

*ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
MEETING  
JANUARY 5, 2009*

*The first Regular Monthly Meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors for 2009 was called to order at approximately 7:15 p.m. by Chairman Beers beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. 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 December 1, 2008 meeting and the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.*

*OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Chairman Beers recognized John Renna a resident of Deer Park (off Smith Gap Rd.) who discussed some serious issues the residents there are having with four wheelers and ATV vehicles. He explained that he knew the Township does not "own" the road and that it is a private road but wanted to know who owns it because after speaking to the State Police who will not respond to their requests because it is a private road. He explained there have been serious actions by these young people whereby the residents have been taunted, threatened and harassed and are now concerned of retaliation. Solicitor Dunn noted that the Township has no jurisdiction on private roads and suggested that the Township could contact the State Police which may assist in getting some attention to the matter. After some discussion which included Mr. Renna's Father who expressed some of the same concerns, the Supervisors requested that the Secretary contact the State Police with the information that has been furnished.*

*Carolyn Lang expressed appreciation to the Supervisors for eliminating the Township Real Estate for 2009. She asked for an update on the Pear Tree Development. Solicitor Dunn gave a review of the events from the time the Supervisors rejected the plan to the present which resulted in the court upholding the Township's position in rejecting the plan. He noted that the applicant can resubmit a plan but noted that access to the property is a big issue since the owner and the applicant are in some legal dispute.*

*PLANS-Chairman Beers noted that the lot line adjustment plan submitted between the Township and Todd Detrick was next on the agenda and noted that the Township is purchasing some property next to the Township Building property and attaching it to same. It was also noted that the Planning Commission recommended approval of this plan. A motion was made by Supervisor Drake, seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge to approve this plan. The motion carried.*

*OLD BUSINESS-The Stormwater Ordinance was next on the agenda which needs a motion to advertise the necessary public hearing. A motion was made by Supervisor Drake to advertise such public hearing for February 2, 2009 (the same evening as the Regular Monthly Meeting) at 7:00 p.m., the motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.*

*NEW BUSINESS-Vice Chairman Kresge expressed the need of some fireproof area for filing records. Although there are two file cabinets a storage area (room) would be more satisfactory, perhaps made of concrete or similar. Some discussion took place considering where it could be built or if a service*

*should be utilized. It was decided to table this allowing time to look into how this could be accomplished.*

*A resignation letter was received from Richard Todora, Tax Collector. Vice Chairman Kresge noted some concern about accepting this resignation until his work is completed. Solicitor Dunn noted that the resignation should be accepted with the condition that his books be completed through December 31, 2008 and should include filing of all his returns to the Tax Office. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Kresge to that effect. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake and carried.*

*Chairman Beers asked if consideration will be given to interviews? He added that he doesn't want anything to do with it since the person will not be collecting Township tax let the School and County take care of it. Vice Chairman Kresge moved to appoint Nancy Scarfaro as Tax Collector after R. Todaro completes what is expected. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Drake. A roll call vote showed Vice Chairman Kresge and Supervisor Drake voting in favor and Chairman Beers opposed. The motion carried.*

*Regarding the Open Records Officer, Solicitor Dunn explained the law and a motion was made by Supervisor Drake to appoint the Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried. Another motion was made by Supervisor Drake to adopt the PSATS Open Record Policy. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.*

*A motion was made to appoint Roger Christman, Planning Commission member to a position on the CJER Committee by Supervisor Drake, seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.*

*Supervisor Drake noted that the Ross Township Park Committee needs some revamping perhaps some new members with terms and positions and she indicated she would discuss this issue with Judy Breidinger.*

*Some discussion took place about some portable classrooms that are available from one of the school districts and Bernie Kozen, Park Director indicated he would like to look them over and is asking if anyone is interested. The buildings are approximately 900sf with heat and air conditioning, but, would need to be moved (cost unknown) Solicitor Dunn noted that since they are indicating they are free a letter giving them authorization to give away something less than fair market value is in order. Chairman Beers indicated that he is not interested in them for Ross Township's Park.*

#### *ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-No Report*

*The receipts and expenditures were presented and a motion was made by Supervisor Drake to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kresge and carried.*

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m..*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Doris Price, Secretary*