

*ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 2, 2011*

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors began at 7:00 p.m. with Chairman Beers leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge were present as well as Solicitor Dunn.

Several bids were received in response to the advertisement for the Solar Array to be installed at the Township Building. The bids were opened and read as follows:

<i>Metrotek Electrical Services</i>	<i>\$94,244.00</i>
<i>Spotts Brothers-----</i>	<i>98,790.00</i>
<i>Advantage Electrical-----</i>	<i>135,011.00</i>
<i>Thomas Hoffman-----</i>	<i>138,632.00</i>
<i>Solar Ray LLC-----</i>	<i>101,500.00</i>
<i>Energy in the Bank-----</i>	<i>103,680.00</i>

All bids were accompanied with either bid bonds or certified checks for the required 10% of the bid submission. Some review of the bids was done resulting in a motion made by Supervisor Kresge to hold a meeting on May 16th at 5:00 p.m. to award the bid decided upon after careful review of all of them. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. Solicitor Dunn stated that each bidder will have to be notified by mail in addition to the newspaper advertisement of the special meeting. The Secretary acknowledged. Chairman Beers added that no other bids will be accepted and no changes will be accepted.

After a review of the minutes of the April 4, 2011 meeting and the Treasurer's Report a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to approve as presented. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to adopt Ordinance #69 dealing with building numbers and streets in accordance with the 911 readdressing system. The motion carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Elizabeth Grieco was recognized who introduced Bronson Ford as a speaker on the subject of Natural Gas Extraction. He noted there is one in Monroe County evidencing they are moving in which will allow pollution destroying the environment as in many areas where the hydraulic fracturing is booming He added an ordinance needs to be adopted to protect Ross Township. Mrs. Grieco spoke about the disaster in Bradford County noting how these companies invade communities ignoring DEP and causing such degradation and contamination. She went on to discuss the Oil and Gas Act adding that they would like the Township to adopt an Ordinance so that these companies cannot destroy our community. Melody Trani a Township resident also spoke who reiterated much of the former discussion adding they are

looking for the Supervisors help to adopt regulations to prevent problems down the road. Chairman Beers noted that the Supervisors will look over the draft and model ordinances available as well as discuss what is feasible from the Township's standpoint. Some further discussion took place concerning the pipeline that presently runs through Ross Township and across the Country. Another gentleman spoke about protecting our Aquifers and other environmental assets from chemicals. Supervisor Kresge introduced Truman Burnett, whose property in Bradford County has been affected by these fracking procedures. He reviewed what occurred on his property. Further discussion took place regarding the Transcontinental pipeline and Supervisor Kresge noted that the conversation has gone from Natural Gas Extraction to the pipeline which are two different subjects. Many residents felt that the pipeline is also an issue and were under the impression that permits were necessary for them to work in any municipality. Chairman Beers stated that the only permit required for them is a road occupancy permit (to dig the Township road). Another resident expressed concern that Vice Chairman Drake was not voicing opinion about this subject and she explained that her livelihood deals with drilling,, environment, and issues relative to most of the discussion and chooses not to offer an opinion to jeopardize her position. Solicitor Dunn indicated that the group is talking to the wrong audience they need to talk to their State Legislators who passed laws such as the Oil & Gas Act who allowed these companies the operational methods they use in their business. A local municipality can only adopt an ordinance that is not over and above their enforceability. The local governments can adopt an ordinance to impose reasonable zoning regulations such as access, height, setbacks, screening/fencing, lighting, noise and similar but cannot regulate the **operational** aspects of their development. Mrs. Grieco reiterated the importance of adopting an ordinance as the residents are requesting to assist in not allowing these companies to come to their Township. The end result was that the Supervisors will look at sample ordinances and review their content to decide what is best for the Township.

Judy Breidinger Ross Township Park Committee representative reported that the Easter Egg Hunter was held after Easter because of the weather. She added that they are wanting to plant the seedlings as discussed last month and that was agreed to. She talked about purchasing some trees and Supervisor Kresge asked about the status of the trees he brought pictures and information about suggesting they be used since they are very attractive. She discussed Birch trees and Supervisor Kresge reiterated he would like to see the trees he has on his property. There was some discussion on whether or not Mr. Kresge's trees are suitable for the area. The discussion ended with further information needed before trees are purchased/planted. Ms. Breidinger noted that Saturday May 7th has been designated as the day to install the new informational signs that were purchased for the park and asked if the Road Dept. could dig the holes---without a location marked it probably can't be scheduled for this week in time for Saturday. It was noted that one of the Park members has an auger that might be sufficient and she added if anyone wants to assist with the installation please be there on Saturday at 9 a.m. Vice Chairman Drake in getting back to the trees suggested that the committee look at Mr. Kresge's trees and get a price as a comparison

to the birch they are looking at. Chairman Beers noted that he feels park members need to make decisions which doesn't seem to be happening.

Gerard Kozic was recognized who talked about a time limit for tractor trailers to run. Chairman Beers said he doesn't think there is a time limit. In addition, he wanted to know if there is a limit on how many trucks could be on the property. He stated that there is considerable noise caused by a shredder on surrounding property. He stressed the noise and other activities are disrupting his life and the tractor trailers passing his house shake it. Supervisor Kresge noted that the road is a State Rd. and the trucks have a right to drive on it. The Township cannot control that. Mr. Kozic said if they were not allowed to park there they wouldn't be driving past his home. It was pointed out that the parcel that is "a farm" is an 80 acre parcel and as such has some agricultural benefits.

PLANS-

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS- Chairman Beers described the materials list as follows:

300 tons more or less of AASHTO#3, Penndot 2A Stone, AASHTO #1, AASHTO #57 washed, AASHTO #8 washed Penndot 2RC, Penndot cold patch, gabion, 3a modified FOB plant and 5,000 gallons of CRS-2PM or RS-2PM oil delivered.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to advertise for the products aforementioned. The motion carried.

Chairman Beers described the 2011 road project which requires 2,435 tons of 9.5mm Wearing Course PG 64-22 and 102 tons of 19.0mm wearing course PG 64-22. A motion was made by Supervisors Kresge to advertise this product to be put in place. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

Chairman Beers noted the Township has two Eagle Scouts for which the Supervisors adopted Resolution numbers 166 to Brendon Lee Smith and 167 to Corey Anthony Smith. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisors Kresge and carried.

Vice Chairman Drake noted receipt of a letter from The Nature Conservancy's discussing the Kittatinny Ridge Eastern Greenway Plan and noted she would contact them further.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-Chairman Beers reviewed the Road Foreman report and noted that if we have 35mph speed limit signs they should be put up to replace the ones there. Additionally, another should be installed just after Kunkletown Rd. and another one is hidden in some brush. It was suggested that another one be placed instead of cutting the brush (which could be a bush).

CORRESPONDENCE-A letter was received from Monroe County Litter Control requesting a list of roadways we would like litter removed from by their crew. The following roads were submitted: Meixsell Valley Rd., Flyte Rd., Blue Ridge Rd..The Secretary will forward this information to the Board.

A letter was received from Eldred Township requesting a letter of support for a grant application they are submitting to DCED to improve a park in their Township. The Supervisors agreed to send such letter and Vice Chairman Drake added that Eldred should also be encouraged to get involved in the WEPOSC. After some discussion all agreed to that.

At 8:35p.m. Chairman Beers announced an executive session will be held to discuss personnel.

At 8:50 p.m.the meeting resumed with Chairman Beers announcing that the discussion was personnel with no decisions made.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to appoint Ethan Brewer as a full time laborer. The motion carried, The pay rate was decided to be approximately that of the part time laborer/operator.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary