

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
AUGUST 7, 2006

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors opened at 7:00 p.m. with Chairman Beers leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Members Vice Chairman Kresge and Supervisor Drake were present as well as Solicitor Dunn.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT-After a review of the minutes and Treasurer's Report, a motion was made by Supervisor Drake to approve. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Michael Drury was present who was requesting an extension of his building permit. Chairman Beers asked what needs to be done to require this extension. Mr. Drury showed some photographs and indicated the interior needs some work and the electric needs completion together with an inspection. Vice Chairman Kresge moved to extend the permit for six months. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried.

Mrs. Moretz a resident of Turkey Hill Rd. suggested that prior to paving residents should be notified since the recent paving of Turkey Hill hampered deliveries from being made. Chairman Beers indicated that the Road Foreman could, if possible, notify homeowners if he has advance notice of the proposed work.

PLANS-Robert Beers presented the Simer Lowe minor subdivision plan and sewer planning module. He noted the plan proposes to create one new lot of ten acres and to add a piece of land to his daughters lot and another piece to his sons lot (which are on either side of the ten acre parcel). Some discussion took place concerning drainage and run off. Chairman Beers stated that a note should be put on the plan that no construction be done over the 25% slope. Robert Beers indicated that the subdivision ordinance addresses that issue. Chairman Beers said there are other plans that have this note on them and requested that this plan also have the note placed on it. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge, seconded by Supervisor Drake to approve the plan as recommended by the Planning Commission with the note as described above. The motion carried. Robert Beers noted that he would tell the applicant about the request concerning the note to be placed on the plan. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge to accept the sewer planning module, the motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried.

Arsha Vidya Gurukulam's Faulstick Rd. plan was next on the agenda and Amit Murhkejee the applicant's engineer was present together with two representatives from the Gurukulam. A review of Russ Kresge's letter was conducted and the sewer and water system was discussed in detail. Aqua Pa. (the water co.) will be installing the water system and will also supply a plan and design therefore the sewage design cannot

be completed. Chairman Beers indicated that he is concerned that the houses on Faulstick Rd. will have to bear the expense of some changes that will have to be made because a new water main is slated for Faulstick Rd. Mr. Chabbara indicated that a new main was to be installed there regardless of their project. Mr. Chabbara stated that there will need to be clarification of that issue. Chairman Beers recalled that a walking trail was discussed in order to avoid having pedestrians walking along the road with complete disregard for traffic. Mr. Murhkejee indicated that there will be a private road for them to walk thereby avoiding walking in the road. Chairman Beers asked if there is a note on the plan that these units are single family units; is it indicated they are temporary housing; there will be one kitchen in each unit. Solicitor Dunn said the wordage should include that none of the "temporary" residents will be attending any of the public schools. Chairman Beers asked if this will be a tax exempt facility since it is like a motel in that people come to stay there like a motel. Mr. Chabbara indicated that they will apply for tax exempt status since this facility is a place of worship. In connection with the sewage agreement, Solicitor Dunn noted a change is to be made to paragraph #6 stating (are required by DEP to be cleaned/pumped) and some changes to the Developer's Agreement which involve recording of the right of way when the plan is recorded, declaration to be recorded. The cost estimate is included and should be reviewed by the Township Engineer. A date anticipating construction must be included also. Vice Chairman Kresge expressed concern over the condition of the road after the equipment to build this project has traversed it repeatedly during such construction and it was determined that the agreement will include the fact that the road must be restored to its original condition by the developer. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge to approve this plan with conditions. The motion did not get a second. Supervisor Drake moved to grant an extension of time until the next Township meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5th. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

OLD BUSINESS-Regarding the parking lot lights it was decided to table this until the next meeting.

In connection with the parking lot area construction Vice Chairman Kresge asked if it is necessary to get three written quotes. Solicitor Dunn responded by saying that if you know the cost will be over \$4,000 but under \$10,000 you can accept the lowest quote under \$10,000 after receiving three quotes. The parking lot area for the park was then tabled until the quotes are received.

