

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
APRIL 22, 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 10:30 A.M.. Those in attendance were Robert Hahn (Chairman), Lois Leonard (Vice-Chairperson), Lorreta Wilhide (Supervisor) and Lou Anne Bostic, (Secretary).

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Mr. Hahn, motion carried, to approve the agenda as prepared. Vote: Hahn-aye, Wilhide-aye, Leonard-opposed. Ms Leonard said that this meeting was totally uncalled for and it is wasteful spending.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC REQUESTS:

- Pat McCoy, 4490 Susquehanna Trail, asked why this meeting is being held at 10:30 a.m. when most people are working and can't get here. She said that Mr. Hahn, in the past, has stated that meetings should be held to allow working people to attend, she wants to know what they are trying to slide through, why this resolution was not brought up at a regular meeting and how much it is costing the tax payers to have this meeting. She feels that this is wasteful spending of tax payers money. Mr. Hahn told Ms McCoy that this is a properly scheduled meeting, and he does not feel that the cost to the tax payers would be any different than if it was advertised for another time.

- Sharon Beck, 1605 Copenhaffer Road, asked why the special meeting was not advertised on the township sign. Mr. Hahn agreed that the meeting should have been posted on the sign.

-Paul Finn, 55 Clary Way, stated that he feels the board is doing business under cover of darkness by scheduling this meeting. He is not happy with this board and he did some research on the recall process. He told them to expect to see a recall petition to have a supervisor removed from office.

-Jason Armstrong, 255 Fisher Drive, representing the Bennett Run Development Home Owners Association, asked about the Zion View rental fees. During the 2009 year they paid \$500.00 to rent the building for the HOA meetings. Mr. Armstrong informed the board that they cannot afford the fees. The manager explained that the township has set policy allowing any non-profit organization to reserve the building at no cost. Mr. Armstrong was asked to provide the proof of their non-profit status and reservations for the building will be made. Mr. Armstrong also requested a refund of the monies paid in 2009. Mr. Hahn requested that the Zion View rental rate matter be placed on the upcoming May agenda for discussion. Ms Wilhide informed the board that she has information from surrounding township's regarding their hourly rental rates. The refund request will be addressed at the May meeting. Ms Leonard asked why the board cannot act on the refund request at this time. Mr. Hahn informed her that a special meeting was called to discuss a specific item and other items would need to be addressed at the regular meeting, to be in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

NEW BUSINESS- Resolution 2010-09, a resolution to consider all record requests by supervisors

to be treated the same as any request under the Right To Know Law. Mr. Hahn explained that this resolution is being requested because one of the supervisors (Ms Leonard) has requesting large amounts of archived records. Mr. Hahn stated that according to the state director of the Open Records Office and the township solicitor, an elected official is not treated differently than the public for record requests. In order to not burden the staff with hours of copying records, he is presenting this resolution. Mr. Hahn read the resolution and moved that the resolution be accepted. Sharon Beck, 1605 Copenhaffer Road, asked if the public was allowed to comment. Mr. Hahn explained that the Public Comment Period was closed. Ms Beck feels that the public should be permitted to speak anytime during the meeting. Mr. Hahn reminded the public of the adopted Rules of Decorum for Citizen Participation and that there was a motion on the floor. The audience became very vocal at this time, the Chairman informed the audience that they were out of order and if they did not comply they would be removed from the meeting. Shouting from the audience continued and Mr. Hahn asked the manager to contact the police. Ms Wilhide already had the police on her cell phone. Ms Leonard explained why this meeting was being held, she had requested township records, in doing her job, to determine if things were being done right and she would have the information to pass to the public if they requested it. She does not agree with how the money is spent. If she has to fill out a right to know request and pay for copies, she will do what is necessary to pass information to the public. She will not agree to pass this resolution, she does not feel that she has requested excessive record copies, but she will do whatever it takes to get the information to the public. She will follow the rules. Mr. Hahn explained that any supervisor has the right to look at the records and make copies, this resolution does not affect that right. Mr. Hahn feels that the problem is when someone has been on the board for 5 years and is going back and asking for information that they already have, creating a burden on the staff and costing the town money. He explained that records are not being kept from anyone. The police arrived, Mr. Hahn explained that everyone has calmed down and nobody needs to be removed from the meeting. He thanked them for responding and asked them to remain until the meeting is over. Ms Wilhide does not have a problem with this proposed resolution. Ms Wilhide stated that large volumes of copies have been requested. Ms Leonard said that she requested all of 2009 bank statements. Ms Leonard stated that the township needs an intense audit, she thinks this audit was a joke compared to past audits and feels that the township should have spent more money to have the same audit done as years before because there were a lot of mistakes found. Mr. Hahn asked if the mistakes were made in 2009. Ms Leonard told him that they should research the records like she did. Ms Wilhide stated that she was not on the board in 2009. The motion made by Mr. Hahn, to accept the Resolution, is still open on the floor. Ms Wilhide seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote: Hahn-aye, Wilhide-aye, Leonard-opposed.

Ms. Leonard adjourned the meeting.

Paul Finn, 55 Clary Way asked what the normal monthly reports include. Mr. Hahn told him that monthly reports include financial reports. Ms Leonard said that the bank statements are not part of that report. Mr. Hahn said that if Ms Leonard would stop by the office to sign checks, which she refuses to do, she could look over the documents at that time. Ms Leonard stated that she does not think they need 3 dictators back here, 2 is enough.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned by Chairman at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Bostic