

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2007

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Beers with members Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge present. Solicitor Dunn was also present. The first order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

After a review of the minutes and Treasurer's Report a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisors Kresge to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2007 meeting. A motion was then made by Supervisor Kresge to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

BUDGET-A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to adopt the proposed 2008 budget. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried. An additional motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to set the real estate tax millage for 2008 at 1.5 mills. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

At the request of the Treasurer a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to purchase the Quick Books software (Approx. \$200.00) as a conversion from the software presently in use. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Mrs. Scarfaro was recognized who discussed the tax collector resignation and expressed concern that she was not advised of the resignation since she was a candidate for the position during the recent election when the tax collector who is resigning won. Solicitor Dunn stated that the Supervisors have no obligation to notify an unsuccessful candidate and further that everyone interested should have an equal chance to apply for the appointment. She stated that she showed an interest and ran for the position. Chairman Beers noted that a notice of interviewing has been placed in the paper and suggested that if Mrs. Scarfaro is interested she should submit her resume or fill out an application to be interviewed. Timmy Broad spoke supporting Mrs. Scarfaro's position on this matter.

Timmy Broad announced that the Republican Women's Luncheon will be held on December 12, 2007 at the Stroudsmoor should anyone like to attend.

PLANS-Robert Beers was present for the Barry and Linda Brinker joinder plan which he reviewed for the Supervisors. Two certifications have been received that the taxes have been paid. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to join these lots together as shown, the motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

The Fritz subdivision was before the Supervisors to approve a time extension until February 5th which was recommended by the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake to agree to the extension. The motion carried. Robert Beers discussed the plan and access via an existing lane and the creation of a right of

way. After some discussion it was determined that a driveway to the property would be preferable. Mr. Beers indicated he would rework the plan to provide such access.

Hill Farm Estates Planning Module was next on the agenda. A recommendation from the Planning Commission was made and a motion was made by Supervisor Kresge, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake to approve. The motion carried.

Pear Tree/Mountain View Estates was discussed per a letter received from Russ Kresge to request the Alternate Engineer review the stormwater and hydrogeologic study for this plan. A motion was made to that effect, by Vice Chairman Drake, as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried. Solicitor Dunn noted that Pear Tree representatives are present and advised that they are proceeding on their own and expressed concern that an agent of the Township should not be on property without permission. An addition to the motion appointing the Alternate Engineer is that this plan is for paper review only and is without prejudice to this issue. (resolution of legal owner and equitable owner) This motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Chairman Beers and carried. The Secretary was requested to advise Hanover Engineering, the Township's Alternate Engineer, that they do not have access to the property for Township purposes at this time.

OLD BUSINESS- Chairman Beers asked what position the Supervisors have on the question of lot averaging. Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge were not in favor of providing for it. Chairman Beers was in favor.

Appointments were made to the AG Security Board as follows:

Dale Bartholomew----Farmer
LeRoy Altemose----- Farmer
Roger Christman-----Farmer
Jack Asure-----Resident
Russ Kresge-----Supervisor

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Chairman Beers and carried to appoint the above list as the AG Security Board.

The CPR training classes were discussed and the following dates were offered: Jan. 19th 9a.m. or 1p.m. and Jan. 24th from 6p.m. (approx. 4 hour class) The Secretary was requested to check with the road department.

The Intergovernmental Agreement was next on the agenda and Chairman Beers noted that he is against it the way it is written and will not vote for it. Vice Chairman Drake is for it and Supervisor Kresge has not made a decision yet. Chairman Beers added that he is against the fact that one Township tells another what it can and cannot do and because of that he is strongly against it. Vice Chairman Drake asked if both Chairman Beers and Supervisor Kresge would be willing to attend a meeting to discuss this and the response was favorable.

Vice Chairman Drake suggested that we allow for a donation to the Pocono Heritage Land Trust for 2008. It was so noted.

NEW BUSINESS-A resignation letter from Deborah Dottery, Tax Collector was received which would be effective January 7, 2008. A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to accept the resignation as stated. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. The Secretary was requested to run an ad in the Pocono Record advising acceptance of resumes and/or application for this position. It was noted that the applicants must reside in the Township (and continuously for at least the past year and be a registered elector).

It was noted that a letter was received from the director of the West End Park and Open Space Committee as a reminder of the budget for 2008.

A letter was received from EMC Insurance and John Dunn reviewed same noting that he has written a response to the company for an explanation of the "stacking" (if the Township decided on that) costs, etc..

A motion was made to place the necessary advertisement advising that the Township will be appointing a CPA or firm to perform the audit for 2007. This motion was made by Supervisor Kresge, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. Another motion was made to advertise the Reorganization Meeting for January 7, 2008 at 6:45. This motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

ROAD FOREMAN-A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to appoint Vince Keiper as Part time laborer/operator. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE-

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES-A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to pay the bills as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary