

*ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 6, 2013*

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Beers at 7:00 p.m.. Vice Chairman Kresge was present as was Solicitor Dunn. Supervisor Drake was absent. The first order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

After a review of the Minutes of both the April 2, 2013 meeting and the Special April 23, 2013 meeting and public hearing a motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge to approve the minutes and the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion carried.

*OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-A resident from Cindy Lane, Bob Roberts was recognized who discussed the sweeping of cinders a couple of weeks ago and noted they are unhappy with the cinders that were blown in their front yard and grass and noted how difficult it will be to cut the grass. Vice Chairman Kresge explained that the Township, this year, used its own sweepers (brooms) rather than renting a vacuum as a cost saving measure. He went on to explain that the Township Supervisors did **not** impose a real estate tax once again this year (approx. the 5th year) and as such had some budget restraints one of which was the cost of renting such equipment. There was some discussion on the type of material and whether or not this would be the practice in the future. There was no decision on whether or not this would be done in future. Mr. Roberts said it looks great, a good job was done but his grass is going to suffer. Vice Chairman Kresge asked his address and noted he would make a visit to his property and look it over.*

Carol Lange a resident of Mountain Rd. expressed her appreciation to the Township for its assistance with the clean-up by the Cherry Valley Group of Mountain Rd...

PLANS-NONE

OLD BUSINESS-Solicitor Dunn discussed the Intermunicipal Agreement for the UCC Joint Board of Appeals should Chestnuthill Township want to join with Ross. Chairman Beers indicated in his discussion with a Chestnuthill Township Board member there was some interest in accomplishing this. Solicitor Dunn noted that he would send a copy of the agreement he drafted to Joseph McDonald, Solicitor for Chestnuthill and if agreed on an Ordinance will have to be adopted.

Solicitor Dunn discussed the Newell matter and stated he will ask the court for a hearing continuance or the sheriff's sale process. Of course, Mr Newell has to be served which will be attempted upon learning more of his location.

Solicitor Dunn submitted a booklet of the By-Laws of the Blue Ridge Hook & Ladder Fire Co. for the Supervisors information.

NEW BUSINESS-Some discussion took place with the Park Committee Chairman which was about the mulch request and Chairman Beers noted he will go to Green Pond Nursery and pick up the playground mulch but needs a date from the committee as to when they want it. Judy Breidinger indicated she would get back with a date.

The next item from the Park Committee was a discussion on the location of the proposed composting toilets that we recently received a grant for. Since no determination was made at this time it will be open for discussion.

Community Day events were discussed and both Supervisors present agreed that crafts should not be part of community day but two separate events—a community day and a craft fair where crafters sell their wares. Ms. Breidinger asked if local artists demonstrating what they do? That was acceptable to the Supervisors. Ms. Breidinger indicated they would not be selling anything but could furnish information about their work.

Ms. Breidinger said the Park Committee has recommended appointments of two more committee members: David Sweezey and Skylar Larsen. It was noted they have attended a meeting and have assisted with the park work day held recently. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge to appoint them. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

A letter was received from the Friends of Cherry Valley discussing a Fall Festival to be held at the recently acquired Moreton property on Sat. Oct. 12th. They are looking for some participation (not sure what form) and someone to attend two planning meetings. The Secretary noted that Supervisor Drake advised her she would be available for this since she is already involved.

A letter was received from the Monroe County Youth Field Day advising of their annual activities and asking for a donation. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge, seconded by Chairman Beers to donate \$100.00. The motion carried.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-The Road Foreman was not present. There was some discussion about a change in the uniforms provided to the Road Department. This change would involve a new three year contract while we have one year left on our present contract. A decision was made to deny the change request to heavier pants and further that it should be kept the same as we presently have for the remainder of the present contract. Chairman Beers added that at some point jackets were added to the roster of uniforms without permission from the Supervisors, he then indicated that the Secretary write a memo that no changes are to be made without approval since the Supervisors are the body which decides the benefit package for employees. And further add to the memo that uniforms are to be worn since they are provided.

After a review of the bills to be paid, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge to pay the bills, seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary