

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUDGET WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

The workshop 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) and Lou Anne Bostic, (Secretary).

Pledge of Allegiance:

-Ms Wilhide asked why the expenses are being addressed before the income. Mr. Hahn explained that this is the way he prefers to create a budget. Ms Wilhide prefers to address income before expense.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC REQUESTS:

- Raymon Langione, Canal Road, asked if the figures for the year to date include September. Ms Bostic stated that the figures include expenses thru the end of August.

The board started the review of past expenditures on each line item. The following comments were presented.

-Fire Company contribution. Mr. Hahn and Ms Leonard agree that the amount should stay the same as 2010. Ms Wilhide stated that the population and their operating costs increased.

-Community Days contribution. Ms Leonard stated that the contribution of \$2,000.00 is a lot of money. Rob Fogle, event representative, stated that the surrounding municipalities contribute, with East Manchester contributing \$2,000.00 also.

-Ms Leonard asked why the utilities for the fire station on Fisher Drive are so high. Mr. Fink informed the board that the utilities for the other station are higher. The heat is set at 50 degrees. Ms Leonard asked why the outside lights are not on a timer. Ms Wilhide also commented that an ambulance was stationed at the Fisher Drive station during the major snow storm.

-The board requested Ms Bostic to provide a breakdown of the workers compensation costs for the fire company. Mr. Hahn asked for a copy of all utility bills for the Fisher Drive location.

-Ms Wilhide would like to obtain a cost to replace the windows in the township building in order to save on utility costs for the municipal building.

-The board requested a break down of each individual supervisors' costs for dental and vision reimbursements to date.

-Ms Bostic will check with COSTARS to get a cost to replace the township's copy machine.

- Ms Wilhide would like to have the township newsletter available in an electronic version, and to have the fire company and the township publish a joint newsletter to save on costs.

-Ms Wilhide is not in favor of keeping the truck radios in working order when the township pays for cell phone service. Ms Bostic informed the board that unfortunately, the radios and the phones

do not work in all areas of the township.

-Ms Leonard asked for a copy of the contract with the cellular provider and the breakdown of the plans.

-The board requested a copy of all travel expenses to date.

-Ms Wilhide is not in favor of a clothing allotment for the roadcrew. Pat McCoy, 4490 Susquehanna Trail, would like to eliminate the clothing allotment, and reimburse the crew for one pair of steel-toe shoes per year, after a receipt is presented. Brenda Smith, 5687 Susquehanna Trail, stated that the road crew should wear steel toe shoes but she knows that they are very hot when the employees are working on the roads. Mr. Hahn is in favor of substantiating any purchases with receipts.

-The board requested a report showing all recreation utilities broken down individually.

-Ms Leonard is not in favor of appointing Ms Wilhide to serve on the Parks and Recreation Board. She feels that it would be a conflict of interest due to the Supervisors approving their expenditures.

-The board requested a copy of all township insurance coverage.

-Mr. Hahn informed the board that the Rooster Lane grant is not being released until someone from the township is certified in the ESM Dirt & Gravel Road Program. Ms Bostic was previously certified, however, the certification must be renewed every five years. The township was unaware of the change in the certification requirement. Someone will attend an upcoming program in order to obtain the grant money.

-Ms Wilhide requested the township to research the "Safe Route To School" grant program. She would like to see sidewalks installed from Zion View to the Conewago Elementary School.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Bostic
Secretary

