

*ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2011*

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Ross Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Beers. Supervisor Kresge was in attendance as was Solicitor Dunn. Vice Chairman Drake was absent. The time was 7:00 p.m. and Chairman Beers led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to approve the minutes and the Treasurer's reports as presented. Chairman Beers noted a change to the name of the Township Engineer's firm from Russ Kresge and Associates to Russ Kresge and Associates a Division of Gilmore & Associates, Inc. . The Secretary noted the change and Chairman Beers seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Beers indicated that he has not spoken to anyone concerning installation of lighting for the park parking lot as yet but will this month and will also contact the power company for their input.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-

PLANS- Solicitor Dunn discussed the procedure being followed with the submission of Planning Modules. The Secretary explained that the module begins with Truman Burnett is then passed on to the Planning Commission after approval by the Commission and recommendation it is passed on to the Supervisors for approval. Once approved the appropriate portions of the module are completed and submitted to DEP by the Township Secretary. There seems to be an issue with the modules being submitted where the property lies within a zone that is not a permitted use for the application. It was determined that the SEO oversees the testing being done by the applicants engineering firm and the applicant or the engineer is aware of the use permitted in the zone. Solicitor Dunn noted that there should be documentation that the applicant knows about the zoning regulations. He suggested that there be something in writing from the Township that discloses the Township makes no representation that what is being proposed is allowed in the zone. Solicitor Dunn will draft up the necessary information. Solicitor Dunn also addressed the time frame within which the module should be approved. The time frame begins when the module is complete (by the applicant). It then goes through the appropriate channels within the Township and it must be done in a timely fashion. The present module for Arsha Vidya is at hand and was reviewed by the Planning Commission after a letter from the Zoning Officer advising the development proposed is not permitted in the zone the property is located in; the Planning Commission filled out the appropriate " Component A" noting that it is not permitted in that zone also. The Supervisors moved to reject the module which was done by a motion made by Chairman Beers, seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

OLD BUSINESS-NONE

NEW BUSINESS-Ethan Brewer's probationary period is now over and some discussion took place regarding a salary increase and benefit package. He is presently a full time laborer/operator and has now completed the required 90 day probationary period. There was a disagreement about what the new rate of pay should be since the other full time laborer/operator has been employed by the Township for a few years. The third Supervisor was not present so the decision was tabled until next month and will be retroactive. A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to enroll him in the benefit package. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

The fall clean up date was next on the agenda and the Supervisors stated that since the Road Foreman was not present for a suggested date that it be scheduled for anytime during the month of October.

Chairman Beers discussed the new Financial Assistance Program from Monroe County with the regional comprehensive plan committee being eligible. A motion was made to apply jointly for such funds to pay consultant Carson Helfrich. The motion was made by Supervisor Kresge, seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-

CORRESPONDENCE-A letter regarding a reciprocal recreation use agreement was received from Darryl Epply and was on the agenda. Their was no interest in participating.

A letter received from Monroe County Litter Control was read and a motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to make the annual donation. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

After a review of the bills to be paid a motion was made by Supervisor Kresge, seconded by Chairman Beers to pay the bills as presented.

Supervisor Kresge noted that he thought the Township had a limit on any expenditure over a certain amount of money had to have prior approval. He added that we need to get a handle on it. He moved to set a \$300.00 cap be placed on expenditures without prior approval. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to place an advertisement for material placement for Annie's Lane. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary