

Ross Township Commissioners Meeting  
1000 Ross Municipal Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
December 7, 2015  
7:30 p.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Grant Montgomery, David J. Mikec, Paul Trilli, Jeremy Shaffer, John Sponcer, Daniel DeMarco, Stephen Korbel, Grace Stanko and Lana Mazur

**SOLICITOR:** Bonnie Brimmeier, Esq.

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER:** Douglas Sample

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:** Dominic J. Rickert

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*Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation*

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**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

Mr. Joe Zawoysky, 123 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15229, questioned the salary resolution and the tax rate resolution. Commissioner Montgomery stated Mr. Zawoysky could get a copy of the salary resolution and that the tax rate was staying the same.

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Mr. David Cherup was sworn into the Fire Police.

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**PETITIONS AND COMPLAINTS - None**

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**RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:**

**Resolution No. 2193 – 2016 Administrative Salary Resolution**

**Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Mazur and seconded by Commissioner Stanko.**

**Motion passes unanimously**

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**Resolution No. 2194 – 2016 Fee Schedule**

**Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Mazur and seconded by Commissioner Mikec.**

**Motion passes unanimously**

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**Resolution No. 2195 – PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant – Siebert Road**

**Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Korbel.**

**Motion passes unanimously**

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**ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED - None**

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**ORDINANCES TO BE ENACTED:**

**Ordinance No. 2360 – 2016 Appropriation Budget**

**Motion to enact made by Commissioner Mazur and seconded by Commissioner Mikec.**

Commissioner Shaffer thanked the township staff and especially the new finance director for all the hard work in getting this done in a rapid learning experience working with the department heads.

**Motion passes unanimously**

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**Ordinance No. 2361 – Fixing the Tax Rate for 2016**

**Motion to enact made by Commissioner Mazur and seconded by Commissioner Mikec.**

**Motion passes unanimously**

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**Ordinance No. 2362 – Sewer User Fee 2016**

**Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Mazur and seconded by Commissioner Sponcer.**

Mr. Sample stated the township’s rate has remained the same, but ALCOSAN’s rate has increased.

**Motion passes unanimously**

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**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Approval of Minutes – November 4, 2015**

**Motion to approve made by Commissioner Trilli and seconded by Commissioner Shaffer.**

**Motion passes – 7 to 0 with 2 abstentions  
Commissioners Sponcer and Mazur abstaining**

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**Payment of Bills and Financial Reports**

**Motion to approve made by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Mikec.**

**Motion passes – 7 to 0 with 2 abstentions  
Commissioners Mazur and Stanko abstaining**

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**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

**S-15-13 – Edward J. and Mary Beth Moskala requesting Subdivision approval for the purpose of a two-lot subdivision on property located at 113 Siebert Road in an R-1 Zoning District of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward.**

MR. RICKERT: "This is a simple two-lot subdivision. The Planning Commission, having reviewed this application, is of the opinion that it meets the terms as set forth in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, and/or Zoning Ordinance and hereby recommends approval of the above subdivision application, subject to



the applicant meeting all comments in the Gateway and the engineer's review letter."

Mr. Jerry Nist, Hampton Technical Associates, 35 Wilson Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15223, was present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Nist stated they want to subdivide a one-acre parcel and sell the parcel that has the home and keep the vacant portion. Upon inquiry by Commissioner DeMarco, Mr. Nist stated a decent size home could be built on the vacant parcel.

**Motion to approve made by Commissioner DeMarco and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.**

**Motion passes unanimously**

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**PLANNING/ZONING REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Commissioner Korbel stated the sidewalk ordinance is a "go," and it will be advertised for adoption in January.

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**SOLICITOR'S REPORT - None**

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**RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**Request Board motion to advertise for Parks and Recreation front desk help.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Mazur and seconded by Commissioner DeMarco.**

Commissioner Korbel clarified it is a part-time position. Commissioners Mazur and DeMarco agreed.

**Motion passes unanimously**

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Commissioner Mazur reminded everyone that this Saturday Santa Claus and his reindeer will be coming to the Municipal Center at 11:00 a.m. She also stated it is not too late to sign up for the event.

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**ADMINISTRATION/LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**Request Board approval for Payment No. 2 from Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$666,434.29 for work completed between June 25, 2015, and November 10, 2015, for the 2015 Road Program.**

**Motion to approve made by Commissioner Stanko and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.**

**Motion passes unanimously**

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**Request Board approval for Payment No. 1 from East West Manufacturing & Supply in the amount of \$32,715.00 for work completed on the Public Works Salt Storage Facility.**

**Motion to approve made by Commissioner Stanko and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.**

Upon inquiry by Commissioner Shaffer, Mr. Sample stated there is currently 1,000 tons of salt in the facility with an order of 4,000 tons coming.

**Motion passes unanimously**

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**Request Board for permission to bid the sale of used police vehicles.**

**Motion to approve made by Commissioner Stanko and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.**

**Motion passes unanimously**

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**Request Board approval to appoint Henry Miller, III, Esq., as the Alternate on the Civil Service Commission.**

**Motion to approve made by Commissioner Stanko and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.**

**Motion passes unanimously**



**Request Board motion to advertise for Finance Clerk position.**

**Motion to approve made by Commissioner Stanko and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.**

**Motion passes unanimously**

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**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Commissioner Mikec reiterated that the salt dome is complete and has 1,000 tons in it with 4,000 tons coming. The structural steel at the Public Works building is 75 percent complete.

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**PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE COMMITTEE REPORT - None**

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**PUBLIC SAFETY/FIRE/FIRE POLICE/EMS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Commissioner Sponcer reported “prograss.”

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**MANAGER’S REPORT – None**

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**Motion to cancel the December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting due to lack of an agenda made by Commissioner Korbelt and seconded by Commissioner DeMarco.**

**Motion passes unanimously**

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**COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS:**

*All the commissioners extended their thanks to Commissioners Sponcer, Trilli and Montgomery for their service.*

Commissioner Korbelt wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Commissioner Shaffer thanked the fire departments for their service and for riding Santa around on the fire trucks for the neighborhoods. He also reminded everyone that Northland Library is doing their annual fund drive to raise money for programs.



Commissioner Trilli indicated next Sunday at 6:30 p.m. there will be a light-up night at Denny Park. Santa will be there. Children are invited to bring their homemade ornaments to decorate the tree. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided. He also stated it was an honor and privilege to serve on the Board, and he appreciated everything.

Commissioner Sponcer stated he enjoyed his experience on the Board.

Commissioner DeMarco also mentioned the library's fund drive. He also commented on the article in the Ross magazine about the library improvements. He also stated the Library Board has been working on a strategic plan. He stated he would appreciate help with getting the school district involved. Ms. Peet stated she could help with the school district. Commissioner DeMarco also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Stanko wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Mikec thanked the police for handling an issue in the Sixth Ward professionally.

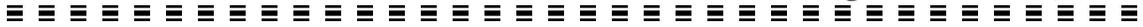
Commissioner Mazur thanked Commissioners Sponcer, Trilli and Montgomery individually on their accomplishments while serving as commissioners. She also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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**CITIZENS' COMMENTS:**

Mr. Mike Funk stated he really appreciated the Board members that he served under and the Board members he serves under now. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He also invited everyone to the Christmas party at the Public Works garage this Friday.

Mr. Joe Zawoysky, 123 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15229, commented on the sidewalk ordinance. He also stated he read in the paper that Commissioner Trilli won by one vote. Commissioner Montgomery responded "not anymore."



**Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner DeMarco and seconded by Commissioner Korbel.**

**Motion passes unanimously**

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**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:01 P.M.**

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**Douglas Sample  
Manager/Secretary**

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**Jeremy Shaffer, President  
Ross Township Board of  
Commissioners**

**Minutes transcribed by *Noreen A. Re, Certified Realtime Reporter***