

*ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 2012*

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Beers with Supervisor Kresge and Vice Chairman Drake present. Solicitor Dunn was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Chairman Beers.

The minutes of the August 6, 2012 meeting were presented as well as the Treasurer's report and a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to approve as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Mr. & Mrs. Moretz discussed the basin on Turkey Hill Rd that is located up at the Weir Lake end. Mr. Moretz noted that it has been moved to that location and is not working there. Chairman Beers asked Solicitor Dunn if he checked into the language on the plan (discussed at the last meeting) The Secretary gave a copy of such plan to the Solicitor and the meeting continued while he reviewed it.

PLANS- NONE

OLD BUSINESS-A proposal was received from BIU as alternate SEO for the same fees as presently being paid to the present SEO. A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to appoint BIU as Ross Township's alternate SEO. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

NEW BUSINESS-Resolution # 172 recognizing Jed Barthholomew's accomplishment as Eagle Scout was adopted on motion made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

A notice was received from Aqua Pa. that a fire hydrant located on Rt. 115 and Lake Rd. was not being charged for and we would need to acknowledge that we will pay for the hydrant to continue having it in service. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to pay \$22.00 per month as necessary to keep this hydrant in service. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

Some discussion took place concerning the COG Golf Tournament and whether the Township would like to participate on donate prizes. Vice Chairman Drake suggested the office supply prizes as we have done in the past. She made a motion to purchase \$50.00 in prizes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge. A roll call vote was taken on the motion Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge voted in favor and Chairman Beers opposed. The motion carried.

Monroe County Township Officials annual banquet submitted a request for an ad in

the program and the names of those that would be attending. It was decided that we would not participate this year and no one expressed an interest in attending.

Chairman Beers noted that the CJER group would like to hire James Fareri as Solicitor for the group and a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to appoint him. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

Solicitor Dunn noted that September 6, 2012 is the deadline for the 30 day requirement set by the court (in the R. Newell matter) that he is not to occupy, use or reside in the structure. He suggested that a letter be sent to verify this order but to continue to be cognizant of the 60 day requirement to help determine compliance. This will help demonstrate to the court that we are diligent with this effort. It was decided that a letter be sent as suggested by Solicitor Dunn.

Solicitor Dunn, after reviewing the plan and correspondence involving the stone basin on Turkey Hill Rd. (at the Weir Lake Rd. end) He added that he needs to find out who owns lots 3 and 10 and he will talk to Russ Kresge, Township Engineer to determine if the Township is responsible for the easement and/or rock basin.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-Chairman Beers asked for an update on the line striping. The Road Foreman indicated the contractor said he would be here next week and Chairman Beers reiterated he wants a firm answer from the contractor as to the schedule because some areas in the Township are dangerous without the lines. Supervisor Kresge noted that there has been some work done to the pipe (near his house) on Flyte Rd. but that there is a gap around the pipe allowing water to go under it. He added that it needs cement to close the gap and force the water into the pipe. Supervisor Kresge asked the status of the mower and the Road Foreman indicated it is still out for repair as the mechanic is waiting for housing that has been difficult to get.

CORRESPONDENCE-Some discussion took place regarding support for Resolution #12-28 regarding an annual tax levying a 5 mill fund to establish and or operate a Township or Regional police department. It was determined to send support for this PSATS resolution.

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES-After a review of the bills to be paid a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

Chairman Beers noted his displeasure with a recent newspaper article concerning the Regional Park wherein Ross was not mentioned as a contributor when in fact Chestnuthill and Ross along with Pleasant Valley School are the only municipal/school supporters. He suggested that Vice Chairman Drake discuss this situation with the WEPOSC and it be noted that "grants" were not the only funds supporting this regional park and Chestnuthill and Ross are the only municipalities involved monetarily. (Eldred and Polk are not) He further added that no one should be on any of the boards or groups that live in Eldred or Polk since they are not participating financially. Vice

Chairman Drake noted that the WEPOSC is considering a raise or bonus for the Executive Director and as the liaison to the WEPOSC for the Township she is looking for input on this proposal. It was decided to discuss this at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary