

*ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2013*

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on November 4, 2013 at the Chestnuthill Township Municipal Building. Chairman Beers , Vice Chairman Kresge and Supervisor Drake were present as was Solicitor Dunn. Chairman Beers opened the meeting and led those present with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the October 7, 2013 meeting were approved on a motion made by Vice Chairman Kresge, seconded by Chairman Beers and carried. The Treasurer's report was approved in the same fashion.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Christine Meinhart-Fritz of the Monroe County Planning Commission was recognized who discussed the CJER Board of Appeals Ordinance and agreement. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge to enter into the agreement and advertise the Ordinance for adoption at the December 2, 2013 meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake. Some discussion took place noting that Solicitor Fareri drafted these documents and therefore should be in order for acceptance. Solicitor Dunn noted that he has not seen these items and thought he should review them on behalf of the Supervisors. After some further discussion it was determined that Solicitor Dunn review them and advise. The motion carried.

RAL Architectural and Design was on the agenda but no one was present at this time.

*A resident of Ross named Joseph Staples who was present to discuss an open letter to the Supervisors from Concerned Taxpayers of Ross Township which letter talks about the discussion of a new building and how they oppose this building and their reasons. Mr. Staples noted that no one was present to review this letter and its contents and was puzzled by that. He added that the letter expresses some of how he feels about the situation. Chairman Beers read the letter and added that while he agrees with the contents about building a new building but he objects to the letter in that many facts are not included such as no decision has been made to build such a building; we do not know how much the building will cost; the taxpayers of Ross Township have not paid a Real Estate Tax to Ross Township in five (5) years; a grant has been applied for and if that is received will enable the Township to build a building; if as Township Supervisors a decision is made to build a building they **can** build such building. Mr. Staples indicated that his concerns are not the money or the taxes but that the Township should get back to business as usual Vice Chairman Kresge gave a history of some spending that has taken place without public input over the years and reiterated the fact that for five years the Township took care of business without the benefit of the real estate tax and didn't squander money then and won't start now.*

PLANS-An extension request was received from the Dollar General that is proposed for the Township. The expiration for the extension is until the December 2nd. Supervisor's meeting and will be acted on at the November 19th Planning Commission meeting. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge, seconded by Supervisor Drake to approve the extension request. The motion carried.

The next plan is a lot line adjustment for Marsha and Howard Beers. Chairman Beers wrote a letter stating that he would not be voting because this is his plan. (the letter is attached as part of these proceeding) Mike Lalli discussed the plan and answered any questions. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge to approve this plan as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake. A roll call vote was taken and voting in favor was Vice Chairman Kresge and Supervisor Drake with Chairman Beers abstaining as aforementioned. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS-The outdoor wood burner ordinance was next on the agenda and Solicitor Dunn added that there is also a confirmation of appointment of the Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer as the responsible person to enforce the Ordinance. A motion was made by Supervisor Drake to adopt the Outdoor Wood Burner Ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried. Another motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge to appoint the Zoning/Codes Officer as the person to enforce the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried.

Some discussion took place concerning the status of the Haney house. Chairman Beers noted it should be sold or rented. A rental of \$1200 was discussed and the Secretary noted that someone spoke to her about renting it and would like to look at it on Thursday. She will make the necessary arrangements at that time. If it does not get rented it will be discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS-An Eagle Scout Resolution was discussed and adopted as Resolution #174-Nicholas Gemmel. A motion was made by Supervisor Drake, seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

A resolution was adopted (#173) which accepts Monroe County Waste Authority's Plan for the next 10 year period. The motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge, seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried.

A budget work session was scheduled for November 12th at 7:00 p.m. and an alternate date of November 14th if Chestnuthill's building is not available on the 12th. The Secretary will make the necessary advertisement.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-Some discussion took place regarding a recent truck repair and a component warranty that is available. Vice Chairman Kresge noted that extended warranties should be looked into also. The Secretary noted she will look into the requirements to obtain the component warranty on the \$7500 repair recently done.

Vice Chairman Kresge noted a small repair should be made up at the school house at the road edge.

Some discussion took place regarding patch work and the Road Foreman noted that he will be using cold patch.

CORRESPONDENCE-

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES- *A motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge, seconded by Supervisor Drake to pay the bills as presented. The motion carried.*

Chairman Beers recognized Jason Soucy from RAL Architecture and Design who was not present earlier in the meeting who was present to discuss his company's programs and history with respect to the proposed construction of a new municipal building. He reviewed several aspects and approaches to the feasibility of a new building and offered pro-bono services for preliminary planning and discussed many projects his company has completed. He circulated printed information for review.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary