six (6) months from that date to adopt/update their current Stormwater ordinance to implement the same. A model form of ordinance was the township engineer needs to work with the township solicitor to review and compare the proposed model ordinance to the Township's current Stormwater

ordinance to determine what amendments are needed to meet the updated requirements. A draft agreement and the current ordinance will be forward to those that need it.

Williams Transco Pipeline

Allan Berenbrok was present and spoke to the Update on pipeline received approve to move forward with the pipeline extension process. Activity could begin in February or March should all the items pending be resolved. If they cannot cut trees in March the project will not begin until the fall.

Residents have been sent letters and should be aware of activity.

Once they receive the approvals they will come communicate with the township. A draft excessive maintenance agreement was sent in October 2022 and using a performance bond vs letter of agreement as requested by Transco was discussed, but not yet decided by the Supervisors. Solicitor will need decision regarding same to complete the agreement.

Receptionist Job Description/Posting

The township created a job description for a receptionist, the position will be 37.5 hours per week. A motion to post for the position was made by Vice Supervisor Shay, seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

Mark Drozdowski – 184 Elmer Drive Saylorsburg

Property owners advised that were directed to come to the Supervisors by the Zoning Officer to determine what, if any, approvals or modifications are needed from the Board of Supervisors for them to build a home on this property. Township Secretary will provide information she has regarding this to the Township Solicitor for review and advice concerning any required action by the Board.

Historical Society

Chairman Zahoroiko attended meeting regarding this – motion to discuss and add support in 2024 budget was made by Vice Chairman Shay and seconded by Supervisor Detrick. The motion was carried.

Girl Scouts – Request to plant trees

Received request to allow girl scouts to plant trees in our park. Additional information about how many trees would be planted. Supervisors were in support of allowing this, additional information is needed regarding how many trees would be planted.

Moment of Silence for Russell “Butch” Kresge Jr.

Vice Chairman Shay requested a moment of silence in memory of Butch Kresge who passed recently. Butch served as Supervisor for more than 23 years and served the community of Ross Township. He will be missed and the township is extremely appreciative of the contributions and service given to Ross. Our deepest sympathies and condolences to the Kresge Family and all that knew him.

Constituents Day

Jack Rader’s Office will be on site in township office on March 8, 2023. They will be here to answer residents’ questions.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:

Ross Road Culvert Replacement Project – Contech

The pieces have been delivered and evaluated by Ethan and others to determine construction.

Clean Up Day –

Scheduled for April 14th and 15th 2023. The cleanup days will be held Friday and Saturday (April 14th and 15th) from 6:30am to 2:30pm.

Salt Bid

Due March 15, 2023. Ethan to evaluate usage one more week prior to submitting bids.

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 approve the processing and payment of all current bills was made by Vice Chairman Shay, seconded by Chairman Zahoroiko and carried.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54PM was made by Chairman Zahoroiko, seconded by Vice Chairman Shay and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Brown
Secretary/Treasurer