

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING

April 6, 2026

The Ross Township Supervisors Meeting was called to order on April 6, 2026, at 6 pm. The meeting was held at the Township Municipal Building.

In attendance were Chairman David Shay, Vice Chairman Gregory Gill and Supervisor Randy Detrick. Solicitor Attorney Ricky Santee was also in attendance.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:**

Martha Rezeli, of the Ross Township Historical Society, came before the Board of Supervisors to share that the museum will be open Saturday, April 11 from 11 am to 3 pm. The museum is also open from 11 am to 3 pm every second Saturday of each month. Martha stated she's happy to open the museum after tonight's Keystone Dedication Ceremony, should anyone wish to see it. She shared that Commissioner Parker is here, as well as the artist, Gary Embich. Martha invited everyone to stay for refreshments, following tonight's dedication.

Nina Peterson, Tax Collector, opened a discussion for item #5 on tonight's agenda; the resolution to charge the Tax Collector rent at the township building. Nina stated that this action is unlawful & a violation of Section 36.1 of the local Tax Collector Law. That law reads: "when any taxing district or taxing authority proposes either raising or reducing the compensation or salary for the office of an elected Tax Collector or such office, such action shall be by ordinance or resolution passed or adopted prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February of the year of the Municipal Election." Nina explained that a resolution is a formal township board action that governs the expenses and compensation the Tax Collector incurs in performing their official responsibilities. Without this resolution, the township would not have a legal basis to charge the Tax Collector additional fees that would directly impact his or her earnings.

Nina shared that in July 2024 it was brought to the Supervisor's attention to file such a resolution and they were provided with a drafted resolution. By February 15, 2025, no resolution was filed by Ross Township with the Board of Elections, thereby placing them in violation of the local tax collection law. Nina continued that Ross Township has used its township building as an official location for its elected Tax Collector for decades rent free. As township Tax Collector, Nina stated that she chooses to keep the processes in place for the residents of Ross Township so she can continue to offer the same services as in previous years, instead of moving to another location. Nina noted that it is not just about the fee assessed to use a shared office space. Nina informed everyone that she wasn't here to block the vote or discussion but to bring this to the attention of the meeting and the public so all are aware of the legal and ethical concerns involved. Nina continued that if this was still something that the Supervisors wanted to proceed with in the future, they would need to pass a resolution by February 15, 2029, for the 2029 Municipal Election.

Chairman Dave Shay explained that the proposed resolution wouldn't go into effect until 2029.

Attorney Ricky Santee verified that this would not go into effect until the 2029 term with the effective date being January 1, 2030.

Robert Wagner, State Constable, came before the Board of Supervisors. Robert stated that he has been a public servant for the past 23 years. Robert also shared that he had served his country in the United

States Marine Corp., most notably with the 2003 invasion of Iraq. Robert stated that he was there as a fellow resident and husband of the newly elected Tax Collector.

Robert reminded everyone that Ross Township had previously outsourced this duty to an individual from another township, due to unforeseen circumstances. He stated that Nina ran for office because she felt her background as CFO/Partner of a large property management company and her knowledge would allow her to do justice for the residents. Robert Wagner stated that Nina is a major asset to the township.

Robert had heard of the possibility of charging one of our elected officials, the county, or school district some form of nominal fee to have the Tax Collector in the township office. He feels that before we enact a resolution, more discussion is needed. He would like everyone to think about what we want to do here; whether now or in 2029. Robert shared that if Nina is charged for office space, he doesn't think she will remain in the township building. Nina won't be able to operate from her home due to security reasons. Robert reminded everyone that the new township building was built to have a secure location for people's information, the money they drop off, and anything related to township business.

Vincent Delhery came before the Board of Supervisors to remind everyone that Election Day is May 19, and the polls will be open from 7 am-8 pm. The last day to register to vote is May 4. Should you need to register to vote, it can be done on the county website.

**MINUTES REVIEW:**

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2026, meeting was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick and seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill. The motion carried 3-0.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried 3-0.

**PLANS:**

**Kurlowich land development request for 1889 Kunkletown Road – approval of extension is required (Expires 7/20/2026)**

A motion was made to grant the extension by Supervisor Randy Detrick, seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill and carried 3-0.

**Bluestar Construction LLC land development request for 1652 Bonser Road – approval of extension is required (Expires 7/20/2026)**

A motion was made to grant the extension by Supervisor Randy Detrick, seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill and carried 3-0.

**Tighe Scott- Hemlock Road - Minor subdivision engineer comments**

Mark Leuthe, Lehigh Engineering Assoc., Inc. came before the Board of Supervisors to state that the plans were there to be signed by the Board. However, there's still one edit to be made and then he will return the plans to the township to be signed.

Attorney Ricky Santee stated that the Township Engineer is satisfied that all conditions have been met. The concerns were with the certifications which are being addressed.

A motion was made to approve the minor subdivision with the corrected comments on it by Supervisor Randy Detrick, seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill and carried 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Data Centers Ordinance/Solar Farm Ordinance

Attorney Ricky Santee verified that the ordinance for the Data Centers incorporated the Monroe County Planning Commission's comments. New paragraphs 18 through 20 were added to clarify that an on-site power generation is a separate use. This will ensure that should there be a proposal to have an on-site power generation that is another principal use, it will require additional zoning.

