

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
APRIL 10, 1007

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

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

*OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Mr. Joe DiPippi was recognized who discussed a parcel of land that is receiving one tax bill for three parcels of land one of which will be used for new construction and the new owner would like to have its own tax bill. Solicitor Dunn noted that he spoke to Chief Assessor Tom Hill and satisfied the question he had with respect to it not having to be subdivided since it was never joined together and only that the owner wanted **one** tax bill. Solicitor Dunn added that the new owner will now get one tax bill and the other two parcels will have their own tax bills also. Mr. DiPippi indicated that he would visit Tom Hill to verify this understanding.*

Mr. & Mrs. Terry Hunter were present who questioned the fee for recreational purposes when land is subdivided. He and his wife were asking for a waiver from this fee since they are giving a piece of land to their son. Since there is no provision for a waiver some discussion took place which suggested that a lien be put on the property if their son would sell it then the fee should be paid. It was determined that filing a lien would be costly to either their son or themselves and perhaps is not the way to do it.

PLANS-It was noted that the Planning Commission rejected the Mountain View Estates Plan (lot averaging subdivision plan) Solicitor Dunn noted that the Supervisors should not take action on it. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to reject the plan based on the Planning Commissions recommendation.

Regarding a plan received on Blue Mountain Village at Chicola Lake, it will be necessary to appoint an Alternate, Alternate Engineer since the Township Engineer, Russ Kresge and the Township Alternate Engineer, Jack Jolly express a conflict of interest in this matter. Solicitor Dunn noted that he would talk to Brick Lindner, Chairman Beers suggested Nate Oiler. It was suggested that the Secretary contact Dan Lyons who may have a suggestion.

OLD BUSINESS- Regarding a letter received last month from West End Life Support it was determined to table a decision noting that they are scheduled to come to the meeting next month which will afford an opportunity to discuss it.

Regarding the inspection company, it was determined that the system we presently use will remain the same.

The Bonser Rd. escrow release was table until the weather permits inspection of the drainage issues.

The sample agreement for the regional cooperative agreements were discussed by Vice Chairman Drake and Solicitor Dunn noted that he would like to see Ross use the one Hamilton used, however, the Supervisors need to know what this agreement does so it was decided that as more municipalities review them it will offer us an opportunity to make a better determination.

Solicitor Dunn submitted some information regarding the flashing warning device for the Fire Co. and he reviewed it saying that Hamilton Township's engineer is ready to submit the application to Penndot and will need some of the papers included in this packet one of which shall be signed by the Secretary. Easement copies, and letters are included as well as a new maintenance agreement. Once the permit is received the rest of the paperwork can be completed. Chairman Beers asked if they still want to move forward since the wall has been replaced and some trees have been removed. Solicitor Dunn noted that Hamilton Township is paying the fees to Solicitor Dunn for Hamilton and well as Ross and he has not been notified that they do not want to proceed. He requested that a motion be made since both Townships have to apply for the permit and not the fire company. Vice Chairman Drake moved to secure an easement for the Stengers, to submit an application to Penndot and to execute the Maintenance Agreement with Blue Ridge, conditioned upon the receipt of the Penndot permits for both flashing warning devices. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

NEW BUSINESS-A memo received from Supervisor Kresge concerning a walking trail for the park was discussed and Chairman Beers suggested that some of the park committee members meet and stake out the area. Supervisor Kresge indicated that it will be 8 feet wide and perhaps go as far as the other cleared area. He said the stone will be rolled and it will be very hard which will assist with handicapped visitors.

A letter was received from Monroe County Planning Commission offering traffic counters and it was decided we were not interested at the present time.

Some discussion took place about a letter from the Natural Lands Trust which involves the sale of a conservation easement from Elmer Seiler. The letter is asking the Township for support (monetary). Chairman Beers said he is not in favor of the monetary support if the sale does not go through. Both Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge agreed. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to write the letter of support to the Natural Lands Trust adding that the monetary support is offered only if the "deal goes through". The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

The next item was a letter from Solicitor Dunn requesting a rate increase. A motion was made by to increase the municipal work from \$120 to \$125 and the litigation work from \$155 to \$165.00. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to institute the increases as requested. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

Vice Chairman Drake announced there will be a meeting of the Monroe County Recreation Dept. on April 30th and they have invited Supervisors, Park persons, and others. She indicated she will attend.

Chairman Beers said a while ago we moved to hire Tom Yukna to plow (part time) He said he was not hired and added since Mr. Yukna is not working right now it might be a good idea to put him on now for mowng, installing pipe and other part time work that needs to be done.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-In the absence of the Road Foreman it was noted that a list of paving projects was submitted for review. Vice Chairmn Kresge moved to advertise product for road bids to be opened at the May 7th meeting. The Secetary noted she would contact Municipal Services for assistance in this matter. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairmany Drake and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE-A letter was received from the Aquashicola/Pohopoco Watershed conservancy asking for a donation to purchase a monitor for reading water quality. Vice Chairman Drake reviewed the importance of such a monitor and moved to donate \$400.00 to the organization. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. .

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary