

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2008

The Ross Township Board of Supervisors gathered the above date at 7:00 p.m. for their regular monthly meeting. Chairman Beers, Vice Chairman Kresge and Supervisor Drake were present. Solicitor Dunn arrived shortly thereafter. Chairman Beers began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A review of the minutes of the September 2, 2008 meeting and the Treasurers report resulted in a motion by Supervisor Drake to approve both as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.

The next item on the agenda is the adoption of the CJER Ordinance. A motion was made by Supervisor Drake to adopt this Ordinance, the motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried. It was noted that Jackson Township, Eldred Township and Chestnuthill Township have also adopted Ordinances consistent with Ross' for the purpose of Intergovernmental Cooperation such as multi-municipal comprehensive plans to encourage responsible development.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-The WEPOSC budget for 2009 was presented together with a copy of the audit for 2008. Chairman Beers questioned a line item on the budget in the amount of \$20,600 for medical benefits. Bernie Kozen, Park Director explained that the plan is through Chestnuthill Townships insurance but that it is only budgeted for future use by someone who may be employed as he is the only employee involved in this budget and he is not enrolled in that coverage. Chairman Beers asked about the item noted as Phase 1 of the capital improvements and Mr. Kozen explained that walking trails, pavilion and parking area are included in that phase and that a DCNR grant will be applied for (50/50 and in kind services also) Chairman Beers asked if the medical and benefit amount mentioned above can be removed from the budget since they are not being used? Bill Blickensderfer Chairman of the WEPOSC spoke about this issue also and it was noted that the committee meets again on Wednesday and felt it should be brought back to them. Supervisor Drake noted that the per capita for each municipality may not change and it was decided that the next Supervisors meeting (for Ross) is November 3, 2008 and can be reviewed again at that time.

*Judy Breidinger discussed the rules the Park Committee listed and some discussion took place regarding renting of the pavilion and the hours of use. Supervisor Drake noted that Bernie Kozen could be involved in the pavilion rental if its decided upon. The discussion resulted in **not renting the pavilion** at this time. After reviewing the list of other rules 13 rules were decided on which will be posted on site at sometime in the future. A motion was made by Supervisor Drake, seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.*

PLANS- NONE

OLD BUSINESS-Some discussion took place regarding the model Outdoor Wood Burning Furnace Ordinance and Solicitor Dunn gave copies of the suggested changes Chairman Beers submitted as well as a clean copy with the changes made. He drew attention to 11.6 a, b, c, d & e and suggested taking that part out but to continue right to the next 11.7 section. Solicitor Dunn also modified the enforcement section to exclude "after talking to the Supervisors" since they should not be consulted in this situation. Matt Neeb indicated that the County Solicitor did not agree to put a minimum acreage requirement in the model ordinance. The Secretary was asked to make copies of the clean ordinance submitted by Solicitor Dunn for the Supervisors and table the matter until the next meeting. Matt Need added that he will forward copies of some other Ordinances for review also.

Since no fuel bids were received in response to our notice a motion was made by Supervisor Drake, seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge to advertise acceptance of bids again for the November 3, 2008 meeting. The motion carried.

Regarding the Stormwater Ordinance, Matt Neeb noted he would discuss the status of it with Christine Meinhart of the Monroe County Planning Commission. (outer buffers were to be changed)

NEW BUSINESS-In response to the COG dinner meeting notice the Supervisors noted they would think about it and advise the Secretary.

A motion was made to schedule a Budget Work Session for October 20, 2008 at 7:00p.m. and to make the necessary advertisement.

The next item is to discuss the land purchase agreement for the property the Township is interested in purchasing that adjoins the present Municipal Building property. The Solicitor was directed to draft up an agreement of sale including the price of \$100,000.00 which is what the property appraised for. RKR Hess will be drafting the lot line adjustment plan since they were the firm who was used during the subdivision of the property. The cost of that is \$900.00. Vice Chairman Kresge indicated that he wants to see the stream included for future use by the Township (extension of walking trail) A motion was made by Supervisor Drake to enter into an agreement of sale for the property depicted on a site map submitted and highlighted consisting of 6+ or – acres to be considered as a lot line adjustment. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried. Included in this motion is the expenditure for RKR Hess' work on this plan.

Supervisor Drake spoke about purchasing some other land for Open Space and offered information from the Pocono Heritage Land Trust regarding same. After some discussion it was determined that if the property can be purchased for approximately \$3,000 per acre perhaps the Township would be interested.

Chairman Beers noted that there is electric still connected at the Haney Barn on the Township Park property and noted that the Secretary should contact Mr. Haney and

the Township should take over the cost of such electric which would be beneficial instead of reconnecting it in the Township name at a future date.

Supervisor Drake noted that Mountain Rd. is “chewed up” in the vicinity of the pipeline work that is presently going on. The Road Foreman noted that he is aware of it and that they have put up a bond to insure repair of the damage.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-The Road Foreman noted a change is being made to the new truck which will result in a shorter radius and it was decided to order the change with the additional cost.

A letter was received from Art Kiel regarding carryover of 3.5 days, but the Road Foreman said he is using the time instead, but if he should change his mind and not use it all agreed it was O.K. Chairman Beers noted his only issue with that is that the employee could be earning a higher salary when using it if carried over.

Chairman Beers noted that he is not interested in interviewing for the part time snowplowing position (s). Some discussion took place and it was decided to have the Road Foreman go through the applicants interested in part time since both Chairman Beers and Vice Chairman Kresge do not believe we need a full time person for plowing. Both Chairman Beers and Vice Chairman Kresge said they would be available to plow and mentioned Chuch Sandt as another candidate along with Vince Kieper, Art Kiel and the Road Foreman. The applications of those that expressed an interest in part time work should be given to the Road Foreman for review and for him to contact.

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 8:15 p.m..

*Respectfully submitted,
Doris Price, Secretary*