

## ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING

September 9, 2024

The Ross Township Supervisors Meeting was called to order on September 9, 2024 at 6:00pm. The meeting was held at the Township Municipal Building.

In attendance were Chairman James Zahoroiko, Vice Chairman David Shay and Supervisor Randy Detrick. Solicitor Rich Campbell was also in attendance.

### **OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

Those wishing to speak have been asked to step up to the podium going forward to help in better understanding who is speaking and items to be addressed.

Representative from the Pohopoco Watershed brought forth different pricing options he received from Staples Printing in regards to a map display. Pricing varied depending on size and material. Supervisor Randy Detrick recommended moving forward with the foam board option for better durability and final cost information to be collected and passed back along.

The Ross Township Historical Society Museum will be open the coming Saturday 9/14 from 11:00am-3:00pm. The Historical Society from Eldred Township will be coming to meet with Ross Township Historical Society to combine ideas and plan ways to better move forward.

Judge of the Elections gave reminder that November 5<sup>th</sup> will be the next General Election with voting opening at 7:00am and closing at 8:00pm. Along with another reminder that the deadline to register for a mail-in ballot will be October 29<sup>th</sup> and those must be received by the County Office by 8:00pm on Election Day or will not be counted.

Also, asked about process to have a "no entry/exit" sign added to the cul-de-sac he resides on to limit traffic circling the area. Road Foreman Ethan Brewer said it could be taken care of and just would need to order the sign.

### **MINUTES REVIEW:**

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2024 meeting as written was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick and seconded by Vice Chairman David Shay. The motion carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

There was no report to review.

### **PLANS:**

#### Extension Request for Gioino Minor Subdivision

Vice Chairman David Shay made a motion to approve the extension request through October 7, 2024. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried.

The applicant's representative, Brian Courtright, stated that at the most recent Planning Commission Meeting, he was told that the Ross Township Planning Commission would recommend for conditional approval based upon four items having been addressed/corrected. Solicitor Rich Campbell noted he had spoken with the Conflict Planning Commission Solicitor and that she had not had the opportunity to review the revised plan.

There was also uncertainty about if a parcel, that is a part of the land, had sold at a Tax Upset Sale that took place on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Supervisors has not seen a latest revised plan from the Township Engineer. Applicant has been recommended to contact the other solicitor for further follow up and that would need to wait until next Supervisor Meeting in October.

#### Arsha Vidya Final Pan Approval

Vice Chairman David Shay made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-04 based on recommendation from the Ross Township Planning Commission to give the Final Land Development Plan Preliminary Approval based on completion of eight requirements brought forward by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried.

Solicitor Rich Campbell confirmed with the applicant who was present that they were in agreement with the conditions put forward.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### Blue Ridge Fire Company

President of the Blue Ridge Fire Company presented information to the Board of Supervisors along with the main goal to be to set up a Workshop Meeting with the Municipality to better set forth their plans for the future to better serve the community and have a more efficient plan for their trucks to extend “life” out to a 30year range.

A Supervisor representative from Ross and Hamilton Townships would attend the Workshop Meeting and report back after. Different aspects of fiscal responsibility were brought up between the Township and Fire Company for donation amounts over the years and they were encouraged to reach out to the Township for a Letter of Support to apply for various available Grants to help continued efforts within the community.

##### Dan Saunders – Shared Driveway

The Board of Supervisors acknowledged that they had received the most recent letter, but their position has not changed and there was no further action.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### Lauri Lapping – July Planning Commission Recording

Vice Chairman David Shay made a motion approving payment of \$150 to Lauri Lapping for recording of meeting minutes for the July Planning Commission Meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried.

##### Dave Parker – County American250PA

This is for a resolution in reference to the Country’s 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the municipality to adopt a resolution in acknowledgment.

Vice Chairman David Shay made a motion in agreement to send a copy of a passed resolution to the County for America250PA in support of commemorating the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States and Pennsylvania’s integral role in the event for its people and nation past, present and future. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried.

##### Linda Kresge – Adding Monument

Linda Kresge would like to add a monument near the tree planted in honor of Butch Kresge in honor of his service in the Armed Forces and to Ross Township. Approved by Supervisors as she will be completing this on her own.

### Appointment of Minute Taker

Supervisor Randy Detrick made a motion to appoint Lizzy Stortz as Minute Taker for both the Board of Supervisor and Planning Commission Meetings at a rate of \$150 per meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman David Shay with the added condition that it is a temporary position. The motion carried.

### 1123 Pine Cone Court – Township Dangerous Structure Ordinance

Solicitor Rich Campbell stated the Zoning Officer has submitted a report, along with photos, designating the 1123 Pine Cone Court property as a Dangerous Structure. From the report, a hearing would need to be scheduled within 30-60days along with looking into service of the Individual who is currently incarcerated. A Title Search would also need to be ordered to confirm that there are no outstanding liens against the property or, if there are any, how much the liens amount to. After the hearing, there would be about 30days to issue written findings with service and then the owner would have 60days to cure or respond before the Township could go in and remove the structure.

Vice Chairman David Shay made a motion to set the initial hearing on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 5:00pm at the Ross Township Building to allow for time for Service and Title Search in regards to the Dangerous Structure Ordinance for the structure located at 1123 Pine Cone Court. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried.

At 6:28pm the Board of Supervisors exited for an executive session.

The Board of Supervisors returned to the meeting at 6:44pm.

The executive meeting was in regards to “employment issues” and no decisions were made. This will be carried overed to next month.

### **EVENTS:**

Free Yard Sale Weekend – September 14 & 15 from 6:30am-2:00pm

Clean Up Days – September 20 & 21 from 6:30am-2:00pm

Halloween Trick or Treat – October 31 from 5:00pm-8:00pm

### **ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:**

Road Foreman Ethan Brewer received one bid for the tractor for \$15,000. The reserve amount was set at \$20,000. A motion was made by Vice Chairman David Shay for Road Foreman Ethan Brewer to reach back out to the bidder to see if they would be willing to go to \$18,000 for the sale or for the tractor to be relisted after. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Board of Supervisors revied the list of Correspondence items.

### **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 David Shay and seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick. The motion carried.

### Matthew D’Elia

Matthew stated he had been previously approved by the Board of Supervisors to apply for Grants on behalf of the Township for a percentage commission rate of what was brought in. He asked if he was still

approved to continue with this and begin working on Grant Applications for the Township. His commission rate would need to be confirmed again, but was told he was able proceed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50pm. The motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick, seconded by Vice Chairman David Shay and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lizzy Stortz  
Temporary Recording Secretary