Chairman Beers spoke about the building owned by Mr. Lessig that is currently housing a tenant who is selling appliances, etc. but is displaying them on the open porch and in the yard causing an eyesore and a nuisance. Solicitor Dunn said the items on the porch are being exhibited for sale and as such may cause a narrow walkway for patrons which the Township does not have a fire code to regulate. Some discussion took place concerning this issue and Solicitor Dunn said he would telephone Mr. Lessig.

Vice Chairman Kresge asked the status of the Newell matter (Flyte Rd.) and asking

what actually transpired and what the outcome is. Solicitor Dunn said he would check on the matter.

Supervisor Drake spoke about a television program on the Animal Planet Channel concerning a deterrent that could be constructed to help with the beaver problem on Tittle Rd. The Secretary said she researched the information but could not find out the company that constructs the "beaver deceiver".

NEW BUSINESS- Chairman Beers noted that the Regional Comprehensive Plan public hearing has been rescheduled for either Sept. 28th or Oct. 5th. Supervisor Drake interjected stating it has been set for Sept. 28th at the West End Fire House. A motion was made by Supervisor Drake to participate in the advertising of and the joint public hearing resulting in adoption of a resolution at the Ross Township October meeting. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

In connection with the West End Open Space Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement a motion was made by Supervisor Drake to advertise the proposed adoption of an Ordinance to be considered at the September 5, 2006 meeting. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Voting in favor were Chairman Beers and Supervisor Drake. Vice Chairman Kresge opposed. The motion carried.

Supervisor Drake spoke about a Grant workshop to be held August 9th at Lehigh Valley Government Center and suggested asking Bill Blickenderfer to attend. The Secretary noted she would speak to Mr. Blickenderfer.

Some discussion took place concerning some grant funds available through Rep. Siptroth's office which could include a generator for the Township Building and computer equipment among other necessary items. Vice Chairman Kresge said he would speak to the Representative's aide on this matter.

Chairman Beers suggested that the Board consider purchasing a generator for the new Mt. Eaton Church Building since it is listed as an emergency shelter for the Township.

Chairman Beers announced that the next Regular Monthly Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 5, 2006 since Monday, September 4, 2006 is a holiday. He also announced there is a joint meeting with Eldred Township Supervisors and Ross Township Supervisors scheduled for August 14, 2006 as requested by a company known as the Elliott Group who want to present some ideas they have about developing some land they are in the process of purchasing that lies between Eldred and Ross. (approx. 1,100 acres) Chairman Beers noted that the Mt. Eaton Church Building would be available on August 14th as a meeting place should there be a large turnout.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT- Chairman Beers noted receipt of two letters from residents one on Ross Rd. regarding a pipe and it was determined that the pipe is rotted out and is not the Township's responsibility. The other is from a resident of Princess Run Rd. and it appears that the problem mentioned has been resolved.

Chairman Beers said that in connection with the part time road employees he noted Mr. Altemose who indicated that he no longer wanted to work for the Township worked 64 hours in the last pay period and the new part time employee hired to replace Mr. Altemose worked 80 hours he said he understood one or the other would work but not both. Since that was the concensus of opinion it was decided Chairman Beers or Vice Chairman Kresge would speak to the Road Foreman on this issue.

CORRESPONDENCE-Chairman Beers noted receipt of letter #4 from Blue Ridge Hook & Ladder and it was determined that the inspection company would be the deciding agency regarding sprinkler systems.

Chairman Beers discussed the repair of the wall at the house next to the Fire Co. that was agreed to be done jointly with Hamilton Township and he noted that Leon Clapper, Fire Chief is going to have someone come in a give a price on getting it done since Hamilton is dragging their heels with the job. He also noted that the two blinking lights discussed sometime ago have not been accomplished as yet either and they are both to be located in Hamilton Township.

It was noted that a Resolution be drafted for Derek McHugh who is making his Eagle Scout Badge. The Resolution should be ready for signature at the next Township meeting.

Chairman Beers noted that Mr. Haney indicated the retaining wall at the Township house needs some repair and could be offered as an Eagle Scout project. Mr. Haney also suggested that the shed behind the barn be demolished and he was decided that the Supervisors would take a look at it and perhaps discuss it with the Fire Co..

The receipts and expenditures were reviewed and a motion was made by Supervisor Drake, seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge to pay the bills as presented. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary