

*REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OCTOBER 3, 2005*

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

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to accept the minutes from the September 6, 2005 meeting and the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

OPENING OF BIDS FOR FUEL- No bids were received. The bid notice will be advertised again for opening next meeting (November 7, 2005)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Joann Aruta was recognized who questioned the regional comprehensive plan proposed changes and suggested that an area on Rt. 115 be changed from General Commercial to Residential Commercial. Chairman Beers stated that he feels that where the General Commercial is now is where it should be because we don't have very much General Commercial as it is since the sale of another General Commercial area's development rights have been sold. Additionally, he said the road system (Rt. 115) lends itself to that type of development. Vice Chairman Drake spoke about this matter and suggested obtaining a list of various Commercial uses which might limit what it could be developed into. Supervisor Kresge said only Rt. 115 and Kunkletown Rd. are State Rds. and therefore he agrees with Chairman Beers.

Mike Folk a Township resident asked what level of government has the authority to create a new district. Chairman Beers answered by saying the Supervisor do. Vice Chairman Drake explained that presently a Regional Comprehensive Plan Committee is discussing regional planning and zoning.

Betty Broad asked about how many cars are allowed on property that needs to be currently registered. It was suggested that she contact John Kochis, the Zoning Officer for a precise answer.

Mr. Haney asked about the location of the property being discussed for re-zoning. The Supervisors explained that it is property on Rt. 115 in the vicinity of the copy corner.

Tonya Petis a resident of Vista Estates asked if the Township has an engineering plan of Vista Estates. She explained that the Commissioners office said if we don't have such plan then the development is grandfathered. Solicitor Dunn asked her what she meant by an engineer plan she gave an explanation ending in if no engineer plan is on file that they can survey and pave the roads in Vista. Solicitor Dunn said they could pave and do what they want but the Township doesn't have to take them over if they are not up to Township specifications. There was also

some discussion about the dirt and gravel road program and how the presentation was confused between meetings. There was much discussion on how the taxes the Township receives is utilized to take care of the Township roads. Ms. Petis when on to say if they survey and pave the roads in Vista and the runoff interferes with a Township road who will the Township go back on and it was discussed that the Township would have the right to go back to the people responsible or causing the problem. The bottom line according to Chairman Beers is the residents want the paving done and paid for by the Township. She said isn't the Township going to pave and put liens on each property. Chairman Beers reviewed the procedure which is the petition and an estimate of the costs with each property owner knowing the cost involved.

PLANS-A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to agree to the extension request submitted by Richard Kuklentz. The extension is until December 5, 2005.

Regarding a letter received concerning review of a sketch plan for Chicola Lake Mobile Home Park Phase II. Chairman Beers noted that this "sketch plan" is beyond that of a regular sketch plan and should be submitted as a preliminary plan. Solicitor Dunn noted that it is not appropriate to have the Township Engineer get the plan from a sketch to a preliminary. Solicitor Dunn read from the SALDO that SALDO allows for an advisory review. The Supervisors agreed that the Engineer should not do an in depth review which entails direction on what is not allowed to the point of what can be done.

OLD BUSINESS-Regarding the mapping of the Cherry Valley as it relates to Ross Township, it was determined at the Comprehensive Plan Meeting that the Cherry Valley refuge be shown on a natural features map but not on a land use plan map. The Supervisors all agreed.

Chairman Beers reviewed the tree removal proposals received for the Haney property and one is now \$1,000.00 (Vosburgh reduced from original stump removal price) and the other was for \$1,400.00 (Out on a Limb). A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to accept the Vosburgh proposal. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

NEW BUSINESS-Appointments and reappointments to the Planning Commission were next on the agenda. Peter Scarfaro was appointed for an additional four year term since his first appointment filled an unexpired term. A motion to that effect was made by Supervisor Kresge, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. The next appointment was to fill the unexpired term of Louis Morton who resigned. Tom Hockman was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Morton who term expires August 10, 2007

A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. The final appointment was made on motion by Vice Chairman Drake to appoint James Elsaesser for a four year term commencing October 10, 2005. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried. The Secretary was requested to send the appropriate letters.

Chairman Beers read three proposals received for the roof replacement on the Haney house. Carl Berhel, Jr.-----\$7,200.00, the second one was for \$8,850.00 and the third for \$9,000.00. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to accept the

Berhel proposal and to submit a deposit of \$3,600.00 as requested (for the materials). The motion carried.

Chairman Beers discussed the used appliance store that has moved into the house adjacent to the Citgo station noting that it looks terrible. He said he spoke to John Kochis about it and nothing has changed. He added that there are appliances all over the porch and outside the building. He noticed a child near the refrigerators and thought it was dangerous since the doors are still on. He said the place needs to be cleaned up. Supervisor Kresge agreed. Supervisor Kresge said he would speak to John Kochis about it.

Chairman Beers presented the proposed new fees for sewer services and subdivision and Land development fees. Some discussion took place between the Supervisors and the SEO, Truman Burnett, after which a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to adopt Resolution #136. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

The fee schedule for subdivision and land development submissions was presented as Resolution #135. A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to adopt Resolution #135. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

Resolution #134 was presented which is for Eagle Scout Jonathan Hatcher. A motion was made may Supervisor Kresge, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake to adopt this Resolution. The motion carried.

Vice Chairman Drake discussed a flyer received concerning a seminar at the Heritage Conservancy to be given by Michael Frank on October 13, 2005 at Barrett Elementary School.

Supervisor Kresge spoke about truck traffic on Faulstick Rd. (the Ross Township section) Chairman Beers suggested surveying the situation ourselves before moving forward. He also mentioned problems with four wheelers in the Evergreen Ct. area and it was noted that he investigated this matter himself and saw first hand what is going on.

Mike Folk who was present in the audience and is a retired State Police Officer said that four wheelers are not allowed on roads and suggested the violators be spoken to and the State Police should then enter into the matter.

Supervisor Kresge discussed the parking lot plan drafted by Russ Kresge, Township Alternate Engineer and Chairman Beers indicated approval of the idea and suggested moving forward with it. It was noted that the Road Foreman should plan to have the area shown on the plan mowed.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-The Road Foreman requested that the Township purchase a two way radio for the mower and it was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE-The Secretary was requested to contact the Emergency Management Office to schedule photo identification badges for Township personnel as described in letter #38.

A budget work session was scheduled for October 25th at 7:00 p.m. to formulate the 2006 budget.

After a review of the bills, 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 8:35 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary