

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING

February 2, 2026

The Ross Township Supervisors Meeting was called to order on February 2, 2026 at 6:00pm. 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 THE PUBLIC:

Martha Rezeli, of the Ross Township Historical Society, came before the Board of Supervisors to share that the museum had a number of guests come to see the collection of baby dolls and hats she had mentioned at the previous meeting and that the museum would be open Saturday 2/14 from 11:00am-3:00pm. For Valentine's Day, they would have old Valentine's on display along with Valentine's treats and children's crafts being available that day.

MINUTES REVIEW:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2026 meeting as written by Supervisor Randy Detrick, seconded by Vice Chairman Gregroy Gill. The motion carried 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

PLANS:

Saunders – 140 Elmer Road

The Final Development Plan was before the Board of Supervisors. Attorney Santee stated he had spoke with Township Engineer Tighe Meckes in regards to having reviewed the Stormwater Management Plan. Mr. Meckes had informed Attorney Santee that all conditions had been satisfied from the Engineer's Letter dated September 8, 2025. The only remaining item would be for the applicant to pay any remaining legal fees that were still to be invoiced from the Township.

Supervisor Randy Detrick made a motion to administratively approve the Plan with the condition that all outstanding fees would be paid. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill. Supervisor Randy Detrick then amended his motion to include appointing himself to sign the Plan in lieu of the Board of Supervisor Chairman. This amended motion was also seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill and carried 3-0.

185 Hemlock Lane – Final Plan Approval

The Engineer for the Plan, Mark Leuthe, was present for the meeting and he stated he had met with Township Engineer Russ Kresge that morning to narrow down remaining items. He stated they had previously requested an extension, but were seeking a conditional approval that evening based on the Township Engineer's letter dated February 2, 2026. There would be no major changes to the plan as many remaining items were more of housekeeping items such as adding a bearing that had been missing on one distance. Mr. Leuthe then stated he had not received comments from the Planning Commission Solicitor until that day even though they had been issued in October, but that he had reviewed the items with Township Engineer Russ Kresge.

Attorney Santee stated most items had been satisfied, but the one remaining item included a parcel that was owned by an individual loan that would need a conveyance or quitclaim deed to avoid having issues with multiple owners. Solving this issue could be added as a condition for approval.

Chairman David Shay stated they had just received the letter from the Township Engineer that day and confirmed that all had reviewed were in agreement of the items listed.

Supervisor Randy Detrick made a motion to grant approval for the Final Plan based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission and February 2nd Review Letter from Keystone Engineering. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill and carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Data Center & Solar Farm Ordinances

Attorney Santee stated he had reviewed the proposed ordinances which had extensive comments from the Monroe County Planning Commission along with also receiving a review from CJERP. He stated he had not received a copy of CJERP's response, but Vice Chairman Gregory Gill stated they had approved of the ordinance and there were no further comments outside of those listed by the MCPC.

Attorney Santee stated there would be two items which included incorporating the comments such as wooded areas and a separate power source being a second principal use along with determining which districts would allow Data Centers or Solar Farms.

Chairman David Shay stated they would be listed for Commercial and/or Industrial Zoning Districts. He then stated there would most likely be other amendments to the ordinances based on other comments that had been received from the Zoning Hearing Board which would be forwarded to Attorney Santee to review.

Before moving on, a resident asked about the separate power source, that had been mentioned, being a conditional use. Attorney Santee answered this was a comment from the Monroe County Planning Commission to suggest listing that the power source be a second principal use on the property in the ordinance. This would allow the Board to impose additional conditions for safety impact on public utilities and infrastructure.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to appoint Eric Longenbach to the Planning Commission as a member

Supervisor Randy Detrick made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill, to appoint Eric Longenbach as a member of the Planning Commission. The motion carried 3-0.

Chairman David Shay then stated the Planning Commission consists of seven members and they currently have three vacancies. He further stated the Planning Commission meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm and that the Township is looking for more volunteers to join even though an in-depth knowledge is not needed going in as the current Chairman and Planning Commission Solicitor are very knowledgeable and can offer guidance.

Resident Carolyn Lange asked if anyone was interested if they would be able to first attend a Planning Commission Meeting. Chairman David Shay answered they were welcome to do so to see how the meetings run and then can reach out to the Township to express further interest.

Motion for Resolution for 2025 Mitigation Plan for Monroe County

Vice Chairman Gregory Gill made a motion to approve the Resolution for the 2025 Mitigation Plan for Monroe County. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried 3-0.

New Phone System

Chairman David Shay stated the Township does not currently fully own their phone system through Frontier which would be required to go through a costly update. They have been researching other options to purchase new phones which would allow for more in-depth voicemail options and other features. The Township is awaiting a final quote from Blue Ridge Communications in regards to how much the phone service would be.

Supervisor Randy Detrick asked if they should wait for a motion until the following month until they had received all of the numbers back. Vice Chairman Gregory Gill stated the Township would end up needing the new phones either way and made a motion to approve the purchase of new phones. Supervisor Randy Detrick seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

Motion to hire Receptionist/Recording Secretary – Karen Orlando

Chairman David Shay stated the Township had held multiple interviews for the Receptionist/Recording Secretary position and had decided upon Karen Orlando who was there that evening to shadow at a meeting.

Supervisor Randy Detrick made a motion to hire Karen Orlando as a Part-Time Receptionist/Recording Secretary at a rate of \$18/hour up to 16 hours per week along with attending both the Board of Supervisor and Planning Commission Meetings each month. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill and carried 3-0.

Rescind 2025 Auditor that was appointed

Chairman David Shay stated they had appointed an auditor during the Reorganization Meeting, but have since decided it should have been put out on bid and needed to rescind the appointment.

Supervisor Randy Detrick made a motion to rescind the appointment of Kirk Summa as Auditor. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill and carried 3-0.

Put out on RFP for 2025 Audit

Supervisor Randy Detrick made a motion to put the 2025 Audit out on RFP. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill and carried 3-0.

EVENTS:

Monday, February 16th – The Township Office will be closed for President’s Day

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:

Road Foreman Ethan Brewer stated he did not have much new to report and that they had continued work with snow removal and repairs. Chairman David Shay stated they had received a lot of compliments on the snow removal efforts of the Road Crew for the last storm and how well everything had been cleared along with also sharing that the newest truck had arrived.

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 Gregory Gill, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick. The motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:22pm. The motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chairman Gregory Gill, seconded by Supervisor Randy Detrick and carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lizzy Stortz

Temporary Recording Secretary