

*ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2012*

The final Regular Monthly Supervisors Meeting for 2012 was called to order on December 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Howard A. Beers, Jr.. Members Russell A. Kresge, Jr. and Vice Chairman Tina Drake were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance to Flag was led by Chairman Beers with all present participating.

A review of the minutes and Treasurer's report resulted in a motion by Vice Chairman Drake to approve as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

Chairman Beers presented the proposed budget for 2013 in the amount of \$635,175. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to adopt the budget. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried. A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to set the Township tax mileage at zero. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Judy Breidinger discussed an email she forwarded to the Township discussing security at the park. It was agreed to post a sign stating the hours the park is open and to shut the breaker switch for the lights at the barn as a deterrent. Mrs. Breidinger noted that Mr. Ronzel who is a park member and neighbor to the park would and is keeping tabs on activities at the Kunkletown Rd. end of the property.

Solicitor Dunn arrived at this time.

Mr. Keppel a Township resident was present to discuss the status of the barking dog situation he had discussed at the October meeting. He noted that the problem is worse than before. Dave Fleetwood, Zoning Officer said he would contact the State Police again although he had spoken to them before with some positive results. He added that he also spoke to the dog owner over this matter.

Mr. Fleetwood was recognized as a representative of the Chestnuthill Township's 250th celebration and he distributed some informational material about plans for the event. He noted that the committee is looking for input from Ross Township regarding historical information and any other participation they would care to give. He added that the plan is to publish a book with a collection of historical facts and they are also looking for sponsorships to offset the expenses involved.

PLANS-

OLD BUSINESS-Regarding the drainage issue at Chestnut Ridge Plantation a letter was

received from Russ Kresge, Township Engineer. He noted that the basin at the Weir Lake Rd. end does not impact the lower drainage issue. Mr. Moretz disagreed. The rock basin near lot 10 is in disrepair. The culvert is in poor condition and is causing the biggest problem to the Moretz property. This culvert is on private property and no permit was issued by the Township for it. Chairman Beers asked how would the Township get the property owner to do what is necessary?. Solicitor Dunn said if the property owner knew about this when he purchased the property than they need to maintain it or perhaps the developer is responsible. It was determined that Solicitor Dunn would look into the deeds he obtained and other information to make a determination on this issue.

Solicitor Dunn reviewed the Penndot Agility Agreement submitted and stated that the agreement, as written, is not limited to the one project the Township is currently wanting assistance with. He recommended that the Township limit an agreement of this nature to a single project and not an open agreement for any project Penndot wants the Township to work on with them. It was determined that the Road Foreman talk to the Penndot foreman involved to obtain an understanding that this agreement is to be limited this one project at which time the Solicitor can redo the agreement accordingly. Supervisor Kresge asked the Road Foreman if the Township has permission from the property owner involved (on James Way) and he indicated that he did speak to him and he agreed.

Chairman Beers discussed the generator (being donated by Golden Generation) and he indicated an electrician looked it over and it is a 60KW generator which should take care of the building including the one heat pump. Also a transfer switch and gas tank needs to be purchased. Chairman Beers said he is currently working on obtaining prices for all that will be necessary to install the generator.

NEW BUSINESS-An affidavit has been drafted to make an addition to the Ag Security Program. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to add the Griggs property listed on the affidavit to the program as requested. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-Some discussion took place concerning a decision on the purchase of a new truck to add to the Township fleet. Supervisor Kresge added that he would also like to see a backhoe purchase. With five trucks and only one backhoe he is concerned. Chairman Beers noted that it has been about four years since a truck has been purchased and he thinks it's time to purchase one now. He described the various equipment and the discussion surrounded the purchase of an International truck. The Road Foreman received prices through the Co-stars program and the International truck is priced at \$127,376.00 fully equipped. Supervisor Kresge said he does not have a problem with the truck purchase but does not want to overlook the backhoe purchase and suggested looking into a lease purchase. Chairman Beers noted with interest rates so low that might be the way to go. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to purchase the International truck through the co-stars program in the amount of \$127,376.00 fully equipped. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge

and carried. The Road Foreman is to look into the lease purchase program as well as the purchase of a backhoe.

Some discussion took place concerning the Road Foreman Report on cutting trees in various places around the Township.

CORRESPONDENCE-A email received from the Park Committee was listed on the agenda but was discussed earlier in the meeting.

At 7:42p.m. the Supervisors went into an executive session to discuss possible litigation.

The Supervisors returned at 8:05 p.m. with Chairman Beers noting that no decision were made and the discussion was about possible litigation.

A motion was made to contact Russ Kresge, Township Engineer and have him meet with Chairman Beers to measure Ross Lane. This motion was made by Chairman Beers, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

A review of the bills was done and a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary