

**Regular Monthly Meeting  
Board of Supervisors  
Ross Township  
July 5, 2005**

*The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Ross Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7p.m. following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Beers. Vice Chairman Drake was also present. Supervisor Kresge was absent (vacation) as was Solicitor Dunn.*

*A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to approve the minutes and the Treasurers report as presented the motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.*

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

*Mr. Greg Dodson asked to be recognized and stated he was present to discuss his rights as a resident concerning installation of poles by Blue Ridge Cable to enable them to provide cable service to residents along the area of Mountain Road. He said various property owners have been contacted by the cable company but they have denied permission allowing them to install guide wires for the necessary poles. Mr. Dodson said he's looking to the Township for help in getting cable service installed and seeking information on what rights the property owners have in this regard. He thought maybe a franchise agreement would help straighten out the matter. The Supervisors said they didn't have a response this evening and suggested the Secretary contact Blue Ridge Cable and look into the franchise agreement issue.*

*Mr. Moretz from Turkey Hill Road expressed appreciation for the repair of the drainage swale on Turkey Hill Road discussed at the two previous meeting.*

**PLANS -** *Mary Young Subdivision was discussed and Ron Borger was present noting the waivers being requested were recommended for approval by the Ross Township Planning commission. Chairman Beers stated he had no objections To waivers 3-6 but wanted clarification on item #7 (East Penn Engineering letter dated 5/25/05). Mr. Borger said there is no right of way being dedicated to the Township, hence, it not necessary to show same. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to approve the Mary Young subdivision as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.*

**OLD BUSINESS –**

*Chairman Beers discussed the request received from Rep. Siptroth concerning use of the Township building to meet with constituents. It was agreed that he use the building each Friday (his aide and/or himself) between the hours of noon and 4:00 p.m. A motion was made to that effect by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.*

*In connection with the escrow release request from Hector Marrero of Blue Mountain Village, it was decided, based on Engineer Russ Kresge's review letter, not to release any funds since the lighting requirement was not completed per the approved plan.*

*A memo received from Jeanne Altemose Tax Collector was discussed and a motion was made to exonerate her from collection of delinquent occupation and per capita taxes. Additionally a*

*resolution was adopted on a motion by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Chairman Beers for the collection of certain local taxes under Act. 511 of 1965 authorizing retaining certain costs of collection. The motion carried and a Resolution #133 was adopted.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS-**

*A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake seconded by Chairman Beers to appoint David Bray to the Zoning Hearing Board for an additional four year term if he wished to continue serving. The motion carried. The Secretary was requested to contact him.*

*Resolution #132 was adopted for Eagle Scout Travis Bertsch who will receive the award on August 13<sup>th</sup> at his Court of Honor. Travis completed the landscape work in front of the Municipal Building as his project. Chairman Beers moved to adopt Resolution #132. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.*

*Letter #19 from the Women of Ross Club was discussed and a motion was made by Chairman Beers to grant their request to hold a history day picnic on July 24, 2005 at the Van Buskirk/Haney Park. Vice Chairman Drake noted her only concern was traffic control. Vice Chairman Drake seconded the motion and it carried.*

*A letter was received from Hamilton Township in connection with the installation of a flashing warning device for the Saylorburg Fire House. The Supervisors agreed with Hamilton Township's Supervisors request to share the remaining balance of \$6,000.00 Hamilton share would be two thirds (2/3) and Ross one third (1/3). A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to pay \$2000.00 as Ross Township's portion of the balance remaining. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.*

*An agreement and letter was received from Chestnuthill Township in connection with the West End Regional Park Plan and current rider program. Vice Chairman Drake explained the position that the plan is presently in stating that there is a question as to whether or not Polk Township will remain a part of this cooperative agreement. If they don't the costs as outlined will be shared by only those municipalities that agree to continue. In discussion it was determined that the benefit of continuing to participate are to be considered since the plan allows active recreation in Chestnuthill Township allowing passive recreation (Ross Township's Choice) all from cooperative efforts amount the members, an example of how the organization will provide for planning, development, operation, maintenance and programming for the West End communities.*

*Additionally, it was noted that any municipality can withdraw from this agreement, but, per item number 8i (of the agreement) there are stipulations from notice of intent to withdraw to monetary obligations. After some discussion a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to continue as part of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Establishing the West End Park and Open Space Commission. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.*

*A proposal received from Terry Everett of Everett's Air Condition to accept the "permanent fix" portion of the proposal in the amount of \$3,400.00. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to accept the above proposal. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.*

*Vice Chairman Drake announced that the Friends of Cherry Valley are getting together tomorrow with Congressman Kanjorski to discuss the preservation of Cherry Valley. This forum is open to the public but she was not sure of the location. Discussion took place concerning a memo from the Planning Commission concerning our fee schedule for submissions particularly for sketch plans. Chairman Beers suggested that the Planning Commission research the fee structure and submit suggestions to the Supervisors. The Secretary was asked to write a memo to the Planning Commission on this matter.*

**ROAD FOREMAN REPORT –**

*The Supervisors noted that they did not receive a monthly report and the Road Foreman wasn't present. Chairman Beers asked the Secretary to advise the Road Foreman he would like to see the weeds cut on Mountain Road especially at the intersection of Tittle Road since there is presently a dangerous situation there. He added that the new development roads were cut when this dangerous area should have been cut first instead.*

*Mrs. Moretz asked a question concerning her daughter's two acre piece of property stating that she would like to put a garage on it but it would be too close to their property line which adjoins her daughter's. She asked if a sub division filing would be required to allow them to deed the additional property to their daughter to provide her enough to erect a garage. Chairman Beers said he isn't sure if it would be sub-division or a lot line adjustment. He suggested that she go before the Planning Commission for advice. He did add that he thought it would be a lot line adjustment and if so a plan would be required.*

**CORRESPONDENCE –**

**RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES –**

*During a review of the bills to be paid the Supervisors agreed to increase the bill to the Greg Moyer Difibullator Fund from \$344.00 that was charged for the course to \$500.00 marking the additional amount as a donation. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake seconded by Chairman Beers to pay the bills as presented including the aforementioned.*

*There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Doris Price  
Secretary/Treasurer*