

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
MONTHLY MEETING  
OCTOBER 5, 2015

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Beers at approximately 7:00 p.m. . Members present were Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge. Solicitor Dunn was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2015 Supervisors meeting and the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Mr. Lee Scoutmaster from Troop 109 reviewed some of the activities the Troop is involved in such as Citizen in the Community and Citizenship in the Nation. Two Eagle Scout members were present along with other troop members. Mr. Lee introduced a list of three questions the Scouts would like answered as part of their merit badge requirement and Vice Chairman Drake noted she received the questions and will go over them after the meeting with the Scouts and Scoutmaster.

Bernie Kozen, Executive Director of WEPOSC was present and highlighted a few of the coming activities : Cherry Valley Celebration, Pet Parade-Ross Township Park, Fleetwood run/walk Sat. Oct. 10. Mr. Kozen added that the 2016 Budget for WEPOSC has been submitted to each municipality as is required.

Laurie Jacobs was present discussing whether or not Ross Township has industry designated within the zoning ordinance expressing concern over the Nestle company's recent purchase in Eldred Township. She noted that the company has been working on this for approximately four years and she explained the public is just hearing of it now. Chairman Beers noted that this matter was brought before the CJER Board and he explained the response was that Eldred Township is the body within which this should be discussed. Chairman Beers explained the CJER plan must share uses. There was a list of 20-22 uses that needed sharing. The end result is that this matter (Nestle) needs to be addressed with the Eldred Township Supervisors. Ms. Jacobs asked if anything like that is planned and Chairman Beers noted that this type of operation is only permitted in Industrial and Ross Township does not have and Industrial Zone.

The Deputy Phil Program representative Cindy presented a certificate of appreciation for the Township's participation with the County Sheriff's office in this program. She reviewed the program and asked for support for 2016.

PLANS-

OLD BUSINESS-Some discussion took place concerning the Brodhead Watershed request from last month. Vice Chairman Drake explained they were here a time ago trying to obtain a grant and since we have not heard from them. The matter is tabled again until more information can be gathered.

NEW BUSINESS-Vice Chairman Drake accepted the resignation letter received from Stephen Meylach as Zoning Officer. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to appoint Shawn McGlynn as Zoning Officer at \$65.00 per hour (4 hour per week min.) The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Chairman Beers opposed. Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge were in favor. The motion carried. Chairman Beers added he has nothing against the person but doesn't agree with the \$65.00 per hour.

Chairman Beers, on behalf of the CJERP, asked the Board for permission to discuss revenue sharing of the Industrial areas with Pocono Mtn. and Pleasant Valley School Districts. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge in that regard. The motion carried.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-Some discussion took place about clean up day and the Road Foreman indicated it was slow. He noted they have hauled several hundred ton of anti-skid.

Some discussion took place concerning the line striping. The Road Foreman received a proposal of twelve and a half cents. The COG recently got bids for thirteen cents (of which we participated) Chairman Beers asked since the proposal the Road Foreman received was cheaper than the COG can we proceed with doing more than we agreed to last month. (Last month Solicitor Dunn noted that we cannot go beyond the limitations of the proposal) Therefore, it was determined that we would do Mountain Rd., Blue Ridge Rd. and Meixsell Valley Rd. up to the proposal limitation. The discussion this month is the contractor did not complete the job as outlined last month by Sept. 30th. On Sept. 30th the COG opened the bids and they came in as stated above at thirteen cents. The question was since the proposal the Road Foreman received is cheaper than the COG can we proceed and do all the roads we want done? Solicitor Dunn said you cannot spend more on the line striping than is allowed under the proposal and/or bid limits allow. Supervisor Kresge noted that this time of year is not the best time to paint lines as Winter weather ruins the work. Chairman Beers suggested that Supervisor Kresge discuss with the COG group the possibility of letting bids out a better time of year. Added to this matter is the contractor who paved the roads did not accomplish line painting either (who is the same contractor as the Road Foreman received a proposal from) The decision was to use whoever comes in first to do line striping and only do Blue Ridge, Meixsell Valley and Mountain Road based on the proposal received and not the COG bid)

#### CORRESPONDENCE-

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES-A review of the bills was accomplished and it was noted that the road paving project by Bruce George was not complete (line striping). The Secretary reviewed the bill presented and noted that the Township Engineer suggested holding back approximately 5% and the amount of the line striping for an approximate total of \$17,300.00. A motion was made to pay the bill as presented and to hold back the \$17,300.00 from the Bruce George bill since the line striping is not completed. The motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge. A roll call vote was taken on the motion and Chairman Beers abstained. The motion carried.

The list of bills were than reviewed and a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

A motion was also made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to support the Deputy Phil program with the 1/4 page ad as in the past. The motion carried.

At 7:50 p.m. and executive session was called to discuss litigation.

At 8:10 p.m. the Supervisors were back from their executive session with no decisions made. Solicitor Dunn suggested the Supervisors authorized settlement with Mr. McIntyre of the violations as found by the District Justice. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary

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