

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING
August 7, 2023

The Ross Township Supervisors Meeting was called to order on August 7, 2023 @ 6PM.

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.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Martha Rezeli announced that the Historical Society will be open on Community Day and have a tent outside. Beginning the second Saturday in October they will be open the second Saturday each month.

Martha also asked if the township had an ordinance about Solar Farms. Under a current ordinance the Solar Farms are allowed in zoning districts GC (general commercial) and by special exception in the RR zoning district.

A motion was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick to approve the meeting minutes of the July 10, 2023 meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman Dave Shay and carried.

A motion to accept the minutes from the Special Meeting held July 10, 2023 on Act 167 Stormwater Management was made by Vice Chairman Dave Shay, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Dave Shay to approve the August 7, 2023 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried.

PLANS:

Kirk Estate Plan (8/7/2023)

Attorney for the applicant requested an extension until September 11, 2023 be granted by the Board of Supervisors to give the applicant additional time to meet the conditions of the Planning Commission outlined by the Planning Commission Solicitor and Engineer. A motion to grant the exception until September 11, 2023 was made by Supervisor Detrick, seconded by Vice Chairman Dave Shay and carried.

Arsha Vidya Building Replacement

A motion to approve the extension request submitted by for Arsha Vidya building replacement plan until October 5, 2023 was made by Supervisor Detrick and seconded by Vice Chairman Shay and carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Act 167

This agenda item is tabled until additional information from other townships can be reviewed and revision of the current stormwater ordinance can be made.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance #47 – Yard Sale

The Supervisors have requested an amendment to the current ordinance that would allow two permit free yard sales each calendar year. The dates will be determined by the Township. Residents will not be required to obtain a permit for these dates. All other dates will require a permit. Solicitor will revise the language and present draft to Supervisors for consideration.

Scott-Mountain Road/5 Earth Group Minor Subdivision

Applicant requested the letter of credit held by the Township be released following confirmation from Engineer that all conditions of the development agreement have been met. Vice Chairman Dave Shay made a motion based on Engineer's report to release the letter of credit. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried.

Mt Eaton Road Pipe

A bog turtle study is required in order to receive necessary permits to replace the culvert. We have received an estimate for \$4500.00 for this study that needs to be done in advance of the replacement of the culvert. A motion to approve moving forward with the Bog Turtle Study was made by Vice Chairman Dave Shay, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried.

Road Department Tee Shirts

Proposal for Department Tee Shirts for Road Crew in Safety Green with Township Logo. Supervisor Detrick made a motion to approve the purchase of shirts for Road Crew. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Dave Shay and carried.

Tractor/Mower Purchase

Monroe County LSA Grant funding has been received to purchase new mower in 2023. The funding is in the amount of \$159,629 to purchase new mower. The tractor and mower combined cost is \$183,655.80 obtained through Costars. The amount above the grant funding will be offset by the sale of the current equipment. A motion was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick, seconded by Vice Chairman Shay and carried.

Eagle Scout Project- Jack Deemer

Jack Deemer spoke to the Supervisors and asked for permission to create an area along the trail to be considered as his Eagle Scout project. The Board of Supervisors agreed to consider the project and Jack will submit a plan prior to the next meeting.

EVENTS:

Concerts in the Park

August 27, 2023 will be Dave Labar this concert will also be from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Park rules in place.

Community Day

September 16, 2023 –Seeking vendors and food trucks for this event. Games and Free Popcorn, Face painting and music by Ally Brown from 12-4pm.

Events will be shared on website and Facebook.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:

Truck is being prepared for delivery. Culvert project on Ross Road is pending dry ground to return to work. The structure is ready but the area must be dry before work can continue.

Approved Road Projects expected to be completed in the month of August.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

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 Dave Shay, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried.

There being no further business, Supervisor Detrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 pm, the motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Shay and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Brown
Secretary/Treasurer