

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MARCH 2, 2010

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, at 7:00 P. M. Those in attendance were Robert Hahn (Chairman), Lois Leonard (Vice-Chairperson), Lorreta Wilhide (Supervisor), Timothy Bupp (Solicitor), Terry Myers (Engineer) and Lou Anne Bostic, (Secretary).

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Ms Leonard, second by Ms Wilhide, unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as prepared.

Approval of February 1, 2010 minutes: Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

RECOGNITION RESOLUTION OF MILITARY SERVICE.

Mr. Hahn read the resolution and presented a plaque to Mr. Curtis L. Knaub II, for his service to his country as a Staff Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps. Mr. Hahn feels that the township should recognize all people who have served or who are actively serving in the military. Anyone interested should contact the township manager.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC REQUESTS:

- Eugene Stover, 100 Cross Farm Lane, informed the board of the problem with truck traffic trying to enter the Greenspring Industrial Park. The trucks are traveling on Greenspring Road, either by Copenhaffer Road or by Cloverleaf to East Butter Roads. The section of Cross Farm Lane on Greenspring Road is blocked with a gate, which was a township requirement when the plan was improved. Mr. Stover has visited the businesses in the park to ask for their help with routing trucks to Cross Farm Lane by the Susquehanna Trail only. He has been told that it is not their problem, but they are trying to address the matter. The township manager has also been trying to address the problem by contacting the global positioning companies and asking them to update their mapping system. Mr. Stover said that something must be done to stop the trucks from using this entrance, it is a major problem for the residents along the route. The roads are not designed to handle the truck traffic.

- Leslie Romesberg, 300 Greenspring Road told the board that the trucks have caused damage to her property. The township did not plow the cul-de-sac location which caused the trucks to back out across Greenspring Road and on to her property. The manager explained that the cul-de-sac was plowed as soon as the road crew could get to the location.

-Keith Sweitzer, 4880 Lewisberry Road, suggested that the township consider changing the name of this section of Cross Farm Lane. The “GPS” systems would then not recognize the road as an entrance to the industrial park.

-A dispatcher from the company located at 275 Farm Cross Lane was present to inform the board that they think a sign on the Susquehanna Trail would help. The board informed him that this section of the Trail is a PennDot road. Any sign placements need their approval.

-Melanie Taylor, 720 E. Butter Road, stated that she sees trucks using this entrance thru the gate and she wants to know who is opening the gate for them. Mr. Stover stated that he has the combination, and has opened the gate for some of the drivers when they get stuck in the area.

-Mr. Hahn asked the township engineer to look into a possible solution to the truck problem.

-Donald Ilgenfritz, 505 Copenhaffer Road, asked that signs be installed on Cloverleaf Road to stop the trucks from traveling this way. The board does not feel that a sign will help because the trucks will already be on Cloverleaf Road with no where to turn around.

-An unidentified resident asked what the original agreement required for the truck entrance.

Mr. Hahn informed him that he was not on the board at that time and would have to research.

-Sharon Beck, 1605 Copenhaffer Road, asked if the township can do anything about the signs that are placed along the roads and on private property. She stated that the signs cause traffic site problems and are a nuisance in general. Ms Wilhide would like to take a look at the ordinance governing these signs and other signs with regard to time limitations. Mr. Hahn told Ms Beck that the township will look into the matter and, if the ordinance allows, will write letters to the realty companies telling them to stop placing the signs.

- Jason Armstrong, 255 Fisher Drive, asked if the township has a snow emergency plan.

Mr. Hahn informed him that this matter will be discussed under the solicitor’s report.

-Margaret Burg, 850 Copenhaffer Road, thanked the board for the contracted trash service.

PUBLIC HEARING- Ordinance #324 - Conewago Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

-Public comments: None.

-Board comments: None

Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance # 324.

PLANNING & ZONING:

- ES3 York, LLC- Revised Land Development/Reverse Subdivision Plan. This plan was previously approved by the supervisors and is being presented for re approval due to the recording date expiring. Motion by Ms Leonard, second by Ms Wilhide, unanimously carried, to approve the plan.

-Rodger, Donald & Sharon, Subdivision Plan proposed removing land from one parcel to be added to another parcel. No additional lots are being created. A waiver request was submitted for Section 505.d of the SALDO, road widening requirements. Attorney Bupp informed the board that he does not see a problem with granting the waiver request as no additional house is proposed. Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to approve the waiver request.

The subdivision plan notes that the existing septic and water provided to the properties is a shared system. Both properties are family owned. Margaret Burg, 850 Copenhaffer Road, stated that they were previous owners of the entire tract of land and the systems were not shared when they sold the property. She also stated that a deed restriction was placed on the property to not allow the separation of the two existing lots. Attorney Bupp informed the board that the lots were split previous to this time, and he does not see a legal problem with the plan that is before the board tonight. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Wilhide, unanimously carried, to approve the subdivision plan with the condition that the owner's notarized signature be added to the plan prior to recording.

REPORTS:

The following reports were distributed to the Supervisors:

Treasurer's Report, Fuel Usage Report, Police Report, Road Report, Sewer Report, and the Building Permit Report. No questions were presented. Motion by Ms Leonard, second by Ms Wilhide, unanimously carried, to approve the reports.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT: Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Mr. Hahn, motion carried, to approve the accounts payable report in the amount of \$58,410.11 Vote: Hahn-aye, Wilhide-aye, Leonard-nay. Ms Leonard voted in opposition because she did not see the receipts.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: (Copy attached)

- Attorney Bupp presented a draft ordinance to establish a Park and Recreation Board. Ms Wilhide questioned the need to establish a board because the township currently has a Recreational Advisory Committee. Ms Wilhide spoke with Manchester Township, who did have a Recreation Board and dissolved the board because of problems. Mr. Hahn said that the control given to a Recreation Board can be controlled by the Supervisors. The attorney asked the board to review the proposed ordinance for discussion at the next meeting.

-Attorney Bupp presented a draft ordinance to repeal Ordinance 279, which had established a truck weight limitation on Millcreek Road. Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to authorize the advertisement for action at the next meeting.

-Attorney Bupp presented a request from Penn Waste asking the township to amend the refuse collection ordinance to address concerns they have with collection fees and costs for delinquent customers. Ms Leonard and Mr. Hahn informed him that they are not in favor of amending the ordinance if it would cause further costs to the township. The board did not want account billing or delinquent account collections to be handled by the township. Mr. Hahn also would like to look at amending the ordinance to address home owner associations as residential and not commercial accounts. Mr. Bupp said that our current ordinance addresses this issue and he does not feel an amendment is necessary.

-The solicitor has requested an executive session after the meeting to discuss the current status of pending litigation.

-Attorney Bupp presented a memorandum to the board regarding the parking signs located in the Bennett Run Development. The solicitor recommends that the township revisit the prior removal of No Parking signs from the development, this decision is not supported by the traffic study results. Jason Armstrong, 255 Fisher Drive, had asked the township to remove the no parking signs in his block. He states that there is not enough parking. Ms Wilhide thinks the no parking signs should not be removed from the area on Fisher Drive, and the other signs should be re-installed according to the traffic study results. Mr. Armstrong stated that no other developments in the township were studied for parking limits. Ms Leonard stated that she thinks the signs should never have been installed. Mr. Hahn stated that he recognizes the legal liability that exists for the township with the removed signs, and he feels that signs should be re-installed. The engineer will look at the requirements for the sign placements within the development.

-Attorney Bupp presented a proposal for establishing a declaration of snow emergency policy.

The board will review for discussion at the next meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Terry Myers presented the written report. (Copy attached)

-2010 Road projects. Mr. Myers presented a summary for road projects based on information that was provided to him by the township manager and notes from Mr. Hahn. The engineer will be providing a 5 year summary for the board at the next meeting.

-2010 Road material bid specification packets will be ready for action at the April meeting.

Motion by Ms Leonard, second by Ms Wilhide, unanimously carried, to authorize the advertisement for road material bids.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-Township and Zoning Hearing Board, revisit a legal matter. This will be discussed in an executive session after the meeting.

-Base station replacement. The township received a quote in the amount of \$1,840.00 to replace the station that provides the service for truck to truck radios. Ms Wilhide asked if the radios are necessary since all the road crew members have cell phones. Ms Leonard stated that she thinks this is a safety issue and the cell phones do not always have reception in parts of the township. Mr. Hahn thinks the truck radios are necessary. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, motion carried, to authorize the base station replacement. Vote: Hahn-aye.

Leonard-aye. Wilhide-nay.

-Community Advisory Committee creation. Mr. Hahn requested that an ad-hoc committee be formed involving people in the community to provide input to improve the township. He would like to include members of local churches, school board, fire company, local business owners and development home owner associations. The audience and board was asked to provide comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

-The township information sign is in need of repair and the manager was asked to get a quote to replace the sign with an electronic sign. The price obtained from Bartush Signs totaled \$21,700.00. Ms Wilhide feels that the township could obtain a lower quote. The manager will find out what repairs are needed to fix the existing sign. Ms Leonard feels that the sign is not necessary.

OTHER BUSINESS:

-Mr. Hahn announced that the board will hold an executive session immediately following this meeting to discuss personnel and litigation matters.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Bostic