

Ross Township Commissioners Meeting
1000 Ross Municipal Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
August 18, 2014
7:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Junior Commissioner Jake Stanton

SOLICITOR: Bonnie Brimmeier, Esq.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER: Douglas Sample

Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Joe Zawoysky, 123 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15229, addressed the Board regarding permit parking.

PETITIONS AND COMPLAINTS:

Jeanie Dominek, 106 Stevens Drive – RE: Ordinance No. 2206 – The prohibition of all parking on Stevens Drive except for Permit Parking for residents and guests of residents and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

Ms. Jeanie Dominek, 106 Stevens Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237, addressed the Board regarding how residents are acquiring permits for parking on Stevens Drive. Ms. Dominek indicated nonresidents are receiving permits and parking their cars and then catching the bus. Commissioner Montgomery requested the chief to review the permits that have been used and reissue permits on September 1st that are a different color than those being used currently. Ms. Dominek suggested permits be given to people with cars registered to their address. She also mentioned a boat that has been parked in the area.

Mr. Adolfo Marche, 107 Stevens Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237, also addressed the Board regarding the parking situation and the apartments.

Commissioner Montgomery stated he would have the Traffic Division and the chief look at the situation.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

Resolution No. 2146 – Addendum No. 3 to Resolution No. 2113 (Salary Resolution for 2014)

Mr. Sample commented that this includes the intern position at \$10 per hour.

Motion to adopt made by Commissioner Mazur and seconded by Commissioner Trilli.

Motion passes unanimously

ORDINANCES TO BE REINTRODUCED:

Ordinance No. 2343 – Amending the Ross Township Code of Ordinances at Chapter 14, Solid Waste, Part 1, Collection, Section 104, Hours for Collection.

Public hearing to be held on September 2, 2014

ORDINANCES TO BE ENACTED:

Ordinance No. 2341 – Amending the Ross Township Zoning Ordinance at Chapter 27, Section 1603.1.B, Digital Signs

Motion to enact made by Commissioner Korb and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.

Motion passes unanimously

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes – July 21, 2014

Payment of Bills and Financial Reports

Motion to approve the minutes of July 21, 2014, and the Payment of Bills and Financial Reports made by Commissioner Mazur and seconded by Commissioner Stanko.

Motion passes unanimously

PLANNING COMMISSION - None

PLANNING/ZONING DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT - None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Brimmeier had no report but requested an executive session.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT - None

ADMINISTRATION/LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Request Board motion for Township Manager to fill the internship position.

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

Commissioner Korbelt inquired if Mr. Sample had a candidate. Mr. Sample responded the position would be filled by Ms. Natalie Thiess, the current intern, for 24 hours a week.

Motion passes unanimously

Request Board approval for Pay Application No. 1 from State Pipe Services, Inc., in the amount of \$51,268.50 for repair work completed between May 15, 2014, and June 26, 2014, for the Ross Township 2014 Sewer Repair Contract – Lining repairs as required by the Consent Order.

Commissioner Stanko commented that the request has been approved by Gateway Engineers.

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

Motion passes unanimously

Request Board approval for Pay Application No. 1 from State Pipe Services, Inc., in the amount of \$91,960.00 for repair work completed between May 15, 2014, and June 26, 2014, for the Ross Township 2014 Sewer Repair Contract C – Special repairs as required by the Consent Order.

Commissioner Stanko commented that the request has been approved by Gateway Engineers.

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

Motion passes unanimously

Request Board approval for Pay Application No. 1 from State Pipe Services, Inc., in the amount of \$30,978.00 for repair work completed between May 15, 2014, and June 26, 2014, for the Ross Township 2014 Sewer Repair Contract A – Excavation repairs as required by the Consent Order.

Commissioner Stanko commented that the request has been approved by Gateway Engineers.

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

Motion passes unanimously

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT - None

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Request Board permission for Patrolman Michael P. Thomas and Patrolman Al Elway to attend the Pennsylvania State Police collision Reconstruction Seminar in State College, PA, 9/22-25/14. Cost for the training is free, and the travel costs are for lodging. These costs have been included in the department's budget.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Trilli and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.

Motion passes unanimously

Request Board permission for Sergeant Joseph LaMonica to attend the Intelligence Liaison Conference in Harrisburg, PA, 9/11/14. The lodging, seminar and meal expenses for this training are covered by the PA State Police. Any extra costs for fuel-related travel have been included in the department's budget.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Trilli and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.

Motion passes unanimously

Request Board permission for Detective Lawrence Wagner to attend the Internet Tools for Criminal Investigators Seminar, State College, PA, 9/2-4/14. Costs for this training include seminar registration, lodging, fuel and meals. Costs for this training have been included in the department's budget.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Trilli and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.

Motion passes unanimously

Commissioner Trilli commented that the chief had an item for executive session.

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

Commissioner Sponcer reported "quiet."

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Sample commented that the HVAC units are going to be delivered tomorrow, and the work will be done over the upcoming weekend.

Commissioner Korbelt requested a deviation in the agenda to hear from both candidates for the Girty's Run Sewer Authority opening.

