

*ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
MONTHLY MEETING  
MARCH 4, 2013*

*The Ross Township Board of Supervisors monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Beers. It was approximately 7:00 p.m.. Members Vice Chairman Kresge and Supervisor Drake were present as was Solicitor Dunn. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Chairman Beers.*

*After a review of the minutes and Treasurer's report a motion was made by Supervisor Drake to approve both as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.*

*OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Mr. Clay Trammel a representative of the U.S. Pipeline Co. was recognized who was present to discuss some work his company will be doing for the Williams/Transco Co.. They are asking permission to use Township roads and have a one page agreement that states they will fix anything they damage during their work and also that they are not responsible for anything they did not do. He noted that he and the Ross Township Road Foreman went out this morning and video taped the areas they will be working on a copy of which was furnished to the Township for reference. He passed out a copy of the agreement they are proposing. Mr. Trammel discussed Mountain Rd. and his discussion with Chairman Beers particularly in view of the fact that it was just paved and a weight limit is posted. He noted that based on those issues bonding would be considered also. Supervisor Drake expressed concern about using escort vehicles since there are so many bends and narrowness around the Mountain Rd. area of work. Mr. Trammel agreed to this request. Vice Chairman Kresge clarified by stating that there is a weight limit on Mountain Rd. and therefore tractor trailers shouldn't be there, but, using escort vehicles would alleviate the traveling public from coming upon a tractor trailer by surprise. Solicitor Dunn discussed the relationship between U.S. Pipeline and Transco/Williams and Mr. Trammel said they are contracted by them and Solicitor Dunn suggested that if Transco/Williams has safety guidelines the contractors must follow perhaps the Township (if satisfied with the completeness of the guidelines) can impose those also. Solicitor Dunn would like to see the guidelines. Solicitor Dunn noted that crossing the road is his biggest concern since such a hazard exists for an extended time. Mr. Trammel added that the road, although open cut, is steel plated for safety and not left open or **just** marked. School buses were discussed and again Mr. Trammel noted his company considers all these issues when contracting work of this nature. He added that the bonding for the cuts is on Transco/Williams but the bonding for the roads to be traveled is on U.S. Pipeline. It was noted also that the person to discuss most of these issues with is a representative from Transco/Williams who is not present this evening. Solicitor Dunn discussed a hold harmless and indemnification agreement also. Chairman Beers indicated that the bonding should be done by Transco, Solicitor Dunn said he wants a hold harmless from both. Chairman Beers noted that the decisions to be made are going to be up to Vice Chairman Kresge and Supervisor Drake as he has had some*

*dealings with Transco/Williams that will not allow him to be impartial. The discussion continued with a detour plan that the board did not agree with. Mr. Trammel noted he would like to leave with a laundry list of items his company will need, Solicitor Dunn indicated that he feels the Township needs to talk with Williams/Transco before doing anything else with U.S. Pipeline.*

*PLANS-Mrs. Moretz asked about the status of Chestnut Ridge Plantation (the Turkey Hill Rd. drainage issue) Solicitor Dunn noted he sent a letter to the developer and since has heard from their attorney indicating that it is not their responsibility. Their attorney noted he would send a letter to the property owner of lot 10 and prior to that Solicitor Dunn is contacting Township Engineer Kresge for some necessary details to supply to their attorney.*

*OLD BUSINESS-The lawn proposal submitted by George Washburn was accepted on a motion made by Supervisor Drake, seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.*

*The next item on the agenda was the Floodplain Management Regulations that are to be inserted in the Zoning Ordinance. It was noted that a Public Hearing is required since this amendment is to the Zoning Ordinance. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge to advertise the necessary public hearing to be held April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried. Chairman Beers pointed out that May 2<sup>nd</sup> is the deadline or there are ramifications by the Federal Government.*

*NEW BUSINESS-A motion was made by Supervisor Drake, seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge to hold the Fall clean-up on April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20 and the Township wide annual yard sale on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The motion carried.*

*Chairman Beers noted that a decision must be made with reference to the requested detour (by Williams/Transco) discussed earlier. A motion was made by Supervisor Drake not to approve the detour as discussed. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge. Chairman Beers abstained. A roll call vote resulted in two "yea". Motion carried.*

*ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-Some discussion took place concerning the purchase of a Backhoe. A representative from Medico was also present. Some discussion took place and a motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge to purchase the 590 Case backhoe from Medico Industries (through the co-stars program) The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake. Chairman Beers abstained. A roll call vote showed two "yea" votes. Motion carried. The Medico representative asked that the Township send a letter approving the Medico purchase to supply to the CoStars program.*

*A road inspection was discussed, but no date was set.*

*Vice Chairman Kresge indicated he would like to see more road sweeping done by Township forces this year and explained a procedure he felt would work out.*

*Some discussion took place regarding line striping and it was noted that the COG at its recent meeting did not put out any bid requests. (per Vice Chairman Kresge) Chairman Beers noted that the Township should bid the line striping with the blacktop contract to avoid delay as has happened in the past.*

*CORRESPONDENCE-Chairman Beers noted receipt of a letter from the Blue Ridge Hook and Ladder Fire Co. which was read by Vice Chairman Kresge. The letter indicated a request of \$40,000 and added that if the obligation is not met they will terminate services to Ross Township beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>. Vice Chairman Kresge explained that the Township had already, in November 2012, budgeted \$45,000 had they been interested enough to find out. All of the Supervisors had comments concerning this matter and it was determined that the Secretary write a letter stating the facts, and have the Supervisors review it. Some residents were present who were disturbed noting that they also make donations to the Blue Ridge Hook & Ladder Fire Co. in support of services they anticipate receiving.*

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

*There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m..*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Doris Price, Secretary*