

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING-BUDGET WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 26, 2009

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, at 6:30 P. M. Those in attendance were Lois Leonard (Chairperson), Robert Hahn (Vice Chairman), Shaun Appel (Supervisor) and Lou Anne Bostic, (Secretary).

Pledge of Allegiance:

1. Eye and Dental - table line item till we get health insurance quotes.
2. Cell phones - table line item, Ms Leonard is working on other options.
3. Advertising - table for consideration by Mr. Hahn.
4. Accounting - Mr. Hahn would like to switch to Stambaugh Ness at a reduced savings of approximately \$5,000.00. Ms Leonard feels that the new firm will not audit as thorough as the current accounting firm. Table line item.
5. Fire company donation - township did not receive financial statement as requested. The manager informed the board that all phone, fax and email services were down today.
6. Uniform allowance - table to allow Ms Leonard to check into safety shoes
7. Recycling - table till bids are received for curbside trash contract.
8. Health insurance - table to allow other quotes to be received.
9. Highway construction - table until after road tour.
10. Office supplies, Ms Leonard lowered the expense by \$400.00 and cancelled all snack and beverage purchases for employees.
11. Ambulance contributions - Mr. Appel tabled to allow further call research. Mr. Hahn would like to cut out the library contributions instead of ambulance contributions.

The following comments were presented by the public:

- Phil Figdore, Jug Road, recommends that the township find an independent consultant to help with the insurance matters. He also suggested that the township shop around for cheaper printers to publish the township newsletter.
- Pat McCoy, Susquehanna Trail, stated that she receives three copies of any township mailings and thinks that the printer should go thru the records before mailing.
- Lorreta Wilhide, Witmer Road, stated that she uses a printer that she feels would be cheaper.
- Phil Figdore, Jug Road, voiced concern over the interest rate that the township is receiving from PLGIT.
- Lorreta Wilhide, Witmer Road, stated that maybe a longer investment term would be warranted in order to obtain a higher rate.
- Rick Fink, Cloverleaf Road, informed the board that Ameriprise Financial Services might be offering a higher yield.
- Lorreta Wilhide, Witmer Road, asked about the higher unemployment compensation figures. Ms Wilhide also wanted to know when the road tour will be scheduled and what the personnel policy concern is.

The budget will be updated as per instructed and another workshop session will be advertised for November 30, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Bostic