

Ross Township Commissioners Meeting  
1000 Ross Municipal Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
September 16, 2019  
7:30 p.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Stephen Korbel, Daniel L. DeMarco, Jeremy Shaffer (via telephone), Patrick Mullin, Jack Betkowski, Jason Piring, Joseph Laslavic, Richard Avon and Grace Stanko

**SOLICITOR:** P. J. Murray, Esq.

**INTERIM TOWNSHIP MANAGER:** Richard Hadley

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Noreen A. Re

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND BOARD LIAISON:** Dominic J. Rickert

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*Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation*

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**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – None**

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Commissioner Korbel thanked Ms. Peet, Public Works and the Parks and Rec Department for doing a good job on Community Day. He also created an ad hoc manger search committee consisting of Commissioners Laslavic, Mullin, DeMarco, Stanko, as well as himself. The position will be advertised, and there will be rolling applications and interviews until someone is selected.

Commissioner Korbel also stated that there was an Executive Session held before the meeting with the chief and lieutenants at the Police Department to discuss information only related to personnel issues.

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**TAX COLLECTOR REPORT:**

Ms. Poweska stated the early discount period wrapped up at the end of August. In that two-week period, 1,400 people came in to pay their taxes. She will be at the Municipal Center on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to collect taxes. She also commented on Community Day and stated it was “lovely.” There was a Girl Scout table that recruited some new Scouts as well as some new leaders.

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**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Bill List – September 16, 2019**

**Motion to approve made by Commissioner Laslavic and seconded by Commissioner Mullin.**

Commissioner DeMarco asked that the check dated for September 16, 2019, Invoice 09032019, be withheld temporarily from approval this evening. Commissioners Laslavic and Mullin were in agreement.

**Motion passes unanimously**

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**ADMINISTRATION, OPERATIONS AND POLICY:**

**Chair: Joe Laslavic; Members – Dan DeMarco and Pat Mullin**

**Resolution – Vacant Property Application for Beaconview Road, Parcel 353-G-187**

**Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2330 authorizing the acquisition and subsequent disposition of Parcel 353-G-187, which would be in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan of Ross Township, made by Commissioner Laslavic and seconded by Commissioner Mullin.**

**Motion passes unanimously**

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**FINANCE, BUDGET AND PENSION:**

**Chair: Jason Piring; Members – Joe Laslavic and Dan DeMarco**

Commissioner Piring had no report tonight.

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**PARKS AND RECREATION:**

**Chair: Pat Mullin; Members – Jason Piring and Joe Laslavic**

Ms. Peet was absent this evening.

**Placement of sunscreen dispensers in certain township parks.**

**Motion to authorize the township to partner with Sun Smart Pittsburgh to provide sunscreen dispensers in certain township parks in a manner to be determined by the Parks and Recreation Committee made by Commissioner Mullin and seconded by Commissioner Laslavic.**

**Motion passes unanimously**

Commissioner Mullin commented on the success of Community Day at The Block Northway and the success of the Car Cruise on Sunday. He stated he would like input from residents on the change of location to The Block Northway.

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**PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

**Chair: Dan DeMarco; Members – Jack Betkowski and Grace Stanko**

**Ordinance to be Introduced:**

**Dedication of sanitary sewer lines – Accepting the dedication of sanitary sewer lines and appurtenances for The Ridge at Highland Pines development.**

**Public hearing to be held on October 21, 2019**

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**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**Co-Chairs: Jack Betkowski and Dan DeMarco; Member – Pat Mullin**

**Resolution – National incident Management System (NIMS) – Adopting NIMS as the requisite management system for Ross Township.**

**Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2331, the National Incident Management System (NIMS), and recommend all public safety agencies, emergency responders, hazardous materials users and transporters, hospitals and school districts situated in the municipality do the same made by Commissioner Betkowski and seconded by Commissioner Mullin.**

**Motion passes unanimously**

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**PUBLIC WORKS, SANITATION AND SEWERS:**

**Chair: Patrick Mullin; Members – Jack Betkowski and Rick Avon**  
**2019 Manhole Rehab Program**

**Motion to award the Ross Township 2019 Manhole Rehab Program to the lowest responsible bidder, Base Bid Contract in the amount of \$129,750.00 and the Renewal Period 2020, in the amount of \$140,130.00 to State Pipe Services made by Commissioner Mullin and seconded by Commissioner Laslavic.**

**Motion passes unanimously**

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**OTHER BOARDS/ENTITIES (COG, CONNECT, Intergovernmental):**

Commissioner Laslavic reminded everyone that the “Wills for Heroes” will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 a.m. There will be lawyers and notaries donating their services for the event, including Commissioners Korbel and DeMarco. Any veteran, past or

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present, of Ross Township are more than welcome to take advantage of this free service, as well as first responders.

Commissioner DeMarco stated the library will be having a ribbon cutting for the Learning Garden on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. He also informed the Board he was asked by County Executive Fitzgerald to join an advisory board for ALCOSAN.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

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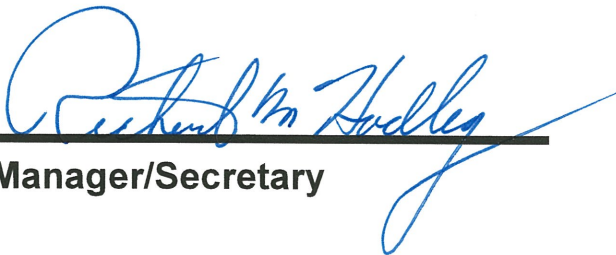
**Motion to adjourn make by Commissioner Laslavic and seconded by Commissioner Mullin.**

**Motion passes unanimously**

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**MEETING ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:48 P.M.**

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**Manager/Secretary**



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**President,  
Stephen Korbel  
Ross Township Board of  
Commissioners**

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

