

*REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MARCH 6, 2006*

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Ross Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Beers, Vice Chairman Kresge and Supervisor Drake were all present as well as Solicitor Dunn.

A motion was made by Supervisor Drake to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2006 meeting and the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Andrew Raseley was recognized who stated that he is working towards his Eagle Scout Badge and as such would like to do some repair work to the Flyte Road School House such as stripping some paint and repainting, (same color) removal of a tree, and repair to the cracking foundation. He added that he will do fund raising and perhaps seek some donations to cover the expenses. The Supervisors all agreed with this project. Chairman Beers stated that if he needs help cutting down the tree, if that is what is planned, he should notify the Township for some assistance. Vice Chairman Kresge signed the necessary form for Andrew's scout master.

Sgt. Lacock of the Pa. State Police, Lehigh Barracks was recognized who was present to listen to any issues or concerns any residence have about the Township. There were several residents present who spoke about four (4) wheelers being driven on the roads; particularly Evergreen Ct., Ramblewood Rd. and Mt. Eaton Rd.. Sgt. Lacock logged the street names and other data and indicated that they are very tough to catch. He added that they usually talk to parents first if they are aware of the names. He noted that he will report back with an update at the next Township meeting.

PLANS-Richard Kuklantz's plan was on the agenda, and his representative was present to review it. The joinder deed and the planning module were the two issues at hand. It was determined that the Planning Module has not been signed and is in Truman Burnett's hands. Mr. Burnett indicated that he has to make a visual inspection of the property since there is a structure on the remaining lands. A motion was made by Supervisor Drake to approve this plan conditioned on the SEO's approval of the Planning Module and the completion of the joinder deed mentioned previously. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

Ean Sussick, formerly David Bray plan was next and Chairman Beers reviewed the actions taken at the Planning Commission meeting which resulted in recommendation of rejection of this plan (no one was present, there was no extension request, and there were comments from the Township engineer that were not addressed). Since the Planning

Commission meeting and actually this morning a fax came to the Township requesting an extension until June. It was determined that an extension be granted until July 5, 2006, that it be submitted on the proper form signed by the applicant or applicants representative by March 10, 2006 or it is rejected based on incompleteness of items in Township Engineer Kresges review letter of January 13, 2006. Further, that this will be the last extension granted. A motion was made by Chairman Beers as aforementioned, the motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

OLD BUSINESS-

NEW BUSINESS-Chairman Beers announced that clean-up day is scheduled for Friday May 5th & Saturday May 6th.

Chairman Beers noted receipt of a letter from the Chem Free Graduation Party Committee requesting an early donation response. He stated that since \$150.00 was budgeted for this it could be forwarded at this time.

A letter requesting support of funding for the Northeast Pa. Alliance (NEPA) was received, the Secretary suggested writing in support of this organization as budget cuts would prohibit municipalities from obtaining computers and related equipment as well as some training programs

Supervisor Drake discussed the final regional comp. plan and said she spoke to Bill Chappell about adding it to our website.

Supervisor Drake said Wednesday March 8th is a regional peer to peer meeting at 6:00 p.m. she added that she would like to see Chairman Beers and Vice Chairman Kresge attend at Chestnuthill Township Municipal Building.

Some discussion took place concerning preservation of Jonas Mountain, more particularly, Gower II, Supervisor Drake suggested a letter of support to Pocono Heritage Land Trust in their endeavor.

In connection with Open Space, a roundtable discussion is scheduled for March 22 and Supervisor Drake noted she would be attending and she would contact Bill Blickendorfer for possible attendance.

Chairman Beers discussed Hamilton Township and its rezoning and indicated that some thoughts should also be given to Eldred Townships zoning. Chairman Beers noted the area known as CR as it relates to the Blue Mountain is of particular interest. Solicitor Dunn is to discuss the rezoning that is going on with Jeff Weed of the Monroe County Planning Commission.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-Chairman Beers indicated that after the last meeting the Supervisor went to the garage area and noted the disrepair of the present garage doors

as well as some lights the Township had gotten, some time ago, from Stroudsburg Borough, The Road Foreman obtained an estimate from Palmerton Garage Doors in the amount of \$1,095.00 each for a total of \$4,380.00. It was recommended by Solicitor Dunn that we obtain two (2) other quotes for the needed garage doors to keep on file. Chairman Beers indicated he would get the other two quotes needed. It was determined that the lights are of no value and would cost us more to use than if we were to buy new units. Vice Chairman Kresge indicated he would speak to the electrician in this regard.

Some discussion took place concerning road work for this year and a motion was made to advertise the opening of bids for all blacktop, stone, tar, etc.. A motion was made by Chairman Beers to advertise the opening of bids for the April 3rd meeting, quantities to be determined by the Road Foreman, for blacktop material, all stone and oil for tar buggy. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

Timmy Broad a lady from the audience asked if burning in a barrel is permitted in Ross Township and Chairman Beers said yes, just paper no shingles, styrofoam, plastics, etc.. She asked about recyclables and Chairman Beers said in lieu of your garbage contractor taking them you can bring them to Waste Management in Pen Argyl where there is a recycling area. She discussed sweeping the roads of cinders and Chairman Beers said the Township does do that but it's still a little early since we still may have snow.

CORRESPONDENCE-

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary