

**ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, September 3, 2013 since the first Monday of September was the Labor Day Holiday. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Chairman Beers, Vice Chairman Kresge, Supervisor Drake and Solicitor Dunn were all present. The meeting was held at the Monroe County Emergency Center in Snydersville. A moment of silence was observed to reflect on those affected by the tragic events of August 5, 2013 at the Ross Township Municipal Building.

MINUTES-After a review of the minutes of the August 5th meeting, Chairman Beers noted a correction under Old Business whereby the names of Mark and Patti Kresh were stated as Mark & Patti Kresge. The Secretary noted the change. After that correction, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT- A motion was made by Supervisor Drake to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Chairman Beers noted this time of the meeting is designated for residents and tax payers of Ross Township to speak. David Shay a Township resident was recognized who spoke in support of the Township Officials, employees, and Solicitor who he said responded effectively in view of the tragic event. He added good decisions have been made both now and prior to the tragedy and added they were right and proper and he commended them and said "thank you". Another resident stated that Mr. Shay's statements were beautifully said and she supports the Township Officials also.

OLD BUSINESS-Chairman Beers that we now have a draft ordinance to amend the Outdoor Wood Burner Ordinance. He reviewed item 3 and noted that it should say 100 feet from any outdoor structure; and number 4 & 5 should be taken out. Solicitor Dunn reviewed saying 100 feet for phase 2 and 200 feet for older burners. A motion was made by Chairman Beers to authorize advertising the proposed ordinance for adoption at the next Supervisors Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS- Some discussion took place concerning an exchange of Open Space Property with other Township property with Monroe County in order that the Township build a new Municipal Building. The following motions were made by Supervisor Drake, seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge: to convey approximately 3 acres of Township Real Estate to Monroe County in exchange for release of approximately 1 acre of Township open space park property for the purpose of constructing a new Township Building; to engage a survey and any necessary appraisals in connection with exchange/release of

property to Monroe County; to authorize engagement of Schoonover & Vanderhoof Architects to prepare plans for a new Township Building. These motion were all carried. Solicitor Dunn explained that the Township cannot build on the park property as it was purchased with Open Space Funds, thus, the reason for the exchange.

It was necessary to enter into an agreement with Legion Security Services for a Security Guard and to install some other security measures after the last meeting. That having been an emergency situation, it is now being ratified upon motion made by Supervisor Drake, seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

Clean up day was discussed and it was determined that Oct. 11th/12th, October 18th/19th or October 25th/26th are available dates. It was decided to advise the Road Department to pick either Oct. 18th/19th or Oct.25th/26th as another event is being held Oct. 11th that may interfere with residents availability.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge to submit a grant application through the Industrial Development Authority for LSA of the Gaming Funds monies to construct a new municipal building and to appoint architect John Schoonover to draft a cost estimate and plan for the grant submission. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-The Secretary noted that the line striping is complete on the new blacktop and therefore the bill is ready for payment.

The Road Foreman was absent.

CORRESPONDENCE-Chairman Beers noted receipt of a request from Camp Cadet Troop "N" for a donation. A motion was made by Supervisor Drake to sent \$300.00 in response to this request. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

A letter discussing support for the County to provide operational monies to the Regional Parks in the County was received and a motion was made by Supervisor Drake, seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge to submit a letter of support as requested.

A letter was received from Blue Ridge Hook and Ladder Fire Co. discussing replacing their 23 year old pumper truck with the assistance of both Ross & Hamilton Townships. It was determined that the members should be invited to the next Township Supervisors meeting to discuss this matter.

Chairman Beers expressed appreciation to the Sheriff's office for supplying assistance with this meeting and extended same to Guy Miller and his staff of the Emergency Operations Center for use of the building to hold this meeting and in coordinating efforts with the Sheriff's office. He went on to thank the Monroe County Commissioners for their assistance in these accomplishments..

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES- After a review of the bills to be paid for August as well as September, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge, seconded by Supervisor Drake to pay both months bills as presented.

An appointment was made by Supervisor Drake to appoint Paul Jarrett of Lehigh Valley Inspection Service to the position of Zoning Officer. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried. Some discussion about an alternate zoning officer took place and it was decided to discuss this with Mr. Jarrett suggesting someone from his company may be able to serve.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary