

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MAY 4, 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 April 6th. & April 22nd, 2010 minutes: Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

Mr. Hahn read a statement of proceedings and expected conduct at the board meetings.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC REQUESTS:

- Rick Hogentogler, Stambaugh & Ness Accounting, was present along with Sheila Scott, to explain their audit procedure. Mr. Hogentogler explained that the township saved approximately 25% of their prior audit costs by not completing the GASB 34 Financial Report. This report takes the township cash accounting and changes it to an accrual accounting basis and is mostly used for bond issues. Mr. Hogentogler explained that their audit was thorough and complete and met all legal requirements, the only difference in this audit from prior year audits was the GASB 34 Financial Report. The firm had been asked to attend the meeting tonight because Ms Leonard stated at a prior meeting that the previous audits were more thorough than this one and we got what we asked and paid for. Mr. Hahn asked Ms Leonard to explain her comment and identify the mistakes that she referenced in her statement. Ms Leonard would not comment or identify the mistakes that she stated were made. Ms Wilhide and Mr. Hahn thanked them for the excellent audit that was completed by Stambaugh & Ness.

-Attorney Neil Slenker, representing Penn Waste, requested the supervisors to amend the refuse ordinance to assist Penn Waste in their delinquent collections. He explained that they have been asking all their municipalities and it could be advantageous to the township because future bids would stay competitive with lower collection costs being absorbed by the hauler. Mr. Hahn asked why the current ordinance states that garbage cannot be placed curbside before 5:00 p.m. the night before a scheduled pick up. Mr. Slenker explained that the hauler would not have placed this section in the ordinance, the township could remove the language from their ordinance if they so choose. Ms. Wilhide asked if Penn Waste would be willing to cover the expense of advertising a new ordinance. Ed Ward, Penn Waste, informed her that they would cover the advertising cost. Attorney Slenker presented the board with a copy of a "draft" ordinance for their review. Nick Blitva, 220 Hunter Creek Drive, informed the hauler that people in the Hunter Creek Development are abusing the service and he would like to see a sticker system put in place. Mr. Ward explained that their drivers have route sheets and they use an audit process to identify their customers. Mr. Blitva also stated that he has a problem with their pick up practice of only collecting one side of the street at a time. He thought that less truck traffic on the township roads was a main factor in contracting with an exclusive hauler. Mr. Ward informed him that picking up both sides is a safety issue. Mr. Blitva stated that they pick up both sides on the Trail.

The hauler will look into the matter.

-Peggy Knouse, 805 Copenhaffer Road, informed the board that due to a handicap she has a problem putting her trash curbside. She said that they received a letter from the township informing them of the time frame for curbside placement. Mr. Hahn would like to see the time frame changed to 24 hours prior to scheduled pickup. Greg Fetrow, 105 Witmer Road, told Ms Knouse to contact him if she needs someone to place her garbage curbside. Ms Wilhide informed her that garbage is being placed curbside days in advance of pickup and that is why they received the letter.

-Carl Fidler, 150 E. Butter Road, requested to read a letter to the audience stating his feelings about recent meeting events. (Copy attached)

-Paul Finn, 55 Clary Way, informed the board that he is still waiting to have the No Parking signs removed from the Bennett Run Development. Mr. Hahn is still waiting for a reply from the York County Planning Commission Traffic Engineer who completed the traffic studies. Mr. Finn also asked the board to consider a resolution to place a referendum on the ballot to increase the board to five members. He stated that they will obtain the 5% needed for a petition if the board is not willing. Mr. Hahn thanked Mr. Finn for his comments. Mr. Finn asked if the board would consider the request tonight and was informed by Mr. Hahn that it was not an item agenda. Mr. Finn requested to be placed on the next meeting agenda.

-Greg Fetrow, 105 Witmer Road, informed the public that he is a township employee / resident and wanted to comment on the newspaper article. The township has always provided snacks and beverages for the staff and wanted to know why this is now a problem. Mr. Fetrow said that the township employee wages were increased by 2%, but at a cost to the employee they lost one holiday. He said that all he hears is how the money is being spent but do the residents realize how much the staff saves the township by doing work in house.

-Cheryl Naill, 280 E. Butter Road, commented on the newspaper article stating that the article lacked research and was unprofessional. Ms Naill commended the township staff on the fabulous job they did during the snow storms. She feels that they deserve the money and the free beverages.

-Crystal Wilhide, 685 Copenhaffer Road, requested to read a letter stating her feelings about the newspaper article. (Copy attached)

-Peggy Knouse, 805 Copenhaffer Road, stated that the York Daily Record does not research facts before they publish articles.

-Jason Armstrong, 255 Fisher Drive, informed the board that he researched other townships and they do not charge their supervisors for record copies. Mr. Hahn told him that the charge only occurs if the individual supervisor does not copy the record themselves and asks for years of records that take hours to copy. Mr. Armstrong informed the board that Mr. Bupp, York County Planning Commission retired Traffic Engineer, told him that the township can remove the no parking signs from Bennett Run, however, he will not issue a written document to reverse the study. He also said the signs can be placed on either side of the road, the study was just a suggestion. Mr. Armstrong asked the board to have a traffic study done on Fisher Drive to change the stop sign placements due to speeding traffic. Ms Wilhide stated that stop signs are not used as speed devices. Mr. Armstrong asked about the Jake Brake Ordinance enforcement in the township. He told the board that the fire company used the brakes in the Bennett Run development during a

recent event.

-Lynn Kann, 230 Copenhaffer Road asked the board who scheduled the special meeting time in April. He feels that the meeting should not have been held during the time when most people work and could not attend. Mr. Kann also said that the meeting was not posted on the township sign and he feels that there should have been more notice. Mr. Hahn agreed that the notice should have been posted on the sign and he thanked Mr. Kann for his opinion.

-Robert Childress, 55 Joan Drive, asked if the township has a noise ordinance. Mr. Hahn told him to contact the township office for the information.

-Krista Yingling, 40 Joan Drive, asked if Lois has to pay for copies that she requests. Mr. Hahn informed her that the charge only occurs if the individual supervisor does not copy the record themselves.

PLANNING & ZONING: The board reviewed a request from the zoning officer to proceed against a zoning violation. The property owner constructed a deck without the required permit and has not responded to the cease and desist order that was issued by the zoning officer. The board authorized the solicitor to send a letter and if the property owner has not responded within 15 days to proceed with legal action.

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.

-Ms Leonard stated that the fuel report does not show dates and times as previous reports have included. Ms Bostic will research this and provide a revised fuel report. The board tabled the fuel report. Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to approve the other reports.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT: Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Mr. Hahn, motion carried, to approve the report. Vote: Wilhide-aye, Hahn, aye, Leonard-nay. Ms Leonard stated that she did not review the statements.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: (Copy attached)

- Attorney Bupp presented an ordinance to establish a Park and Recreation Board Motion by Ms Leonard, second by Ms Wilhide, unanimously carried, to authorize the advertisement for action at the next meeting.

- Attorney Bupp presented the proposed emergency snow parking and removal ordinance. Attorney Bupp will present the proposed final draft for the June meeting to advertise for action in July.

-Comcast Cable Franchise Renewal - pending.

-Attorney Bupp informed the board that the litigation between the township and the zoning hearing board, regarding the fire company, is complete.

-The employee handbook review is scheduled for an executive board meeting on Friday, May 7th.

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

-The engineer reported that the material bids are in place and we will be using those bids for our 2010 road projects.

-2010 Road project bids will be advertised for bid opening on May 27th. For board action at the next meeting. Terry informed the board that there will be three separate bids.

Mr. Myers will be meeting with the township roadmaster to review the roads that are included in the project. Mr. Hahn requested information on the Millcreek/Canal Road intersection design. Mr. Myers informed him that the triangle was created to avoid the additional expense of moving the utility pole and the fire hydrant.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

-The township received a request to refund the Bennett Run Home Owners Association rental fees for the Zion View Community Center. The association met 4 times during 2009, and paid a total of \$500.00 for rental of the building. The township does not charge a non-profit organization for rentals. Motion by Ms Leonard, second by Ms Wilhide, unanimously carried, to refund \$500.00 to the association.

-Zion View Community Center rental fees. The board discussed the rental fee structure. Ms Leonard would like to set a \$30.00 fee for a 2 hour rental. Ms Wilhide presented research from other townships regarding their rental rates. Ms Wilhide motioned to set the 2 hour rental rate at \$35.00. Discussion on the motion continued. Any other rentals exceeding the 2 hours would be charged the full rate. Motion on the floor by Ms Wilhide to set the 2 hour rental rate was seconded by Ms Leonard. Motion carried. Vote: Wilhide- aye, Leonard-aye, Hahn- nay.

Ms Leonard does not think the renters should have to remove their trash and Ms Wilhide agreed. The board changed the rental agreement to inform the renter that they are responsible for putting their trash in the bags provided, tie them shut and place the trash on the back porch when they leave. The township roadcrew will remove the trash from the property and dispose in the township dumpster.

-The township manager informed the board that the mulch stockpile has been depleted and the back stop fence on field #3 needs to be replaced. Jake Perry, president of the Zion View Athletic Association, told the board that he has concerns for the players safety. The fence is falling down and is pointing toward the field. He requested that repairs be made after July due to their schedule. The manager will obtain quotes.

OTHER BUSINESS:

-Mr. Hahn shared a thank you card from the Zion View Cub Scout Pack for the township donation.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ms Leonard, second by Ms Wilhide, unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Bostic