Mr. Edward Monroe, 102 Konzier Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237, addressed the Board regarding his background and qualifications. His area of work for the last 50 years has been for municipal water and sewer authorities throughout the State of Pennsylvania, but mostly Western Pennsylvania. He is currently retired as a vice president from Gannett Fleming Engineers. Upon inquiry by Commissioner Mikec if there would be a conflict with his company doing business with Girty's Run, Mr. Monroe stated if there was a conflict that he would not take the job with Gannett Fleming. He indicated he works with them on an hourly basis if he is needed.

Mr. Bill Grady, 276 Kinvara Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237, addressed the Board regarding his tenure with the Girty's Run Sewer Authority. He indicated he would be happy to come back, but he also commented that they have another very good candidate.

Motion to open nominations made by Commissioner Korbelt and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.

Motion passes unanimously

Motion to nominate Mr. Bill Grady made by Commissioner Korbelt and seconded by Commissioner Sponcer.

Motion to nominate Mr. Edward Monroe made by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner DeMarco.

Motion to close nominations made by Commissioner Korbelt and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.

Motion passes unanimously

Upon inquiry by Commissioner DeMarco, Mr. Grady indicated he had previously requested not to be reappointed due to personal reasons.

Roll call:

Commissioner Trilli – Mr. Grady
Commissioner Sponcer – Mr. Grady
Commissioner DeMarco – Mr. Monroe
Commissioner Stanko – Mr. Grady
Commissioner Mikec – Mr. Grady
Commissioner Mazur – Mr. Grady
Commissioner Korbelt – Mr. Grady
Commissioner Shaffer – Mr. Monroe
Commissioner Montgomery – Mr. Grady

Mr. Grady is appointed by majority vote

Commissioner Montgomery indicated to Mr. Monroe that they would like to keep him as a potential alternate for the Girty's Run Sewer Authority. He also inquired if he would be interested in the Traffic Advisory Board, and Mr. Monroe responded in the affirmative.

Motion to appoint Mr. Monroe to the Traffic Advisory Board made by Commissioner Korbelt and seconded by Commissioner Stanko.

Motion passes unanimously

Motion to appoint John McDonagh, Kathleen Buck and Dana Bell to the Traffic Advisory Board made by Commissioner Mazur.

Commissioner Korbelt commented that he would like to meet the candidates.

Motion to table made by Commissioner Korbelt and seconded by Commissioner DeMarco.

Motion passes unanimously

JUNIOR COUNCILPERSON REPORT - None

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner Trilli stated he would like to advertise again for candidates for the Traffic Advisory Board and that he would also like to have the potential candidates named to possibly come to the next meeting.

Commissioner DeMarco commented on a concern he has regarding a private storm sewer line on McKnight Road. He indicated he felt the township should be involved in compelling property owners to get the sewer lines fixed.

Commissioner Stanko reminded the Board that the North Hills Council of Governments is having their annual dinner on Thursday, September 18th, at Sieb's Pub on Babcock Boulevard and to let Mr. Sample know if anyone would like to attend.

Commissioner Mikec reminded everyone to get their forms in for the fall educational seminar at the end of September.

Commissioner Mazur inquired regarding the next step for the Public Works building. Commissioner Montgomery stated the Board needs to review and discuss the matter. Commissioner Mazur requested the matter be placed on the next committee agenda.

Mr. Sample commented that on everyone's desk was an outline of a 20-year bond, 25-year bond and 30-year bond for borrowing \$8.5 million.

Commissioner Korbek echoed Commissioner DeMarco's comments regarding the private sewer lines.

Commissioner Shaffer stated he signed the checks. He also inquired of Commissioner Mazur regarding the senior bus. Commissioner Mazur indicated the numbers need to be reviewed and that the matter can be discussed in committee. Mr. Sample commented that once Community Day is over, the senior bus will be the next priority for Ms. Peet.

Commissioner Shaffer also indicated the Comp Plan is soliciting public feedback. There will be upcoming public meetings, which are listed on the website. He also inquired if services could be shared with other communities in regard to use of the new Public Works building.

Commissioner Montgomery inquired if the mirror on Cemetery Lane has been addressed. Mr. Funk stated the county has been contacted, and there has been no resolution. Mr. Funk indicated he would contact the county again. Regarding another matter on the condition of Thompson Run Road, Mr. Funk indicated the county is fully aware of the complaints on Thompson Run and Cemetery Lane.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Mr. Joe Zawoysky, 123 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15229, addressed the Board regarding residential storm sewers, sewer repair, the recording of meeting minutes, stop signs, speed bumps, parking on 5th Avenue, taxes and fines for people that do not mow their grass.

Mr. Bill Grady thanked the commissioners for their confidence in him.

**MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:28 P.M. AND
RESUMED AT 9:17 P.M.**

Motion to approve the full and final payment to Attorney Michael Sherman through August 18, 2014, for services rendered to the Civil Service Commission made by Commissioner Sponcer and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.

**Motion passes – 8 to 0
Commissioner Mikec not available for vote**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:20 P.M.

_____ By: _____

Douglas Sample
Manager/Secretary

David Mikec, Vice President
Ross Township Board of
Commissioners

Minutes prepared by Deborah Betzler, Court
Reporter