

*ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 6, 2011*

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Beers at approximately 7:00 p.m. with members Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge present Solicitor Dunn was also present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting continued.

Supervisor Kresge moved to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2011 Regular Meeting, the May 16, 2011 Special Meeting and the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

The following bids were opened and read in response to the necessary advertisement for the road project in place bid.

<i>Hanson Aggregates Pa. LLC</i>	<i>\$228,445.00</i>	<i>Muschlitz Excavating</i>	<i>\$265,591.00</i>
<i>Locust Ridge Contractors</i>	<i>228,544,30</i>	<i>James D. Morrissey, Inc.</i>	<i>227,140.50</i>

Bid bonds were included with each bid.

A motion was made by Chairman Beers, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake to accept the bid submitted by James D. Morrissey, Inc. as indicated above. The motion carried.

The road materials bid advertisement was for 300 tons more or less of AASHTO #3, Penndot 2A stone, AASHTO #1, AASHTO #57 washed, AASHTO #8 washed, Penndot 2RC, Penndot cold patch 485 or 486, gabion, 3a modified. 5,000 gallons of CRS-2PM or RS-2PM. ABE Materials, Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, Inc., Dosch King Emulsions Inc., HRI Inc., Stockertown Construction Materials, Hanson Aggregates, Shiffer Bituminous Service, Co., and Eureka Stone Quarry submitted bids. After a review of all the bids they were awarded as follows:

*Shiffer Bituminous for 5,000 gallons of CRS-2PM or RS-3PM at \$2.85 per gal;
Eureka Stone Quarry for Penndot 2A at \$5.65 per ton and 3a modified at \$5.75 per ton ;
all other products to Hanson Aggregates as submitted. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.*

Judy Breidinger who spoke on behalf of the Park Committee requested some input from the Supervisors on the trees to be placed near the playground. After some discussion on Cleveland Pear Trees, Birch and Maples it was decided to purchase the three Birch trees for now at a cost of \$50.00 per tree and to keep the Pear in mind for the future. She also noted that the sign posts have not been installed as yet since they are awaiting the use of an auger. It was noted that further discussion on this matter will take place at the next park meeting.

Gerard Kozić was recognized who discussed the use of porta potties at the Borger race track and a court decision in opposition to their use. Some discussion took

place and the matter was referred to Rick Fisher the Alternate Sewer Enforcement Officer for an explanation since he was handling this in Truman Burnett's absence.

PLANS-Pat Kelley was present on behalf of the Sund & Gorman Plan which was approved by the Ross Township Planning Commission conditioned upon the Supervisors granting a waiver for the stormwater; decision on recreation fee; SEO confirmation. A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to approve the plan and grant the waiver from Section 1008E.1.b &c (roof run off); to have Mr. Kelley pay \$600.00 for the applicable recreation fee. The sewer permit has been approved. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

Mr. Kozic asked if the Supervisors had made any decisions on the gas ordinances and information submitted last meeting and Chairman Beers indicated there would be discussion on this issue later in the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS-Chairman Beers discussed the solar array installation and explained that Metrotek (the successful bidder) suggested replacing the Solar World Panels that were bid with Sanyo panels at no extra charge (the Sanyo being a more expensive panel) Mr. Beers noted he was told the Sanyo is more efficient when it is extremely hot. Some discussion took place and both Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge were in favor of switching to the Sanyo. Solicitor Dunn indicated that since the Sanyo is a more expensive panel the substitution would be acceptable per the bidding procedure. (since the amount of the bid is not changing). Howard suggested staying with the Solar World since a question arose from the audience about switching. Both Supervisor Kresge and Vice Chairman Drake voted to switch to the Sanyo since it seems to be a better product for the same amount of money. Additionally, the company submitted the comparison between the two to verify the facts discussed. Chairman Beers voted against changing. The motion carried with two in favor and one opposed.

Vice Chairman Drake discussed the Greenway plan for the Kittatinny Ridge and noted she spoke to Bud Cook of the Nature's Conservancy who handles easements. She added that there seems to be some interest about an Environmental Council which group would like to attend a Township meeting.

NEW BUSINESS-Solicitor Dunn discussed the Letter of Credit from AJ Properties for the improvements to Annie's Lane. The Letter of Credit will soon expire and it was determined last year that it would not be renewed again this year since it has been extended too long already and the improvements have not been done or even attempted to be accomplished. Solicitor Dunn has been corresponding with the applicant who has not responded to date. A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to call in the Letter of Credit and to make the necessary improvements. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. The Secretary asked if a deed could be obtained from the developer so the Township can adopt the road after improvements are made. The Secretary was requested to contact Russ Kresge and have him call Solicitor Dunn to discuss particulars of the improvements.

Chairman Beers reviewed the Gas Ordinance's received from PSAT'S, the County and a private one submitted by Mrs. Grieco. In discussing them he asked Solicitor Dunn to review whether or not the Supervisors can propose a stand alone ordinance, or suggest an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. If the Township can stipulate a particular zone for this practice than it would be better to amend the Zoning Ordinance. But if you are talking about noise, road improvements, lighting etc. that may be different and not in the zoning ordinance. It was brought up that there are many amendments to State laws that would pre-empt any changes local municipalities could or would make. In addition, as previously discussed the operation of the drilling cannot be regulated at this forum but rather by State Legislature. It was determined to have Solicitor Dunn look over what is possible for the Township to do in time for the next meeting Chairman Beers noted that this is also a matter that needs to be discussed as part of the Regional Comprehensive plan.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-

CORRESPONDENCE-

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary