

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING
January 3, 2023

The Ross Township Supervisors Meeting was called to order on January 3, 2023 at 6:33 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.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to approve the meeting minutes of the December 5, 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:

Feller/Bartholomew- Minor Subdivision

Terry Martin, PLS represented the owner applicants. The owners are proposing to subdivide the 29.08 acre site located on Bonser Road approximately 1,055 feet southeast of its intersection with Young Road. The plan is proposing to subdivide lot 1 of 1.08 acres. The remaining lands after the proposed subdivision will then consist of 28 acres.

Vice Chairman Shay made a motion to approve the plans based on recommendation of planning commission and township engineer review. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

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 with the JP Mascaro & Sons representative to verify potential contract material. This topic will resume during the next meeting.

Inter-office Memo – Ross Township Zoning

The Supervisors held discussion regarding a recommendation received from the Township Building Codes Official to reduce the current Township Building Code exemption for certain accessory structures of less than 1000 square feet to only be applicable to those less than 200 square feet. The discussion included conversation to support if this added protection to residents in the future. Concerns regarding added expense to small projects that are not in the best interest of the residents were also raised. Additional discussion is needed to determine if State Uniform Construction Code guidelines, as currently already reflected in the Township Building Code, are sufficient for the township. The topic was tabled to a future meeting.

Blue Ridge Hook & Ladder Fire Company – Radios

Vice Chairman Shay spoke with Fire Chief and funding from the State is still to be verified. Additional information regarding the awarding of LSA Grants and the amount that other townships will contribute

is desired before making a decision. LSA Grants will be awarded late spring and may provide the township an opportunity to donate from ARP funds to the Fire Company for the radios.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Martha Roselli was present and provided an update on the Historical Society. The Historical Society will be open the first Saturday of each month from 11am – 3pm. They also have a new website <https://www.rosshistoricalsociety.com/>. They are also interested in interviewing residents to gather interesting historical facts about Ross Township.

NEW BUSINESS:

Township Fee Schedule 2023-

Political Sign payments are being returned once signs are taken down per the application, however the ordinance does not specifically state that payment for political sign permits would be refunded. Supervisors will review to determine if amendment of the ordinance is desired/necessary. There was no motion made to revise the recently adopted 2022 Fee Schedule at this time.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:

Ross Road Culvert Replacement Project – Contech Quote

Contech offered pricing for assembly of the culvert of approximately \$25,000. The Supervisors felt that Road Crew would be capable of assembly.

State Police notified Road Foreman of a call regarding School House indicating that copper pipes were taken and the school house was broken into. The State Police did not see evidence of this and checked out the school house while on the phone with Road Foreman.

Ethan mentioned resident garbage cans are in the road vs. curb side. This causes issues for plowing. Secretary to add notice to residents on face book and website asking residents to keep cans off road vs in roads to allow plows to clear roads effectively.

Resident requested extending guard rails on Stone Hill Lane. The Supervisors did not see this area as a hazard and do not see extending the guard rails at this time.

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 Vice Chairman Shay and carried.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 PM was made by Vice Chairman Shay, seconded by Supervisor Detrick and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Brown
Secretary/Treasurer