

*ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 5, 2012*

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m.. Members present were Chairman Beers, Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge. Solicitor Dunn was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Chairman Beers.

After a review of the minutes of the October 1, 2012 meeting and the Treasurer's report a motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to accept both as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

Chairman Beers announced that the proposed budget is prepared and ready for the necessary advertisement. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to adopt the proposed 2013 budget. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried. Chairman Beers added that the advertisement will indicate that the proposed budget is slated for adoption at the December 3, 2012 meeting.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Mr. Stanovich of 856 Meixsell Valley Rd. was recognized who discussed needing help to remove some large trees that are creating a hazard. It was determined that the trees are located on Mr. Stanovich's property and not on the Township right of way. With that in mind, Chairman Beers told Mr. Stanovich that the Township cannot expend its funds to remove someone's trees. Mr. Stanovich mentioned that the trees are in the wires and it was suggested that the electric company be contacted who is always trimming trees around and near their wires. Solicitor Dunn added that since they are Mr. Stanovich's trees they are his responsibility. Mr. Stanovich stated he was just looking for some help for the Township to remove the trees.

David Everitt of Mountain Rd. was present asking if it is necessary for him to obtain a permit to remove some trees that were pushed up on his property during the recent storm. He added that they need to be all pulled out probably onto the road to allow removal and he thought a permit may be required. Discussion was that no permit is needed for this work. Supervisor Kresge asked if it is our responsibility to straighten out this area since we pushed the trees there and Chairman Beers didn't think so and Solicitor Dunn indicated that it is the Township's obligation to clear the road.

Mr. Moretz noted that last year a tree fell on the road and it took some time before the police came and eventually the fire company came and cut it up he noted that if he is permitted he would in the future put up a warning to avoid problems. It was determined that he certainly could assist in that regard.

Mr. Mark Kresch was present who discussed the outdoor wood burning stove requirements by saying the Township Ordinance is very restrictive considering the new

stoves that are now available and suggested the Township Ordinance be changed. It was stated that at present the Ordinance is in place and he must comply with it unless a change is made.

PLANS-

OLD BUSINESS -Solicitor Dunn reported that he spoke to Russ Kresge, Township Engineer regarding the Turkey Hill Rd. area drainage swale. Mr. Kresge was to meet with the Road Foreman to review the matter but the recent storm prevented them from scheduling a meeting.

Regarding the R. Newell court action, Solicitor Dunn noted Mr. Newell has not complied by removing junk/debris or submitting a plan to remove culvert. Additionally, he is not to reside, use or occupy the structure on the property which has yet to be determined. Solicitor Dunn noted that his preference would be to proceed with all the violations at once. The consensus of opinion was to move forward without the proof of residing, occupying or using the structure and not to wait for the Zoning Officer to prove this. It was determined that both Supervisor Kresge and Vice Chairman Drake would take current pictures to provide evidence of no removal of the junk/debris. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to have the Solicitor seek enforcement of the court action. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

NEW BUSINESS- An Agility Agreement was received from Penndot and Solicitor Dunn indicated he received it this evening and will review it and make a report to the Board.

A resignation letter was received from Peter Scarfaro, a member of the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to accept the resignation as submitted. The motion carried.

Chairman Beers noted that the Golden Generation Students Assn. on Mt. Eaton Rd. would like to donate a propane generator and he asked if the Township can accept a donation. Solicitor Dunn responded by saying yes and added do they have any applications before us and the answer is no. Some discussion took place regarding this generator which led to agreeing to accept it.

Chairman Beers discussed the purchase of a radio for the emergency management coordinator and it was agreed to make the purchase based on the fact that some funds were received many years ago while updating the Emergency Management Plan and were not used for the radio at that time.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-Chairman Beers asked the Road Foreman if he signed and returned a letter that was issued to him sometime ago. He indicated he would sign and return it.

In connection with the line striping that has not yet been done, it was suggested that the Road Foreman call some contractors so that at least Mountain Rd. can be striped.

The Road Foreman noted he will call around right away.

CORRESPONDENCE-

A review of the bills to be paid was done and one exception was noted and it is the Charles Snyder, Inc. bill in the amount of \$1,366.78. The Road Foreman will check into that invoice since there was supposed to be some concession made because of a clutch failure. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to pay the bills as presented with the exception of the Snyder bill. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary