

*ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 4, 2008*

*The Regular Monthly meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Beers who led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice Chairman Kresge and Supervisor Drake were present as well as Solicitor Dunn.*

*A motion was made by Supervisor Drake to approve the minutes of the Reorganization meeting and the Regular January 7, 2008 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.*

*After a review of the Treasurer's report Vice Chairman Kresge moved to accept as presented, the motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried.*

*OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Mrs. Ann Moretz asked about the property on the corner of Weir Lake Rd. and Kunkletown Rd. that has truck and dumpster activity. Gerald Kyle, Zoning Officer explained he has been working on the situation and Solicitor Dunn added that a hearing was scheduled on this awhile ago and was postponed because of a bankruptcy issue. However, another hearing should be rescheduled in order to arrive at a resolution of the problem.*

*Another resident discussed the remains of a deer have been on Upper Smith Gap Rd. for quite awhile and asked how that is handled. Solicitor Dunn noted that the County had/has a program for pick up of deer carcass and suggested calling the Commissioners' office for assistance.*

*PLANS-It was noted that Mountain View Estates/Pear Tree has requested an extension of time until March 4<sup>th</sup> which was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Supervisor Drake, seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge to grant the requested extension but an addition to the motion was that they (or their representative) must appear at the next meeting to explain the delays creating the need for such extensions and that there is no guarantee further extensions will be agreed to. The motion carried.*

*The Pollock subdivision was next on the agenda which is also requesting an extension until March 4, 2008. A motion was made by Supervisor Drake to grant the extension as recommended by the Planning Commission but with the same stipulation as above (appear at next meeting and no guarantee further extension will be agreed to). The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.*

*OLD BUSINESS-In connection with the Intergovernmental Agreement, Solicitor Dunn indicated that the Monroe County Planning Commission spoke to him and there seems to be a different interpretation of the agreement between the Township and the Monroe County Planning Commission. Chairman Beers noted that he attended a meeting at Chestnuthill Township and was advised that Chairman Gould thinks the eight (8) member board involved in this agreement is just advisory which leads to the confusion about what this boards function really is. Chairman Beers noted that the way Solicitor Dunn explained the agreement this eight (8) member board actually gets involved in certain plans approvals. Solicitor Dunn noted that he will contact Monroe County Planning Commission and get their input if he is confused then the Planning Commission the Township and he will meet and discuss it.*

*NEW BUSINESS- A resignation letter was received from Marion Zaleski an auditor or moved out of the Township. A motion was made by Supervisor Drake, seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge to accept the resignation. The motion carried. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge to appoint Dianne DeBarry to fill this position. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried.*

*The Planning Commission recommended that the Township look into replacing the lot averaging in the Zoning Ordinance specifying that the density is not to be increased. It was decided that a meeting be arranged with Charles Schmehl of Urban Research and Development, the Planning Commission and Supervisors. A motion was made seconded and carried to advise the Planning Commission and to set-up such a meeting.*

*Supervisor Drake noted receipt of a letter from Tunkhannock Township relative to support for Open Space Funding to be forwarded to the Monroe County Commissioners. She indicated she would take care of doing it.*

*ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-Some discussion took place regarding the purchase of a new truck through the piggyback program the same as the last purchase. the estimate is approximately \$62,000 for the cab and \$41,000 for the body, etc.. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge, seconded by Supervisor Drake to place the order necessary for the purchase o a new truck. The motion carried. The Secretary was requested to look into what is necessary to allow this purchase through the piggyback program as in the past.*

*Vice Chairman Kresge asked the Road Foreman is he is working on putting together paving projects for the coming season and he indicated that he is working on that.*

*CORRESPONDENCE-Chairman Beers read a letter from West End Advanced Life Support in which they are asking if they can make a presentation to the Board about their organization and explain what they actually are capable of doing. It was agreed they should come to the next meeting at 7:00 p.m. for a brief presentation.*

*A letter was received from two Girl Scouts concerning Township wide trash removal as a way of cutting back on trash along roadways and a more cost effective system for residents. The Secretary was asked to respond to the letter with Supervisor Drake adding that she didn't think that would cut back on roadside litter because people travel through the Township and throw it out their window.*

*A letter was received from a Mr. Trembly and it was decided that his letter contained his personal opinion on many issues and there would be no response to it.*

*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.*

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Doris Price, Secretary*