

*ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
MONTHLY MEETING  
FEBRUARY 6, 2012*

*The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Beers with members Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisors Kresge present. Solicitor Dunn was also present. At 7:00 p.m. Chairman Beers led those present with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.*

*Vice Chairman Drake moved to approve the minutes of both January meetings and the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.*

*OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Brian Cawley, Commander of the Lehigh State Police Barracks introduced himself as the new Commander and offered to assist the Township with any issues that he can. He added that he intends to visit each municipality at various times to keep in touch with officials. Supervisor Kresge noted that the Pa. State Police from Lehigh just responded to an event that day and he was well satisfied with the response.*

*PLANS- A sewer planning module was presented for the Nolf subdivision and a recommendation was made by the Planning Commission to approve this submission. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to approve. The motion carried.*

*Chairman Beers discussed the Hunter Plan that has been submitted who requested a fee waiver since his last plan was withdrawn. A recommendation from the Planning Commission was made that the request be denied. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and charge the submittal fee. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.*

*OLD BUSINESS-Chairman Beers reviewed the lights to be installed in the park parking lot and other service for the park area which included 400 amp. service, 5 light poles with receptacles, etc.. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to advertise to accept bids for this project with no substitutions to the specifications. The motion carried. The bids are to be opened at the next meeting not necessarily awarded the same time.*

*Chairman Beers talked about the solar work and noted the meter has now been installed and he has asked the road department to log the readings from the meter to determine the usage.*

*A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to ratify the adoption of an Eagle Scout Resolution for Dillon McHugh which event occurred during the past month. The Resolution number is #170.*

*It was determined to advertise acceptance of bids for the sale of the 91 Dump Truck in the PSATS magazine. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake and seconded by Supervisor Kresge. The motion carried.*

*Some discussion took place regarding filing of a legal action against Rockne Newell. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to institute legal action against Rockne Newell for violation of zoning regulations and sewer violations. The motion carried. Solicitor Dunn reviewed the documents that he had prepared detailing various violations in the complaint. He added that he will also be looking into the floodplain maps and the Township ordinance.*

*Chairman Beers stated he received a call from Senator Toomey prompted by receipt of a letter from the Township regarding a possible fraudulent claim submitted by Mr. Newell. He was told that he was unable to obtain information because of the Federal Privacy Act but that FEMA would follow their investigative procedure. The outcome of which we may never be apprised of. Solicitor Dunn added that it may be possible to subpoena parties involved.*

*NEW BUSINESS- Vice Chairman Drake discussed that PP & L has grant money available for municipalities that include the Cherry Valley Wildlife Refuge that can be utilized to acquire property and mentioned the old mining area as a possible purchase. Some discussion took place and it was determined that Vice Chairman Drake would look into the feasibility of what actually can be done. She spoke about the Environmental Advisory Council also recognizing the fact that Ross has the five acre minimum in the Zoning along the Appalachian Trail. Vice Chairman Drake said she will meet with the EAC representative and update her on Ross' position.*

*Spring clean-up dates were made and are April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. . The Township wide yard sale is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>.*

*The Secretary asked if the Friends of WEPOSC could hold an electronic clean-up as a fund raiser during the Spring clean-up event. The consensus was to move forward with it.*

*A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to adopt the new Lehigh Valley Inspection Services fees submitted and noted as "2012 Fees". The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.*

*Vice Chairman Drake asked about the paving work to be done on Faulstick Rd. after the water company completes its work because she has been asked by some residents. It was noted that only a very small portion is in Ross Township. However, Supervisor Kresge indicated he has had contact with the water co. and will follow up on what will be done.*

#### **ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT-**

*CORRESPONDENCE-Chairman Beers noted receipt of a letter from Blue Ridge Hook and Ladder's Ladies Auxiliary asking for a donation for their basket bingo. The decision was not in favor of the donation with Chairman Beers noting past frivolous spending as a reason.*

*A letter was received requesting use of the building for a small group to gather for information on health issues. It was noted that the building is not used for these purposes and it was suggested that the letter be forwarded to Bernie Kozen as an alternate place (Chestnuthill Twp. Bldg.) and could possibly lead to partnership events. It was also noted to advise her that the park pavilion could be used during warmer weather.*

*At 7:40 Chairman Beers called an executive session to discuss pending litigation and personnel.*

*At 7:50 the meeting resumed and Chairman Beers said no decisions were made.*

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

*After a review of the personnel manual a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to add the amendment with respect to alcohol and to furnish employees with it requesting receipt of same. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.*

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m..*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Doris Price, Secretary*

