

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
MEETING  
NOVEMBER 3, 2008

*The Ross Township Supervisors meeting began at approximately 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2008 with Chairman Beers, Vice Chairman Kresge and Supervisor Drake present. Solicitor Dunn was also present. Chairman Beers led all present with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.*

*Supervisor Drake made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2008 meeting and the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.*

*There were **no** bids received for the second of the two advertisements seeking such bids and the Secretary noted that she would call vendors to supply the products needed to obtain the lowest, responsible supplier.*

*Chairman Beers announced that the Budget for 2009 has been formulated and is in the amount of \$655,053.00. He added that there will be **no** real estate tax for the Township for one year and indicated it is being offered as a stimulus for the residents in light of the current economy. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge to advertised the proposed budget scheduled for adoption at the December 1, 2008 meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried.*

*OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Mr. Chris Behrens was present who requested his name be put on the agenda as a member of the Vista Road Management Organization reviewing the organizations cause. He also reviewed the donations the Township has made over the years to various organizations and suggested the Township make a donation towards the residents of Vista Estates as assistance in getting their roads cindered and salted. Mr. Behrens actually read a statement the text of which is added to these minutes of the meeting. Some discussion took place after the statement was read as Vice Chairman Kresge noted that other developments that were in the same predicament as Vista is got together and got their roads paved and therefore the Supervisors can't do something different for Vista Estates and legally cannot help either. Solicitor Dunn reiterated by saying the law won't allow the Supervisors to do what your'e asking. Mr. St Hillaire, another member of the organization, noted the safety issues that exist and made mention of a school bus stop at the bottom of the hill. Chairman Beers reminded the members present that there is a procedure that is in place, was discussed at previous meetings, and has not changed and is the way this must be done! The Vista members present discussed the safety issues repeatedly which ended with the Township not legally responsible for maintenance of the roads in a private community. All Supervisors voted against contributing cinders and or salt as requested. In connection with the school bus stop it was noted that the school transportation department sets up the bus stops for their buses. Vice Chairman Kresge noted that at the beginning of the meeting the fact that in 2009 Ross Township will not be imposing a Real Estate Tax and suggested that the savings be put to good use by Vista residents to take care*

*of their roads. Some discussion took place concerning doing some roads and it was stated that as long as there is a "T" turn around that would suffice.*

*PLANS-Nate Oiler was present on behalf of Hill Farm Estates concerning a lot joinder. A motion was made by Supervisor Drake to approve the lot joinder as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.*

*OLD BUSINESS-The WEPOSC budget was discussed and Bernie Kozen noted that the insurance money listed is going back into the budget since it is not being used as an employee benefit and will be used for park improvements. A motion was made by Supervisor Drake to approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Voting yes were Supervisor Drake and Chairman Beers. Voting in opposition was Vice Chairman Kresge. The motion carried.*

*The next item was discussion on the Outdoor Wood Fired Burner/Furnace Ordinance and Chairman Beers noted some changes which were noted and Solicitor Dunn said he would make the requested changes and prepare it for advertising. Chairman Beers moved to advertise the Supervisors intent to adopt an ordinance to regulate Outdoor Wood Fired Burners/Furnaces. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried.*

*There was no update on the Stormwater Ordinance and we are still awaiting Monroe County Planning Commission's input.*

*In connection with the Township land purchase agreement, Solicitor Dunn reported he is waiting to get the agreement back from the sellers Attorney.*

*The final item under old business was from Supervisor Drake relative to other property of interest on Mountain Rd. asking if Vice Chairman Kresge looked at the property. Some discussion took place and it was decided that approximately \$3,000 per acre would be a value to work with. Supervisor Drake noted she will continue to work on it.*

*NEW BUSINESS-Supervisor Drake reported that now that the CJER Ordinance is adopted a Board must be in place that will review plans of Regional Significance as outlined in the plan/ordinance. Chairman Beers volunteered to serve on the Board and Supervisor Drake suggested that a Planning Commission member be on the Board also. Chairman Beers noted that he will talk to Planning Commission members in this regard. Supervisor Drake noted that a tentative date for meetings is the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.*

*ROAD FOREMAN REPORT- Chairman Beers noted that the storage building behind the Municipal Building needs roof work. He said he spoke to Saylorsburg Lumber about it since it came with a life time warranty and the Township was convinced by Saylorsburg Lumber to go with this roof system (at the time) He indicated they should take some part in the responsibility.*

*Some discussion took place concerning some trees on Faulstick Rd.*

*CORRESPONDENCE-Chairman Beers noted receipt of a letter from Blue Ridge Hook & Ladder concerning fire calls. It was decided to table the matter pending a vote to be taken by the fire department for the position of Chief.*

*The minutes of the Park & Recreation Committee were discussed and Judy Breidinger reviewed them: the date for the tree lighting—December 6<sup>th</sup>, who would be Santa?, will a new tree be donated?, lights for parking lot discussed—Chairman Beers noted contact with an electrician for future lights, no fence around the pond, parking lot fence will be considered for Spring, leveling and seeding of field-Butch will talk to the farmer again and clear up what is to be done.*

*After a review of the receipts and expenditures, 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 8:20 p.m..*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Doris Price,Secretary*