

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING
March 6, 2023

The Ross Township Supervisors Meeting was called to order on March 6, 2023 at 6:00PM.

In attendance were Chairman James Zahorokio, 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 Supervisor Randy Detrick to approve the meeting minutes of the February 6, 2023 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:

1. Kirk Minor Subdivision
 - a. Presented to Planning Commission at 2/21/2023 meeting and accepted for review.

2. Lands of Beltzville Major Subdivision – withdrawn 2/7/2023

OLD BUSINESS:

Inter-office Memo – Ross Township Zoning

The Supervisors requested additional information regarding specific examples of need to change zoning and building requirements from 1000 square feet to less than that. 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.

Act 167

Solicitor McManus has gone through the model ordinance and highlighted with comments to Township Engineer Russ Kresge for his comments. An amendment to the current ordinance may be enough to meet the current requirements.

Williams Transco Pipeline

Solicitor McManus provided a final draft to the Supervisors for their review, this has not been shared with Williams Transco to date. Transco is expecting approval for the end of March and is anticipating cutting trees end of March and a motion was made by Randy Detrick and seconded by Vice Chairman Shay to enter into an agreement subject to signed copies of agreement and receiving proof of required insurance and receiving required performance bond.

Receptionist Job Description/Posting

Several candidate were interviewed over the last few weeks. A motion to hire receptionist candidate Melissa-Ann Frantz-Monaco was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick and seconded by Vice Chairman Shay. The position will be a 37.5 hour per week position with Full time Township Benefit package with a pay rate of \$15.00 per hour. Healthcare Benefits and Vacation time will be paid after 90 day evaluation period is successfully completed.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Historical Society

Historical Society continues to open on the first Saturday of each month from 11am – 3 pm. April 1, 2023 the Historical Society will be open and include information on a special presentation and book signing with Co Authors of the book Aetna to be held on April 29, 2023 at 2:00 pm.

Non Township Road Paving Question

Resident asked about having private roads considered to be turned over township. The owners of the property need to bring the roads to township specifications before the township can consider taking on the road maintenance.

NEW BUSINESS:

2023 Road Project

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay and seconded by Supervisor Detrick to put the 2023 Road Project out for bid with bids due by next meeting. The motion was carried.

Workshop Meetings

Supervisor Randy Detrick made a motion to move the workshop meetings to the last Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm and seconded by Vice Chairman Shay . The motion was carried.

Events

Clean Up Days –

- Scheduled for April 14th and 15th.

Egg Hunt –

- April 8, 2023- 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Eric Longenbach spoke to the Supervisors regarding assistance with the Egg Hunt. Also addressed needing additional resources.

Veteran's Memorial Dedication

- May 29, 2023
- Linda Kresge would like to take the lead on organizing this event and would like a plaque and wreath from the township.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:

Ross Road Culvert Replacement Project – Contech

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

Salt Bid

Due March 15, 2023. Ethan to evaluate usage one more week prior to submitting bids. Numbers should be the same as last year.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The list of Correspondence items were reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

Nothing to address, no comments were made. A motion to accept was made by Supervisor Detrick and seconded by Vice Chairman Shay. Motion carried.

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 Supervisor Detrick and carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Brown
Secretary/Treasurer