Attorney Ricky Santee stated that In the Solar Farm Ordinance, he put the solar panels in the general commercial district as per the Monroe County Planning Commission's direction. There were no other substantive Planning Commission comments except for a woodland removal provision, which was also added.

Attorney Ricky Santee continued that the ordinances are before the Board of Supervisors. If the Board desires, we can move to advertise to have the Public Hearing at the next meeting.

The motion to advertise the two ordinances was made by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried 3-0.

Proposed Zoning and Saldo Changes

Attorney Ricky Santee stated that he had shared a big packet to the Board about model lighting. He also found some model ornamental lighting ordinances which he would circulate amongst the Board. Attorney Ricky Santee will work on an ordinance. He requested to push this out to next month's meeting.

Chairman David Shay approved and stated this would move to May's BOS meeting.

Authorize solicitor to send letters to uniform companies

Attorney Ricky Santee stated that he sent out correspondence to both uniform companies but has only heard back from Unifirst. He requested to push this out to next month's meeting.

Chairman David Shay approved moving this to May's BOS meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Any updates/comments from the Supervisors

Supervisor Randy Detrick shared that his new winery in Hawaii opened this past Saturday. He's been traveling there every three weeks. As of June 1<sup>st</sup>, he will only need to go to Hawaii three times a year.

Road work to be put out on bid

Chairman David Shay shared that Road Foreman Ethan Brewer had given them some options for blacktop and tar and chip.

Road Foreman Ethan Brewer suggested that they go with option one because it is slightly cheaper. He stated that once we get our bids in, we can make our final decision.

A motion was made to put option one through Penn Bid both ways for tar and chip and for hot mix by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill and seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick. The motion carried 3-0.

Motion for new lease – Haney house

Chairman David Shay shared that, Rick the former tenant of Haney house, has passed. His caretaker, Adam, who performed all the maintenance/repairs on the house, wishes to stay. Rick's family paid the rent through March 2026. Adam wasn't on the lease but wishes to stay at the same rate we gave Rick which was \$1400/per month for a 2-year lease.

Motion to rent the Haney house to Adam for \$1400/per month under a 2-year lease made by Supervisor Randy Detrick, seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill. The motion carried 3-0.

6:22 pm Meeting temporarily adjourned - in Executive Session

Chairman David Shay requested to temporarily adjourn the meeting at 6:22 pm to discuss a legal matter.

6:34 pm Meeting resumed

Chairman David Shay reconvened the meeting at 6:34 pm and stated that no decisions have been made.

Catherine Andrews/Dan Saunders release of plan

Supervisor Randy Detrick stated that this is being tabled for now and put on our agenda for our next monthly Workshop. Randy instructed Dan Saunders to come to that Workshop. Dan replied that he came to the last one. Supervisor Randy Detrick stated that nothing is going to happen. Randy thinks that's the best plan right now.

Resolution for Tax Collector Rent at Township Building

Attorney Ricky Santee stated that he had handed out what will be the first resolution for 2026. As directed by the Board, he put together a proposal for use of office space to go into effect 1/1/2030. The Tax Collector of Ross Township would pay rent to Ross Township of \$150 per month in exchange for transitional office space located at 250 Anchorage Rd., Saylorsburg, PA. The obligation to pay rent would go into effect at the beginning of next term. That is the proposal before the Board tonight.

A motion to table this until more is learned was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick and seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill. The motion carried 3-0.

FT replacement Road Department Hire

Chairman David Shay shared that Road Foreman Ethan Brewer had advertised and interviewed for his open position to replace an employee who is leaving. Ethan found a qualified candidate with CDL license to fill his full-time position named Colton Courtright.

Motion to hire Colton Courtright at our advertised rate with benefits and increase to go into effect after 90 days probation was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick and seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill. The motion carried 3-0.

Secretary/Treasurer position resolution

To be tabled to a future date.

**EVENTS:**

1. After meeting – dedication ceremony.
2. Free Yard Sale for Ross residents – Saturday, April 11 and Sunday, April 12.
3. Spring Clean Up – Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18 from 6:30 am until 2 pm.

**ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:**

Chairman David Shay asked Road Foreman, Ethan Brewer whether anything was set up regarding tree trimming.

Road Foreman, Ethan Brewer stated that he had obtained four quotes. The lowest was \$1,800/per day from Mr. Outdoor.

Chairman David Shay asked Road Foreman, Ethan Brewer whether the '06 truck was ready. He confirmed that they can sell it the same route as the last truck.

Road Foreman, Ethan Brewer responded that they switched over the parts and have a couple more things to do yet. He can list it on Municibid with \$1,500 for the reserve and have the auction end the day of the Board of Supervisors meeting so the Board can vote. He will then notify the bidder.

Road Foreman, Ethan Brewer shared that our phone system has not been working for over a month and we are unable to access voicemail. He told everyone not to leave a message, should they call.

Chairman David Shay stated that our phone lines are being switched over to Blue Ridge and a new phone system was approved and will be installed soon. He will follow up on the status.

Motion to hire Mr. Outdoor for tree trimming at \$1,800/per day not to exceed our \$7,000 budget was made by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill and seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick. The motion carried 3-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

These were emails throughout the month that were sent to the Supervisors and there is a folder with a copy of all of them in it.

**RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES:**

Motion to pay the bills was made by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill and seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick. The motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM. The motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick, seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill. The motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Orlando  
Recording Secretary