

*ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2012*

At approximately 7:00 p.m. on the above date the Ross Township Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Beers with members Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge present. Solicitor Dunn was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

The minutes and Treasurer's report were reviewed and a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to approve as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC- Ann Moretz of Turkey Hill Rd. was present and discussed the disturbance of a catch basin which will now allow water to run unto her property. This was a topic of discussion a few years ago when a similar movement of the original stone swale was disturbed. The Secretary noted that Mr. Moretz had come in the office the previous week to report this issue and she informed the Road Foreman who indicated he would look into the matter the next morning. Since the Road Foreman was not present Chairman Beers noted the matter would be checked on with him.

Lucas Statts was present who is interested in selling his house located at 1558 Kunkletown Rd. and he indicated the home was built around 1966. The issue at hand is the distance between his well and septic that since 1972 are more restrictive. Chairman Beers stated that this matter is not for the Supervisors to decide but rather a matter for the SEO who has State guidelines to follow. Solicitor Dunn and Truman Burnett discussed the matter which resulted in Mr. Burnett stating he will go to the site and take some measurements. Solicitor Dunn noted that as long as the SEO is comfortable and provided the house was built prior to the time indicated (1972) and the well and septic are in original condition Mr. Burnett knows what he has to do and if there are questions he can be consulted.

Lloyd Mackes was present and asked if the Township has any times and/or conditions relating to burning. Chairman Beers noted that the Township does not have laws addressing burning except for a portion of the Nuisance Ordinance which addresses what cannot be burned. He added that the only time burning is banned is when the fire company or the County poses a ban. He noted that he spoke to Zoning Officer Fleetwood about a neighbor who burns during the night and other times. Mr. Fleetwood indicated that the Monroe County Waste Authority Police visited this site and will be going to court for a resolution. Mr. Mackes was looking for the Township to ban burning at certain times and it was explained that the Township does not have the manpower to enforce this and most residents are opposed to the prohibition of burning. Mr. Mackes noted junk cars and other debris are all around the property as well which Mr. Fleetwood is addressing.

Mr. Mackes talked about slum lords since he has seen people move in and out and no one knows who's coming and going.

Frank Piraino who resides at 1146 Mountain Crest Circle noted that since the road department did some shoulder work on Owl Hollow some of the material is washing out onto the roadway. The Road Foreman will be informed about this matter.

Judy Breidinger a park committee member expressed appreciation to the Supervisors for the installation of the park directional sign, the mulch and topsoil.

Vice Chairmam Drake asked Ms. Breidinger how Community Day is progressing and she indicated all is O.K..

Mr. Strodel of Tittle Rd. was present and asked if the Township has any ordinances addressing pig farms. Dave Fleetwood, Zoning Officer responded by stating that livestock is divided into intensive and non intensive. No livestock below 5 acres. Five acres allows 1,999 pounds per acre, mixed livestock. Intensive allows 2,000 pounds per acre but 50 acres or more is required. Mr. Strodel asked about run off regulations and Solicitor Dunn noted that the Zoning Officer is indicating that the Zoning Ordinance does not regulate run off to other properties that is not to say a private individual may have a cause of action against another property owner. It was suggested if a stream is involved (pollution) the individual can call DEP or the Monroe County Conservation District.

Nolan Thevenet of 3045 Mountain Rd. is the owner of the pig farm and he noted he has 105 pigs and he is well within the limits of the non-intensive regulation. He added that the ground slopes away from neighboring areas and a good distance from any creek. He invited those interested to come to the farm and see it. Nancy Poli who is the owner of the property said her son has worked very hard on this venture and there are other animals beside the pigs on the farm and she also invited the public to see it for themselves.

Mike Sprague of 122 Tittle Rd. said his property runs along the Poli/Thevenet property and he asked what would they do if the farm odor's got bad. Mr. Thevenet noted that he doesn't ever intend to let that happen because he lives there too and he added if there is a problem please come to them.

Chairman Beers closed the discussion noting that the Township is aware of this matter, the Zoning Officer has been there and is taking care of it.

Mr. Mackes noted that a new Stop Sign is needed at the end of Mountain Road. This will be passed on to the Road Foreman.

PLANS-

OLD BUSINESS-Chairman Beers noted that the park electrical will be operational after

Wednesday when the power company completes there work.

NEW BUSINESS-Clean up day was discussed and Chairman Beers gave the two dates of Oct. 12 & 13 or Oct. 19 & 20 that the trash company is available. It was decided that October 12 and 13th would be scheduled.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-Vice Chairman Drake stated that when paving projects are underway signage needs to indicate a travel way rather than just a road closed. Chairman Beers suggested that perhaps a road crew member could be at a designated place to assist with this situation.

Supervisor Kresge discussed the pipe on Flyte Rd. needs some attention since it has not been repaired properly. Some discussion took place about some things that are not being attended to and Vice Chairman Drake noted that she will talk to the Road Foreman.

CORRESPONDENCE-A letter was received from the Deputy Phil program and it was decided to support the program again this year at a cost of \$199.00. Motion by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES-Supervisor Kresge questioned the Possinger bill in the amount of \$4,300 noting many more hours then in previous years and the Township sweeper was not used. He also asked about the Scott repair bill for a truck light that was out during inspection noting that should not happen. Vice Chairman Drake noted that she will call the Road Foreman and schedule a meeting with him to go over some of these matters.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to pay the bills as presented, the motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and caried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary