

*ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 7, 2012*

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

Supervisor Kresge moved to accept the minutes of the April 2, 2012 meeting and the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Judy Breidinger of the Ross Township Park Committee asked about a meeting requested by Dave Dion with the Supervisors to discuss future development of the Park. Mr. Dion presented a map of the committees vision of the amenities the park could have and what is already there. Some discussion took place regarding the plans for the barn (next to the Kunkletown Rd. house) and the consensus of opinion is to take the barn down particularly for the sight distance limitation at that end of the park. Supervisor Kresge indicated it was decided some time ago that the barn needs to be removed. Mr. Dion noted that he has discussed its removal with someone who will remove it and he just wanted to clarify that the removal is what has been decided on. Mr. Dion said he will have the interested party contact the Township office so that plans can be made to proceed with removing the barn with the exception of the stone foundation. Regarding the map that was presented Mr. Dion suggested that the Supervisors look it over and invited them to attend the Park Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday May 10th.

PLANS-In connection with the Nolf subdivison, Ryan Engler was present noting a request for a waiver of Section 1008e which discusses the minimum depth limiting zone in connection with Stormwater. A time extension was also received good until June 5, 2012. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to approve both the waiver and time extension. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

OLD BUSINESS-Solicitor Dunn discussed the Allentown NIZ status as it pertains to Earned Income Tax and he recommended that Ross enter into an agreement with PSATS to file a law suit with any number of municipalities to prevent funds from staying in Allentown and to be distributed as should be. The legislation is that any resident working in the Neighborhood Improvement Zone subject to payment of earned income taxes will have their taxes collected by the appointed tax officer and distributed to the State Fund created to pay debt service for projects with the NIZ. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to join with PSATS effort to prevent these funds from staying in Allentown. The motion carried.

Chairman Beers discussed the parking lot lights for the park parking lot and noted that

Met Ed has to install a pole and transformer (created by a past installation done incorrectly by them) and will cost \$3,200.00.

Solicitor Dunn discussed the Newell filing stating that Mr. Newell filed two documents and Solicitor Dunn filed a motion for judgement which may be heard the first Monday in June. May hear something by July meeting. Regarding the sheriff sale (which is a separate issue) we are looking at 16-18 months or summer 2013.

NEW BUSINESS-

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-Chairman Beers noted receipt of a memo from Russ Kresge, Engineer stating that a single yellow line in the center of Township roads is not acceptable as a PennDOT standard and could interfere with liquid fuels monies. It was noted that the center double yellow should be put down and discussion took place concerning cost and also just doing main roads and not development roads.

Road projects for 2012 were discussed and it was determined to bid out 2800 tons more or less of 9.5mm in place for Mountain Rd. from 115 to last years line and Annie's Lane including the cul-de-sac to be completed between 6/15 and completed by 8/15. A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to place a notice accepting bids for 300 ton more or less of various stone products and cold patch as well as 5,000 gallons oil. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE-Supervisor Kresge discussed the Earned Income Tax collection and the changes taking place with the collector expressing concern over whether or not we are getting our correct monies. He indicated he would like a "watch dog" to verify the proceeds are coming in as before (when we had our own EIT collector). Some discussion took place over this matter resulting in Supervisor Kresge is to discuss this matter with the school and Linda Marsili.

After a review of the bills to be paid a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to pay the bills as presented. The motion carried.

Chairman Beers called an executive session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss litigation and personnel.

At 7:55 the meeting continued with a statement by Chairman Beers that no decisions were made and the discussion was about litigation and personnel.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary

