

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Ross Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Beers. Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge were in attendance as was Solicitor Dunn. The time was 7:00 p.m. and Chairman Beers led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to approve the minutes and the Treasurer's reports as presented; Vice Chairman Drake seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Judy Breidinger, from the Park Committee, stated that the trail was washed out and should be fixed before Community Day on September 17th.

PLANS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

The salary of Ethan Brewer was discussed, Chairman Beers made a motion to give him the salary of laborer/operator, and be retro-active from the end of his probation period to now, and was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. Supervisor Drake stated that the personnel manual should be amended for the rates of any new hires. Chairman Beers noted that now would be a good time to get appropriate language so it would be ready for January's meeting.

Chairman Beers had estimates for park lights and after some discussion; Vice Chairman Drake made a motion to put this project out on bid, and to use these specifications Supervisor Kresge seconded the motion and carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Beers read EIT Resolution #168 which the Township Secretary/Treasurer will be the representative to Berkheimer with Earned Income Tax requests. All were in favor.

Chairman Beers made a motion to appoint Paul Jarrett from Lehigh Valley Inspection to be alternate Zoning Officer, as at present we do not have an alternate Zoning Officer. Vice Chairman Drake seconded the motion, and carried.

Chairman Beers read a proposal from Royal Security for installing smoke/heat detectors downstairs. There was some question if the starting up of the trucks would set the detectors off. The topic of smoking in the building was brought up, and was stated that there should not be any smoking in the building. Vice Chairman Drake made a motion to have them installed as long the right equipment was used, as they didn't want them going off every time the trucks were started. Chairman Beers seconded the motion and carried.

A motion was made by Chairman Beers to do the same as we did last year for the Deputy Phil program, which was a ¼ page advertisement. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

Chairman Beers had some new business to discuss. He wanted to know if a gas sump pump could be purchased for the Haney House, as there was a water problem with the rains that we had. There was also some discussion as what should be done with the house. Nothing will be done at this time, but the barn should be taken down as it makes it difficult to come out from the park onto Kunkletown Road. They want to advertise to see what it would cost to have the barn dismantled. All were in favor for the gas pump and advertising.

Solicitor Dunn received information from Cohen Law Group regarding franchise fees from various townships, ever though we do not have these fees; it was thought it wouldn't hurt to call. Solicitor Dunn also had a sample letter with language that the SEO would give to anyone that wants a planning module and to have them sign it. The letter would state that just because testing is done they may not be able to do what they have planned.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Vincent Cefarello, appointed Deputy Constable, requesting a letter from the Township for him to get a Municipal License Plate. All were in favor as long as we received a copy of his certification.

A letter was received from Council of Governments with information of an auction they will be having in October for anything the township wants to get rid of. The Supervisors were not interested.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sharon Steen
Recording Secretary