

ROSS TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION & SUPERVISORS MEETING

January 5, 2026

The Ross Township Reorganization Meeting was called to order on January 5, 2026 at 6:00pm and was immediately followed by the Ross Township Board of Supervisors Meeting at 6:14pm. 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 Santi was also in attendance.

REORGANIZATION:

Recording Secretary Lizzy Stortz was made temporary Chairman to convene the 2026 Reorganization Meeting.

Chairman – A motion was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick to appoint David Shay as Chairman. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Gregory Gill and carried unanimously. The meeting was turned over to Chairman David Shay to continue with the other appointments for Ross Township in 2026.

Vice Chairman - A motion was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick, seconded by Chairman David Shay to appoint Gregory Gill as Vice Chairman and carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer - A motion was made by Chairman David Shay, seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill, to appoint Melissa Monaco and carried 3-0.

Road Foreman - A motion was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick, seconded by Chairman David Shay, to appoint Ethan Brewer and carried 3-0.

Township Solicitor - A motion was made by Chairman David Shay, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick, to appoint Ricky Santi and carried 3-0.

Alternate Township Solicitor – A motion was made by Chairman David Shay, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick, to appoint an alternative representative from the Santi Firm and carried 3-0.

Engineer - A motion was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick, seconded by Chairman David Shay, to appoint Keystone Consulting Engineers and carried 3-0.

Alternate Engineer - A motion was made by Chairman David Shay, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick, to appoint Nate Oiler and carried 3-0.

Zoning & Codes Officer – A motion was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick to appoint SFM Consulting. There was no second to this motion. Chairman David Shay then made a motion to appoint Garrett Whiley at a part-time rate of \$40/hr up to 15hrs per week. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill and carried 2-1.

Alternate Zoning & Codes Officer – A motion was made by Chairman David Shay, seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill, to appoint Ryan Engler and carried 2-1.

Building Code Official/UCC Inspector – A motion was made by Chairman David Shay to appoint Base Engineering's Cindy Witman, seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill, and carried 2-1.

Alternate Building Code Official – A motion was made by Chairman David Shay, seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill, to appoint any other certified member of Base Engineering and carried 2-1.

Sewage Enforcement Officer – A motion was made by Chairman David Shay, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick, to appoint Ryan Engler and carried 3-0.

Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer - A motion was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick, seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill, to appoint Jonathan Shupp and carried 3-0.

Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor - A motion was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick, seconded by Chairman David Shay, to appoint James Fareri of Newman, Williams, Mishkin, Corvelyn, Wolfe & Fareri and carried 3-0.

Alternate Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor - A motion was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick, seconded by Chairman David Shay, to appoint an alternative representative from of Newman, Williams, Mishkin, Corvelyn, Wolfe & Fareri and carried 3-0.

Planning Commission Solicitor - A motion was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick, seconded by Chairman David Shay, to appoint Michael Gaul of King, Spry, Herman, Freund, Faul LLC and carried 3-0.

Alternate Planning Commission Solicitor - A motion was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick, seconded by Chairman David Shay, to appoint an alternative representative of King, Spry, Herman, Freund, Faul LLC and carried 3-0.

Planning Commission Secretary - A motion was made by Chairman David Shay, seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill, to appoint Melissa Monaco, with the position to pay \$100/meeting, and carried 2-1.

UCC Joint Board of Appeals Member - A motion was made by Chairman David Shay, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick, to appoint Dave Bray and carried 3-0.

Vacancy Board Member – A motion was made Chairman David Shay, seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill, to appoint Frank Piraino Jr and carried 3-0.

Pocono Mountains Council of Governments Representative - A motion was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick, seconded by Chairman David Shay, to appoint Gregory Gill and carried 3-0.

Voting Delegate to the State Convention - A motion was made by Chairman David Shay, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick, to appoint any available Supervisor and carried 3-0.

PSATS Delegate to attend Annual Education Conference - A motion was made by Chairman David Shay, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick, to appoint any available Supervisor and carried 3-0.

Delegate to the Monroe County Tax Committee – A motion was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick, Seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill, to appoint David Shay and carried 3-0.

CJERP Regional Planning Committee Voting Member - A motion was made by Chairman David Shay, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick, to appoint Gregory Gill and carried 3-0.

CJERP Regional Planning Committee Second Member - A motion was made by Chairman David Shay, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick, to appoint Howard Beers and carried 3-0.

AG Security Chairman – A motion was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick, seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill, to appoint David Shay and carried 3-0.

Earned Income Tax Liaison – A motion was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick, seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill, to appoint Berkheimer and carried 3-0.

Emergency Management Coordinator - A motion was made by Chairman David Shay, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick, to appoint Brian Stankovich and carried 3-0.

Zoning Hearing Board Members Reappointments/Appointments – Chairman David Shay stated there were none to reappoint.

Planning Commission Members Reappointments/Appointments – Chairman David Shay stated there were none to reappoint, but wanted to clarify that when Howard Beers had been appointed to complete Roger Christman’s term. The other appointment was to complete Frank Piraino Jr’s term.

Open Records Officer - A motion was made by Chairman David Shay, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick, to appoint the Township Secretary/Treasurer and carried 3-0.

CPA Firm for Annual Audit - A motion was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick, seconded by Chairman David Shay, to appoint Kirk & Summa and carried 3-0.

Employee Salaries/Set Wages

Secretary/Treasurer – A motion was made by Chairman David Shay to set the Secretary/Treasurer position to be a full-time position, with benefits, and a rate of \$27/hr. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried 3-0.

Road Foreman – A motion was made by Chairman David Shay to set the Road Foreman position at \$34/hr. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill and carried 3-0.

Full-Time Laborer/Operator – A motion was made by Chairman David Shay to set the Full-Time Laborer/Operator position at \$27/hr. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried 3-0.

Chairman David Shay made a motion that the new hire was set to start at \$23/hr which would become \$25/hr after a probation period with full benefits. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried 3-0.

Part-Time Laborer & Part-Time Laborer/Operator – A motion was made by Chairman David Shay to set the Non-CDL Laborer rate at \$17/hr and the CDL Laborer would be \$22/hr. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried 3-0.

Receptionist – A motion was made by Chairman David Shay to advertise the open position as a part-time position at \$18/hr, up to 16hrs per week. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried 3-0.

Planning Commission Secretary – A motion was made by Chairman David Shay to set the rate at \$100 per meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried 3-0.

Depositories for Township Funds - A motion was made by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick, to use First Northern Bank and PLGIT. The motion carried 3-0.

Amount of Treasurer's Bond - A motion was made by Chairman David Shay, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick, to set the Treasurer's Bond at the budget amount of \$1.2 million and carried 3-0.

Holiday & Benefit Package – A motion was made by Chairman David Shay, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick, to retain the same package offered in 2025. The motion carried 3-0.

Mileage Reimbursement - A motion was made by Chairman David Shay, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick, to reimburse mileage at the 2026 Federal rate of \$0.725/mile and carried 3-0.

Board of Supervisors Meetings - A motion was made by Chairman David Shay, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick, to continue to hold Board of Supervisors Meeting at 6:00pm on the first Monday of the month, unless on a holiday in which case the meeting would be held the following Tuesday at 6:00pm. The motion carried 3-0.

Township Workshop Meetings - A motion was made by Chairman David Shay, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick, to hold as needed Workshop Meetings at 1:00pm on the last Wednesday of each month. The motion carried 3-0.

Township Office Hours – A motion was made by Chairman David Shay, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick, to have the regular office hours set at Monday through Friday from 8:00am-4:00pm. The motion carried 3-0.

Being no further business for the Reorganization portion of the meeting, the meeting adjourned and the Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting began at 6:14pm.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Vincent Dehlery came forward to share statistics from the most recent election. There is a total of 3918 registered voters in Ross Township, with 1,876 in Ross 1 and 2,042 in Ross 2. Of those registered, there was a turnout of 1,468 voters, or 37.5%. The total turnout for the county was lower at 34.8%. He also shared the next Primary Election will be taking place on May 19, 2026 and the newly elected Judge of Elections is Cristina Foote Mcool.

Jim Vogt of the Aquashicola/Pohopoco Watershed Conservancy was present to follow up on his inquiry from the previous meeting about the stream being notated at the appropriate quality level for the Gateway Industrial project. Chairman David Shay stated they had not seen any changes made to the plan and the only thing currently before the Township is the Sewage Module, which had been approved by the State. He further recommended Mr. Vogt to go before the Planning Commission for their review prior to any further developmental approvals.

Martha Rezeli, of the Ross Township Historical Society, stated the museum will be open Saturday 1/17 from 11:00am-3:00pm. She shared they have new items on display including lady's hats and baby dolls. Lastly, she stated that if anyone would like to visit the museum, but the hours do not work for them, to reach out to the Township Office and Secretary Melissa would get them in contact with someone to set up a time to visit.

Before moving on, Chairman David Shay wanted to welcome Vice Chairman Gregory Gill and stated he appreciated seeing those wanting to be involved with recognition to the two who had run for the position. Chairman David Shay then shared it was Vice Chairman Gregory Gill's idea for them to all appear in their Township shirts together for the meeting. Vice Chairman Gregory Gill stated this was to show unity amongst the Township both inside and outside of meetings. He also thanked all the residents who had come out to vote.

MINUTES REVIEW:

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2025 meeting as written was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick and seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill. The motion carried 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

PLANS:

Gateway Industrial – Approve Resolution for Sewage Module

Chairman David Shay asked if anyone was present for Gateway Industrial and then stated there was no Plan and that they would only be looking at the Sewage Module. When he asked if they had the resolution, he was informed that representatives had stated they were waiting to come before the Board of Supervisors again until they had the item completed. There was no further discussion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Data Centers & Solar Farm Ordinances

Chairman David Shay told Attorney Santi that they had been working on Data Center and Solar Farm Ordinances that the previous Solicitor had put together which had been passed along to the Township Planning Commission, County Planning Commission and Regional Planning Commission for comments. As the Regional Planning Commission did not have a meeting in December, they were still awaiting on those comments. Chairman David Shay stated they would like for Attorney Santi to review the Ordinances as well and would get him in contact with the previous Solicitor.

Update of 1123 Pine Cone Court – Award Bid for Demolition

Chairman David Shay stated they had received Grant Approval from the County under the Redevelopment Authority to complete a demolition of the unsafe structure on the property down to the foundation and remove materials, not including any vehicles or other items. After receiving the required the three bids, the Township was now waiting on signed paperwork back from the County before demolition could begin. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill to award the bid to Marki & Son for \$9,000. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve 2026 Fee Schedule

Chairman David Shay stated they had put together a new Fee Schedule which would include such items as Zoning Permits, Signs, SEO Rates, Copies, Return Checks, Mailing Fees, Sketch Plans, Zoning Hearing Appeals and other items. Supervisor Randy Detrick made a motion to approve the 2026 Fee Schedule. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill and carried 3-0.

EVENTS:

Martin Luther King Jr Day – Monday, January 19, 2026 – Township Office will be closed

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:

Road Foreman Ethan Brewer stated Mark Kresh Sr had expressed interest in helping with plowing part-time. Vice Chairman Gregory Gill made a motion to hire Mark Kresh Sr for a Part-Time CDL Position. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried 3-0.

Road Foreman Ethan Brewer then shared the new truck should be in by the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

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 Supervisor Randy Detrick and seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill. The motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27pm. The motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick, seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill, and carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lizzy Stortz
Temporary Recording Secretary