

*REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SEPTEMBER 6, 2005*

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

A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2005 meeting and the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC- Bobby Trivett and Ryan Smiley were recognized who were present representing the Pleasant Valley High School Future Business Leaders explaining their groups function and noting that Pleasant Valley took second place in the State Leadership Conference. They indicated more scholarships are available and to continue with this program funding is needed. After some discussion, Vice Chairman Drake moved to donate \$200.00 to the Pleasant Valley High School Future Business Leaders. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

Tonya Pettis a resident of Vista Estates submitted some paperwork in connection with efforts to have the roads in Vista Estates taken over by the Township as part of a State dirt and gravel road program. Some discussion took place concerning paved roads versus dirt and gravel and the Township's position on taking over dirt and gravel roads. Ms. Pettis indicated that at the last meeting she understood that the Township would get the necessary grant as part of the dirt and gravel road program and at this meeting the Township is not in a position to do that adding that as property owners they cannot apply for such grant, only the Township can. Solicitor Dunn stated that he spoke to the director of the State dirt and gravel road program and was told the program is only for Township owned roads that are dirt and gravel. He went on to explain the Township's position has been not to take over any dirt and gravel roads. These roads came about prior to SALDO adoption which has regulations that now address, in part, subdivision roads and the construction of same.

Mr. Bob St. Hilaire a resident of Vista Estates was recognized and said he was at Township Meetings two years ago and the story he's hearing is the same, however, he would like to know if Doris was correct at that time in saying that the Township Engineer could work with them towards a resolution to their problem. The Supervisors indicated that they did not have a problem with that but also that the Township Engineer would not be in a position to re-engineer the road. Mr. St. Hilaire indicated they are looking for advice on how to proceed and work in conjunction with the environmental agencies. Supervisor Kresge said he feels if all the property owners would get together

it could be done but they need to cooperate with each other. Mr. St Hilaire asked if the roads could be posted to limit travel through their development. Solicitor Dunn suggested that they contact an attorney. It was decided that the Secretary would contact the Township Engineer.

PLANS-Attorney Williamson was in attendance with Mr. & Mrs. Stein who want to join lots 18 & 19 on Big Buck Drive in the Owl Hollow Development. He submitted a deed and showed a small plot plan of the proposed joinder which would make the present two lots one lot approximately 300x300 on which they would like to build a house. They presently have sewage approval. It was determined that a plan drafted by a surveyor would be necessary so that it could be recorded and accomplish having a paper trail. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to approve the joinder pending receipt of the necessary plan. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

OLD BUSINESS- Regarding the removal of a tree at the Haney residence, the Secretary stated that no proposal was received. It was suggested that the Road Foreman contact the contractor.

Vice Chairman Drake discussed the Regional Comprehensive map meeting which is scheduled for September 22nd. at the Chestnuthill Township building should be attended by any Supervisors that can attend because the final map will be discussed. All Planning Commission members are also welcome.

Vice Chairman Drake discussed coloring the area along the Blue Ridge to coincide with the Cherry Valley plan. She noted that in 2004 the Supervisors agreed to the Cherry Valley plan (via adoption of a resolution) and should now continue with coloring the map to show the area involved. Chairman Beers stated that he is not in favor of doing that. Vice Chairman Drake said “not the whole area, just along the Appalachian Trail. Supervisor Kresge said he agreed with the Cherry Valley refuge in Cherry Valley not in Ross Township. Chairman Beers disagreed with the locations involved and said they should stick to Cherry Valley and not his back yard. It was determined that this be tabled until the next regular Township meeting but some discussion will take place at the 22nd. of September (the regional meeting)

NEW BUSINESS-Chairman Beers stated that after the Haney’s mentioned looking at the roof on their residence, he did go over it and he said the shingles are cracked and added that the roof is 27years old. He feels that a whole new roof is in order. It was determined that Chairman Beers will draft up specifications so that it can be put out on bid hopefully to be opened at the next meeting. Solicitor Dunn noted that this would be considered routine maintenance and therefore is doesn’t need to be bid however we should get three proposals anyway.

Concerning bids for fuel, heating oil, diesel both on and off road and gasoline a motion was made to advertise to receive them at the next meeting. Solicitor Dunn said we must put it out on bid if no bids are received there is another procedure to be followed which he will research.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to join with the COG group and hold “trick or treat” hours for Halloween on Monday, October 31st. between 5p.m.-7p.m.. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

Chairman Beers moved to hold the fall clean-up on Friday, September 30th and Saturday October 1st. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

Vice Chairman Drake moved to accept, with regret, Louis Morton’s resignation from the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

An appointment to replace Mr. Morton was tabled until next month's regular meeting since Supervisor Kresge would like to talk to some appointees he has in mind.

Chairman Beers stated that he had occasion to be at the West End Jaycees ball field and was informed that Ross Township is the only municipality in the Pleasant Valley School District that does not donate to their organization. Since Ross Township residents do use the facilities it was decided on motion by Supervisor Kresge to donate \$1,000.00. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT- The Road Foreman asked if he could get cards made up as a way of notifying property owners of proposed tree cutting on the Township right of way. Chairman Beers suggested having door hangers made up and it was also suggested that certain hours be put on the card that the Road Foreman can be contacted(for example 6a.m-6:15 am or 1:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m..) Solicitor Dunn just cautioned that the Township to be sure about how much property it owns. Solicitor Dunn said that if a tree is hanging into the right of way causing a hazard it can also be trimmed off. The Road Foreman said he would take a picture for the record.

Chairman Beers asked the Road Foreman if one of the men can do some maintenance upstairs in the building on rainy days and on a periodic basis. He indicated that it could be done.

After a review of the bills to be paid, a motion was made by Supervisor Kresge, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake to pay the bills as presented. The motion carried.

Chairman Beers announced that Representative Siptroth will be opening his office in the Township building beginning this Friday and is having a ribbon cutting ceremony. Hereafter, his aide will be here every Friday from 9a.m.-4p.m. and he will be here the second Friday from 1p.m.-4p.m..

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. .

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary