

*ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2012*

Ross Township Supervisors gathered this date at approximately 7:00 p.m. for the Regular Monthly Meeting. Those present were Chairman Beers, Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge. Solicitor Dunn was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all present.

After a review of the minutes of the September 4, 2012 meeting and the Treasurer's report, Vice Chairman Drake moved to approve both. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

Some discussion regarding a budget work session took place and it was decided to schedule this session for Monday, October 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. and to advertise as is required.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Antoni Alvarado was recognized who is working on his Eagle Scout award and discussed his project which is to construct a Fallen Soldier Memorial in the Ross Township Park area. During the discussion it was determined that the site he is considering is designated for another use and another site should be looked into with the Park Committee. The Supervisors agreed with the concept the Scout has introduced.

Mr. Greg Keppel a Township resident was recognized who discussed a neighbors barking dog and said the dog barks continually every morning starting 4:30 a.m.. He added that he has spoken to the Township Zoning Officer Dave Fleetwood who told him he can't enforce the noise ordinance. He noted that he also spoke to the State Police and he can't seem to get any help.

Mr. Fleetwood reported that he visited the site and when he did the dog came to the fence and didn't bark. He spoke to the owner who said the dog does not bark as is being reported. Mr. Fleetwood indicated that the noise meter shows a violation when there is just speaking voice sounds. He also talked to the County Dog Warden to no avail, he indicated he does not address barking dog complaints. Chairman Beers suggested that he talk to the Zoning Solicitor concerning whether or not the noise ordinance is enforceable or not. The Supervisors asked Mr. Fleetwood to visit the site at 4:30 a.m. to determine exactly what is taking place. He agreed to do that and to talk to the Zoning attorney concerning the ordinance.

PLANS-

OLD BUSINESS-The drainage issue on Turkey Hill Rd. was tabled until next month

since Solicitor Dunn was not present and we had not received any information from Russ Kresge, Township Engineer who was on vacation.

Bernie Kozen reported that he filled out the Gaming Funds Grant application on behalf of the Township (same as last year) and will need support letters and the \$100 application fee. Supervisor's agreed to the submittal of the application and the expenditure.

A resident of Mt. Eaton Rd. discussed the road project along Rt. 115 and what terrible condition it is in and he was told that it is a State Rd. and it lies in Hamilton Township. The Secretary noted that a letter was received from Penndot indicating an extension was given to the contractor until October 31st. to complete the project. Supervisor Kresge noted that he would call Penndot because he feels that the road is in very poor condition.

NEW BUSINESS- Chairman Beers noted receipt of the WEPOSC budget for 2013 and noted it will taken under consideration when the Township works on its budget.

Vice Chairman Drake moved to authorize Solicitor Dunn to pursue any necessary enforcement action of the Newell Court Order. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-Some discussion took place concerning the schedule of line striping. The Road Foreman said the contractor said he would be in by the end of this week or the beginning of next week because of rain.

The Road Foreman discussed some trees on Meixell Valley Rd. (in front of the old Smith Farm) and he indicated that they are possibly half on the right of way. Sixteen and half to the center of the tree. Chairman Beers felt that they are the homeowners trees and cited the rule is the last foot and a half that is more than four inches around is the property owners responsibility. The Road Foreman got an estimate of \$2100 to remove the trees which does not include the stump removal. The consensus of opinion is that the Township will not be involved in this tree removal.

The Road Foreman noted that the air jack is not working and since it is 2 years old he wants to buy another one and according to Cyphers a new one is approximately \$300.00. It was decided to move forward and get one.

An update on the mower is the dealer is still waiting for a part and it should be in within a week. Supervisor Kresge felt like we are waiting too long for this repair.

Supervisor Kresge said the Road Foreman should tend to the stream area just above the Township Building because the debris and brush is going to obstruct the flow. Supervisor Kresge noted that he wants to see a repair done on the shoulder of Faulstick Rd. that washes out with each rain. Supervisor Kresge discussed how it should be done with the Road Foreman.

Chairman Beers asked the Road Foreman about a letter he received after the last meeting that he was to sign and return to be placed in his file, and, as yet has not been returned as requested. The Road Foreman indicated that he will sign it and return it. Chairman Beers asked if he wanted to bring anything up about the letter and he said not at the moment.

CORRESPONDENCE-A letter was received from the Cub Scout Pack 98 who would like to use the park for the annual picnic and rocket derby. The Supervisors indicated that it was fine with them but that it should be referred to the Park Committee. (a copy was furnished to them)

Chairman Beers noted the calendar shows a dog parade for the park scheduled for Oct. 27th and suggested that a kid parade would also be nice. Judy Breidinger of the Park Committee said Chestnuthill has a children's event and Chairman Beers said Ross should have one too.

Chairman Beers noted an announcement for the COG dinner meeting for Oct. 29th. and the Secretary noted that all interested should let her know.

A review of the expenditures was next and a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary