

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

MEETING  
MAY 7, 2007

The Regular Monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Beers commencing with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge were present. Solicitor Dunn was also present.

The minutes of the April 10, 2007 meeting and the Treasurer's report were approved as presented with a motion made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

OPENING OF BIDS-The following bids were received in response to the advertisement for 4,500\* & 1,500\*\* tons of road materials:

\* Hanson Aggregates 9.5mm wearing course \$55.94 per ton  
\*\* Hanson Aggregates 19.0mm wearing course 54.74 per ton

\* Locust Ridge Quarry 9.5mm wearing course \$68.70 per ton  
\*\* Locust Ridge Quarry 19.0mm wearing course 65.80 per ton

5,000 gallons more or less of E3M oil:

	Shiffer Bituminous Service Co.	\$2.00 per gallon
	Hanson Aggr.	JDM (Eureka)
300 tons more or less 3A stone	\$8.50	-0-
3 A modified	7.35	\$ 6.25
#4 washed stone	8.60	8.60
2B stone	9.75	9.20
2A modified	5.45	5.80
2 A state	5.60	5.80
1B washed stone	12.75	-0-
¼ washed stone	10.00	-0-
2 RC driveway	8.10	5.80
gabion	15.90	-0-
cold patch	61.75	62.50

A motion was made by Chairman Beers to award the blacktop bid for both 9.5mm wearing course and 19.0mm wearing course to Hanson Aggregates. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

A motion was made by Chairman Beers, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to accept the bid submitted by Shiffer Bituminous for E3M oil. The motion carried.

Chairman Beers moved to award the bid for 3A modified, 2B stone and 2RC driveway to JDM Materials. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.

*A motion was made by Chairman Beers to award the bid to Hanson Aggregates for 3A stone, #4 stone, 2A modified, 2A state, 1B washed, ¼ washed, gabion, and cold patch. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.*

*OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Bruce Bisbing of West End EMS was present to discuss an EMS Primary Designation. He said this protects the ambulance services that are already in place from other services coming in to a municipality and responding to calls that residents will pay for as opposed to his group who puts out a subscription for a membership. He added that Wind Gap Ambulance also puts out a subscription. He reviewed some statistics from the census bureau supporting how many residents would be affected. This designation is no cost to the Township and the Township would be protected by a hold harmless. Chairman Beers asked how this designation would effect Wind Gap Ambulance and Mr. Bisbing said they have an agreement to service certain areas of the Township. He also noted that there are two entities with two separate board of directors one is West End Community Ambulance and the other West End Advanced Life Support which both are part of the subscription residents obtain. A Wind Gap Ambulance representative was present and said they also use West End EMS as their primary when necessary. Solicitor Dunn asked Mr. Bisbing by asking this “aren’t you trying to set-up a monopoly”and he said the reason is to protect both the residents and the squad by providing a high quality of service that they are used to and no confusion about who is your provider. Joe Dellalbo a representative of Wind Gap Ambulance spoke about the service they provide and stressed that they are not looking to broaden the area but to leave it as it is. Supervisor Kresge noted that instead of making a decision on this tonight and it was decided to table it until next meeting. Mr. John Kloss of the EMS Council stated that tabling this until a future meeting is a good idea giving an opportunity to discuss other questions and thoughts.*

*Ann Moretz was recognized who resides on Turkey Hill Rd. asking who was using the sweeper because they made a mess in the grass and suggested that the cinders be picked up next time. The Road Foreman said he would take a look at it. Chairman Beers suggested that in the future a call to him after finishing the grass would alleviate this problem.*

*Joe Weismeth stated that he wanted to be on the agenda for his subdivision plan but doesn’t see his plan listed. The Chairman responded that he will be called on but the Secretary left his off in error.*

*PLANS-The first plan is the Estate of Amelio Scott a minor subdivision. The planning commission recommended approval at their meeting held April 18<sup>th</sup> and Mr. Swallow the surveyor noted that two changes were made as they requested. The only outstanding item is the recreation fee for one new lot which has not yet been paid. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to approve the plan as recommended by the Planning Commission and payment of the \$600.00 recreation fee. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried. Another motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to approve the*

*sewer planning module and forward to DEP. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.*

*AJ Properties subdivision Nate Oiler was present and reviewed the May 2, 2007 letter from Russ Kresge noting that item #1 a distance correction has been made; #2 has to do with improvements to Annie's Lane which he indicated he would work out with Russ Kresge (since the Supervisors want his input also); #3 a sight distance issue where vegetation affects left turns perhaps a Penndot issue; #4 line between lot 104 & 105 has been addressed; #5 recreation fees have not been paid as yet; #6 soil testing confirmed. After some discussion the Supervisors noted that since the plan is being reduced by one lot it must go back to the Planning Commission to be reviewed. Chairman Beers noted that the 25% slope statement of lot 101 should be on each lot and the language used should be acceptable to Russ Kresge. The Supervisors are requesting that Russ Kresge have input on the base that is on Annie's Lane and the proposed overlay suggested by the applicant. Chairman Beers moved to approve this plan if the Planning Commission agrees with the revision (reduction of one lot) and the items aforementioned are addressed. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.*

*Terry Hunter Minor Subdivision was next and Robert Beers presented the plan and stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval. Chairman Beers said Russ Kresge's letter addressed the submission of a planning module which was submitted; the recreation fee also submitted; and the stormwater language as is the same as the Sarah Jones plan. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to grant a modification to section 1008, the motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried. A motion to approve the plan was made by Supervisor Kresge, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. The Planning Module was accepted on motion of Supervisor Kresge, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.*

*J & D Holdings minor subdivision. Chairman Beers submitted a statement that he will abstain from voting on this submission since he has a business relationship with one of the partners, however, will enter into the discussion. (statement attached)*

*Joe Weismeth gave a review of the special exception for the mobile home park on this property and he and his partner, rather than face opposition from surrounding property owners, decided to change the plan to single family residences. Chairman Beers said he is concerned about future development and it was agreed that a statement saying **no further development would be on the plan**. It was noted that one of the lots has a septic system on it that serves another property approximately 1.12 acres which gives question to the amount of required lot area. Other questions arose concerning recreation area and playground areas marked from a previous plan. (part of the mobile home park plan) It was also noted that there was no stormwater plan submitted. Marv Walton of Niclus Engineering and Jack Jolly the Townships Alternate Engineer reviewed the comments of Mr. Jolly's letter of review dated May 7<sup>th</sup> noting that items #5, #6, #7, and the latter part of #12 have been addressed and the remaining items #8, #9, #10 & part of #12 have not.*

*The applicant was seeking a conditional approval, however, in the absence of the items listed in Jack Jolly's review, together with the septic system on one of the lots issue and the payment of recreation fees it was suggested that the applicant submit an extension request. The applicant agreed and Mr. Weismeth signed an extension until July 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

*OLD BUSINESS-The escrow release for Bonser Rd. was discussed and a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to release the balance due (approx. \$36,000) to CMC Development Corp. as requested. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.*

*NEW BUSINESS-Chairman Beers moved to appoint Keystone Engineering-Eric Snyder as an Alternate, Alternate Engineer for the Chicola Lake project. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried.*

*The next item was to adopt a Resolution concerning the price adjustment of bituminous material. A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to adopt Resolution #148. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.*

*The Secretary reviewed a memo and form received from the Park & Recreation Committee and it was decided to have Solicitor Dunn look it over particularly the Hold Harmless section.*

*A letter received from the Recorder of Deeds suggesting adoption of a resolution concerning Act 40 was discussed and Solicitor Dunn noted that he will draft a resolution relative to transfer tax which will offer a better way of collection of realty transfer tax.*

*A letter was received from Hanover Engineering advising of Jack Jolly's resignation and explaining their firm will continue with the Alternate Engineer position that Jack Jolly held. Supervisor Kresge suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Jack Jolly. The Secretary noted she would take care of it.*

#### *ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-*

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

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m..*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Doris Price, Secretary*