

*ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2010*

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Beers. Supervisor Kresge was present. Vice Chairman Drake was absent. Solicitor Dunn was also present. The meeting started by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor Kresge made a motion to approve the minutes of both the organizational meeting held January 4, 2010, the regular meeting held January 4, 2010 and the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Peggy Sais representing AWESOME was present to discuss the new animal shelter that has opened in Monroe County. She explained the support they get is only by donation and they are looking to Townships for funds to continue their work and allow room in the budget to fund their activities that include food, a veterinarian, full time & part time staff members, etc.. Chairman Beers asked if the State helps with funds and Ms. Sais said no. Solicitor Dunn asked approximately how many cats and dogs came to the shelter from Ross Township. The response was that she would gather the information and forward it to the Township. Ms. Sais requested \$2.00 per person as a donation from Ross Township and used 5,435 as a resident count. The decision was that this request be tabled until the next meeting.

Chris Behrens a resident of Vista Estates was present on behalf of the Road Management Group from Vista Estates who is requesting that the Township write a letter stating that roads in Vista are public thoroughfares which will assist them in getting a grant from the State. Solicitor Dunn said if these roads are the same roads we were in litigation over then they are private roads. The Township does not maintain them and they are not owned by the Township. Chairman Beers suggested that if the definition of public thoroughfare fits the situation he has no problem submitting such a letter. Solicitor Dunn gave a synopsis of what he suggests writing that indicates the roads in Vista Estates are private roads and the residents have allowed the public use of them as a thoroughfare. Chairman Beers agreed that the roads are private roads. Solicitor Dunn reiterated that the roads in questions are private roads, not public roads. If the state will accept something that says these are private roads being used by the public, that would be acceptable. Solicitor Dunn noted that he will write such letter.

PLANS-

OLD BUSINESS-An appointment to the Planning Commission was tabled until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS-Blue Ridge Hook & Ladder Fire Co. is requesting the Township adopt

a couple of Ordinances to assist them with doing business. One authorizes them to recover expenses from insurance or property owner for expenses to put out a fire. The other ordinance discusses use of lock boxes with keys to access areas in commercial structures. Some discussion took place and these require more review.

The next agenda item was a letter from a resident requesting a refund from their Earned Income tax, citing penalties and interest. It was decided that the Secretary write to them advising that the practice of the Township has been not to make such refunds.

The next item is a request from COG supporting opposition to HB 1500 which would allow fees to be charged to municipalities for use of State Police. The Secretary was requested to send a letter as requested.

The next item is regarding an Ordinance for a uniform way in which to have residents install property identification signs (e.g. 911) The Secretary was asked to supply Solicitor Dunn with copies of the materials. This item is table until the next meeting.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-The COG group is looking for quantities for the joint bidding. The Secretary will obtain the information from the Road Foreman.

The sale of outdated equipment was tabled.

CORRESPONDENCE-

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary