

## ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING

October 6, 2025

The Ross Township Supervisors Meeting was called to order on October 6, 2025 at 5:59pm. The meeting was held at the Township Municipal Building.

In attendance were Chairman James Zahoroiko, Vice Chairman David Shay and Supervisor Randy Detrick. Solicitor Attorney Eric Filer was also in attendance.

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Vincent Delhery, Judge of Elections for Ross Township 2, came forward to remind all of the upcoming election on November 4<sup>th</sup> and recommended everyone to read through all the election information posted on page 20 of the most recent issue of the West End Happenings for more in depth information. He also gave a reminder of the deadline to register being October 20<sup>th</sup> and that requests for mail-in ballots must be received by October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Linda Kresge came before the Board of Supervisors with two items to discuss. The first item was in regards to the Saylorburg Playground which has been around and serving the community for many years. She stated Ross Township used to donate \$500 a year, but that she had been made aware that they had not been receiving. She was asking the Board of Supervisors to consider contributing the \$500 again, or an increased amount, for the next year's budget. Vice Chairman David Shay stated the \$500 contribution was still in the budget and that it would be looked into as to why the check was not received.

Ms. Kresge's second item was about the Hometown Hero Project. She stated she had spoken with Supervisors in Chestnuthill Township about how they handled the initiative and had been provided copies of their information to provide to the Ross Township Board of Supervisors. With Hamilton and Ross Township's lines crossing over one another, she recommended the possibility of a joint effort with the neighboring Township to allow for a bigger impact in support of local veterans. Ms. Kresge also stated she would be willing to spearhead the undertaking and was also willing to attend Hamilton Township's next meeting to discuss with them as well. Vice Chairman David Shay agreed with the idea to work with Hamilton Township and Ms. Kresge stated she would continue with the effort.

Martha Rezeli, of the Ross Township Historical Society, stated they are looking forward to the upcoming 250PA celebrations and being able to help showcase Ross Townships contributions through the state's history. She also stated the museum will be open Saturday 10/11 from 11am-3pm and that they have been receiving increased numbers of visitors since their reenactment. Her last item was to pass along a list of requests to the Board of Supervisors in case she would be unable to attend the upcoming Budget Workshop for the following year.

### **MINUTES REVIEW:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2025 meeting as written by Supervisor Randy Detrick and seconded by Vice Chairman David Shay. The motion carried 3-0.

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

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

**PLANS:**

Catherine Andrews Extension Request – Extension to expire 10/6/2025

Daniel Saunders was in attendance for the meeting. Supervisor Randy Detrick asked him about his attorney and it was confirmed that Attorney Weismeth was out of the country and unable to attend. Supervisor Randy Detrick then asked Attorney Filer if he would be able to grant an extension, as the current was expiring that day, and Attorney Filer stated they would had to have received a written request.

Attorney Filer asked Mr. Saunders if he had received letters that had been sent out and explained there were multiple sent as one had a fee listed that was not applicable to the plan. Mr. Saunders stated he had received four letters and was not comfortable to sign and submit any further items without legal review. Supervisor Randy Detrick confirmed with Attorney Filer about the timeline for response for the letters sent Mr. Saunders. Attorney Filer stated had thirty days to respond which would take them through until October 23<sup>rd</sup>. With this, no further action was to be taken that evening as they were still within their response timeframe.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Data Centers Ordinance

Attorney Filer stated it was his understanding that the items were sent to the Township, Regional and County Planning Commissions only for preliminary review and comment and not for acceptance at the time. It was stated they had received comments back from Ross Township and Monroe County, but that they were still waiting to receive comments back from Regional. Vice Chairman David Shay stated once all comments had been received back, Attorney Filer would compose a proposed Ordinance to be reviewed for acceptance. Chairman James Zahoroiko stated the Ordinance would align with those received from Chestnuthill and Jackson Townships.

Solar Farm Ordinance

Items discussed for the Data Center Ordinances were said to be the same for a Solar Farm Ordinance with waiting on final comments before a final Ordinance would be proposed.

Chairman James Zahoroiko explained the importance of adopting such Ordinances being that as more Data Centers and Solar Farms are coming into Pennsylvania, there is a large impact on the surrounding environment and electrical grid. While centers are moving away from pumping water in and out from nearby bodies of water, there would still be great strain on the local electrical grids and force wildlife out of currently wooded areas. There would also be the need for additional training for local Fire Departments on how to handle responses which is why Ordinances were needed to limit where they could be constructed.

Update on Pinecone Court

Vice Chairman David Shay stated he had received an email from the Redevelopment Authority stating Monroe County had approved the Grant for demolition of the unsafe structure located on Pinecone Court. The Board of Supervisors would need to make a motion to enter into a cooperation agreement with the Redevelopment Authority along with completing items including providing before/after photos, three proposals for the demolition and information on the proper disposal of items after completion.

Chairman James Zahoroiko asked about the presence of any hazardous materials on property and it was stated that someone had come and removed the motor vehicles which had remained on the property. Vice Chairman David Shay confirmed they would have only been able to address the demolition of the aboveground structure itself, without the foundation, and would not have been able to remove the vehicles as the Ordinance was only in regards to the unsafe structure.

Vice Chairman David Shay made a motion for Ross Township to enter into a cooperation agreement with the Monroe County Redevelopment Authority to abide by their requirements. Funding provided for the demolition would be in the amount of \$10,000 which would be reimbursed to the Township once all appropriate documentation has been submitted. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried 3-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Budget Workshop Date

After brief discussion to confirm availability amongst the Board of Supervisors, it was decided the date of the upcoming Budget Workshop would be October 29, 2025 at 5pm.

PC Letter Regarding BlueStar Construction/Bonser Road

Based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Vice Chairman David Shay made a motion to approve Bluestar Construction’s Final Minor Subdivision Plan with the outstanding condition being DEP approval of the Sewage Module. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried 3-0.

Extension Request for Gateway Industrial

Vice Chairman David Shay made a motion to grant the requested extension, dated October 6, 2025, through December 1, 2025. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried 3-0.

Hire Full-Time Labor/Operator

Road Foreman Ethan Brewer stated he had received two applications and was waiting on others. His goal is to line up interviews with the Board of Supervisors for the same date as the Budget Workshop so all items could be completed that evening with it being ideal for a new hire to start in November.

Letter from 3 Ladyslipper Court

Vice Chairman David Shay asked if anyone was present for 3 Ladyslipper Court and no representatives were present. He stated that a new land survey would need to be completed and for an engineer to create a new plot plan to remove currently property lines before recording. The landowner’s goal is to take three adjoining lots and have them become one to be able to construct a garage. After a survey is completed, the owner would then request for the lines to be removed and then record the final property.

**EVENTS:**

- Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> – The Township Office will be closed 10/13 for Columbus Day
- Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – Trick or Treating will be held on Halloween from 6-8pm
- Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> – The Township Office will be closed for Voting

**ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:**

Help with CDL Drivers for Seasonal Snow Plowing

Road Foreman Ethan Brewer stated they are still looking to hire part-time help for snow removal for the winter, but have not received any applications.

Road Foreman Ethan Brewer also stated LTAP had been out to the intersection of Young and Anchorage Road to take measurements. After they finalize a report of their findings and recommendations, it will be provided to the Township for any further decisions.

Vice Chairman David Shay asked if there had been anyone coming from out of Ross Township for the recent Celan Up Days. Road Foreman Ethan Brewer stated they had posted signs that they would be checking IDs and did not have any issues as all numbers were down.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Board of Supervisors had reviewed the provided Correspondence items and there were no further questions.

**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 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:24pm. The motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Randy Detrick, seconded by Vice Chairman David Shay and carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lizzy Stortz  
Temporary Recording Secretary