

*ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 1, 2013*

The Supervisors met on April 1, 2013 for their monthly meeting with Chairman Beers calling the meeting to order. Vice Chairman Kresge and Supervisor Drake were present. Solicitor Dunn arrived at 7:10 p.m.. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting followed with the business on the agenda.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2013 meeting and the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-The Chair recognized Beth Yengel, who discussed Transco's responsibility with Tittle Rd.. Vice Chairman Kresge noted that the road does not have a weight limit and therefore it can be run by vehicles used by Transco and others. However, they have put a steel plate on the bridge to prevent problems. Some discussion took place concerning the route they are taking. Since they have the right to drive the roads there is no solution to these issues. Vice Chairman Kresge said to his knowledge they are responsible for Tittle Rd. and the bridge. Some other issues were discussed that pertain to some State Rds. Further discussion took place in connection with stones tracked all over the roads they traverse. Vice Chairman Kresge noted there is a bond on a portion of Mountain Rd..

Frank Piraino a resident of Mountain Crest Circle noted that during the road inspection process attention should be paid to Owl Hollow Rd. which is showing signs of needed repair. Chairman Beers noted that a whole road inspection will be accomplished.

Judy Breidinger requested some mulch for park clean up day and Chairman Beers noted he would bring it from the stockpile the day of the event instead of before time.

PLANS- The Sandt subdivision was next on the agenda and they are asking for an extension until July 2nd. The Ross Township Planning Commission recommended the extension be granted and Vice Chairman Kresge moved to approve the extension request. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried. Additionally, the sewer planning module was signed by the planning commission and recommended for approval to the Supervisors. A motion was made by Supervisor Drake, seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge to approve. The motion carried.

Regarding the Chestnut Ridge drainage issue, Chairman Beers asked if the bridge at the bottom near the Moretz property was there before the development and Mrs. Moretz indicated it was. Solicitor Dunn indicated permission would be necessary from the property owner or developer for the Township to do the work. Chairman Beers suggested that the Township go in and do it and the other Supervisors agreed. It

will be reviewed when the road inspection takes place for more detail.

Solicitor Dunn reviewed the proposed hearing date of April 23, 2013 at 4:30 for the Zoning Amendment regarding the Floodplain regulations. A motion was made by Supervisor Drake to have Solicitor Dunn make the necessary advertisement for the hearing. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

NEW BUSINESS- Some discussion took place regarding a letter Solicitor Dunn sent to the Supervisors with some ideas on an Ordinance relative to Road Crossings. Chairman Beers noted that the Supervisors will look it over.

The Secretary discussed the joint Board of Appeals relating to the UCC. She indicated that we adopted a resolution with no names of Board Members, which names were to be inserted when they were finally chosen. As of this date no one is listed and she suggested that we have a joint board which is permitted under this regulation. Chestnuthill Township is willing to form a joint board with Ross and will await Solicitor Dunn's review on what is necessary to accomplish this at this time.

The Secretary suggested that since we now have finished with the 911 readdressing we obtain a new map and information guide for the Township. She showed the one Chestnuthill just completed and explained she spoke to Dave Albright who indicated they were pleased with the company and that it was done in a timely fashion with minor issues. Solicitor Dunn asked did they have a contract and Dave Fleetwood, Chestnuthill Supervisor thought they did. Solicitor Dunn said sometimes you can get a fee for having a certain company and he expressed concern that another map company (not the one we choose/chose) would be aggrieved. Chairman Beers said it is not costing the Township anything and we have done this before without issues. All Supervisors agreed to contact the map company and move forward with it.

Supervisor Drake spoke about Cherry Valley Wild Life Refuge who recently purchased property on Mountain Rd. and they are asking for assistance from the Township to clean up the area. Vice Chairman Kresge suggested that the Township provide dumpster space for the group for their clean up scheduled for April 27th. With that in mind he said he was given permission to clean up Bonser Rd. and Rt. 115 which he will do and which will improve site distance. This clean up will be a week after our Spring clean up day the Road Foreman said he will check with Chrin hauling and have them leave a dumpster to assist with the clean up. It was stated that the bags could be left at the roadside and the Township road department would retrieve them and place them in the dumpster. (Monday a.m.)

Supervisor Drake said she has been asked by residents if natural gas will be available in Ross Township since all this work is going on. It was stated that no it will not be available here.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-Regarding a road inspection, it was discussed that a date and time will be scheduled.

Regarding the agility agreement with Penndot, if we sign the agreement that was submitted we are not obligated to do any work. However, after it is signed we can then set up a project if we so desire, but , without the agreement submitted we cannot move forward with anything. Solicitor Dunn advised that there is a booklet that explains the agreement and the Supervisors should be aware of it. He went on to say why doesn't the Township just enter into an agreement for James Drive if this is the project. He described this booklet and the way it works. After much discussion it was determined that the agreement be signed and move forward. A motion was made by Chairman Beers, seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried. The culvert in question is being put on James Dr. (a Township Road) under Weir Lake Rd. (a State Rd.)

The Road Foreman was requested to submit COG quantities for road striping anti-skid and salt to the Secretary to forward to COG.

Road sweeping was discussed and the Road Foreman suggested hiring the sweeper for some of the cul-de-sacs. Vice Chairman Kresge said there is no sense hiring a contractor when the Township has two brooms and suggested he do all the roads he can and when road inspection is scheduled those that are not done will be looked at for further discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE-

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES- After a review of the bills presented, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge to pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried.

At 7:45p.m. the Supervisors went into an executive session to discuss litigation.

At approximately 8:30 p.m. the meeting resumed with Chairman Beers noting no decisions were made and the discussion was litigation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary

