

*ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 7, 2011*

*The Regular Monthly meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Beers at 7:00 p.m.. Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge were present. Solicitor Dunn was also present. The meeting began immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.*

*After a review of the minutes of the October 3, 2011 meeting and the Treasurer's report, a motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to accept both. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.*

*Chairman Beers announced that the proposed budget for the Township has been drafted in the amount of \$639,075.00 with no real estate tax included. The advertisement will be placed stating proposal for adoption at the December 5, 2011 meeting.*

*OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Mr. Jeffrey Hinton who indicated he has been a resident of Ross Township for 34 years was present to discuss the status of a permit for some solar panels he applied for approximately three weeks ago. The Zoning Officer indicated that the permit is being processed in the usual manner and is presently in the hands of Lehigh Valley Inspection Services and will be given to Mr. Hinton when returned from them.*

*PLANS-A plan from Monroe Pike Land LLC and William Shoemaker was discussed and a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to approve as recommended by the Township Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.*

*OLD BUSINESS- Chairman Beers noted that the lighting work for the parking area must wait till Spring since it's too late in the year.*

*Solicitor Dunn gave an update on Annie's Lane stating that the deed has to be circulated to the many owners who indicated they are all willing to sign.*

*Chairman Beers stated that he showed the former Haney house to a prospective tenant but has not heard back as yet. He also noted he has not heard anything further regarding the barn. Vice Chairman Kresge indicated that he would look into the matter also. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to advertise the house for rent, the motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge. A roll call vote taken showed Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge in favor and Chairman Beers opposed. The motion carried.*

*NEW BUSINESS-Chairman Beers noted after reviewing approximately 25 resumes and some interviews he made a motion to appoint Debra Ogden to the position. There was no second to the motion. Vice Chairman Drake moved to appoint David Fleetwood as Zoning/Codes Officer beginning January 2012. The motion was seconded by Supervisor*

*Kresge and carried.*

*A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to appoint Jeff Ronzel to the Ross Township Park Committee. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.*

*A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to appoint Thomas Hockman and Roger Christman for additional 4 year terms on the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.*

*A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to place the necessary advertisement of the Boards intent to appoint a CPA to do the audit for 2011 instead of the elected auditors. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.*

*A motion was made to adopted Resolution #169 Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2011 by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.*

*A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to appoint James Fareri as special counsel for a legal issue that has arisen. The motion carried.*

*A large packet of Flood Insurance information has been submitted by FEMA and it was decided to forward the paperwork to the Township Engineer, Russ Kresge for his review and input.*

*Some discussion took place regarding a hold harmless agreement submitted by Susan Mikels for a septic malfunction. Solicitor Dunn indicated that he spoke to Truman Burnett regarding this matter and offered suggestions to the Supervisors indicating that a hold harmless agreement is only as good as the person who is involved in the agreement. He added that in his experience a bond has been used in other Townships which is carried out in perpetuity. Chairman Beers said he does not feel comfortable signing a hold harmless agreement because of a possible malfunction. Vice Chairman Drake agreed with Chairman Beers. Some discussion went back to posting of a bond but no amount was decided on. There was no decision made on this issue and no amount of bond discussed. Ms. Mikels suggested that the Board speak to Mr. Burnett for a bond amount and the Del Val Soils reports. An answer should be available at the December 5, 2011 meeting.*

*Chairman Beers asked Solicitor Dunn about the length of time a conditional approval of a sub division is good for adding that about four years ago a developer was granted conditional approval, but, their planning module was turned down by DEP so they did not move forward. The developer wants to know how long is the approval good for. Solicitor Dunn noted there may have been ordinance changes during that time but there was also legislation regarding extending permits, etc.. Chairman Beers suggested he go back to the planning board and update it and figure out where he was before.*

*ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-Chairman Beers asked the Road Foreman if all the brush has been cut back and he discussed what is planned for Wednesday and Thursday of this*

*week and the Road Foreman noted they will be doing shoulders and picking up a truck that is being repaired.*

*After a review of the bills a motion was made by Supervisor Kresge, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake to pay the bills as presented with the addition of Carson Helfrich in the amount of \$562.53 (for joint comp. plan work) and George Washburn, Lawn Service for \$705.00.*

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m..*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Doris Price, Secretary*