

The Reorganization Meeting of the Ross Township Supervisor for 2006 began at 7:00 p.m. with Supervisors Beers and Kresge present. Supervisor Drake and Solicitor Dunn were absent.

Supervisor Beers began with requesting nominations for Chairman of the Board of Supervisor. Supervisor Kresge nominated Howard Beers, Supervisor Beers seconded the motion, the motion carried. The newly elected Chairman Beers called for nominations for Vice Chairman and Chairman Beers moved to nominate Supervisor Kresge. Supervisor Kresge seconded the motion and it carried.

Vice Chairman Kresge moved to appoint Doris Price as Secretary/Treasurer, the motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried

Vice Chairman Kresge moved to appoint William Walck as Road Foreman the motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

John Dunn was appointed as Township Solicitor and Daniel Lyons was appointed as Alternate Solicitor both on motions made by Vice Chairman, Kresge seconded by Chairman Beers and carried. Vice Chairman Beers added that the fees will be \$110.00 per hour for regular Municipal work and \$145.00 per hour for Litigation work.

Vice Chairman Kresge moved to appoint Russ Kresge as Township Engineer and Jack Jolly as Alternate Engineer with the same rate schedule as was in 2005. Chairman Beers seconded the motion and it carried.

Vice Chairman Kresge made a motion to appoint Kirk, Summa & Co. as the CPA firm who will conduct the audit of the 2005 records at a cost not to exceed \$3,600.00. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

Linda Marsili was appointed as EIT collector on motion by Vice Chairman Kresge at a commission rate of 31/2%. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

Vice Chairman Kresge moved to appoint John Kochis as Part time Zoning/Codes Officer and Gerald Kyle as Alternate Part time Zoning/Codes Officer. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried. Additionally, it was determined that Gerald Kyle's pay rate would start at \$14.85 per hour and John Kochis would receive a 3% pay increase.

Chairman Beers moved to appoint Truman Burnett as Sewage Enforcement Officer and Rick Fisher as Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer with a 3% increase in the hourly wage for office work. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

Vice Chairman Kresge made a motion to appoint Daniel Lyons as Planning Commission Solicitor and John Dunn as Alternate Planning Commission Solicitor at a rate of \$110.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried

James Fareri was appointed as Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor and his fee was set at \$95.00 per hour on motion by Vice Chairman Kresge, seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

Chairman Beers made a motion to appoint Betty T. Broad as the Vacancy Board Member. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

Chairman Beers moved to keep the wages the same as 2005 for Laborer/Operators (he mentioned Donald Morgan) but for Arthur Kiel an increase of \$3.21 shall be made the same as was done when each of the Road Dept. employees removed their spouse from the hospitalization coverage. Chairman Beers when on to explain that the Township will continue to carry Mr. Kiel's wife in the group but that he will have to pay the premium or request that she be removed from the plan. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

A motion was made by Chairman Beers to keep the wages the same as 2005 for the Road Foreman and Secretary/Treasurer citing that the Township absorbed the increase in the Blue Cross/Blue Shield which is equal to a 4 1/2% wage increase. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

Vice Chairman Kresge made a motion to increase the salaries of the P/T Laborer/Operator, the P/T Laborer, and the P/T Secretary/Planning Commission Secretary by 3%. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

Motions were made, seconded and carried to establish the following:

The Regular Monthly meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. unless the first Monday is a holiday and then it will be held the next Evening (Tuesday) at the same time;

First National Bank of Palmerton, Citizens Bank and PLIGIT will be the depositories for Township funds;

The Treasurer's Bond shall be \$500,000.00;

Supervisor Drake will be the delegate to the State Convention;

The COG representative will be Supervisor Kresge;

The rate of mileage compensation was set at 44.5 cents per mile;

The Holiday and Benefit Policy on file will be maintained into 2006 with one Amendment to section 316 Health Insurance addressing coverage for employees only.

Chairman Beers moved to extend the contract with Lehigh Valley Inspections Services (which expired Dec.31, 2005) for an additional 12 month period. The motion was Seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

The Reorganization meeting came to a close at approximately 7:10 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary