

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUGUST 6, 2012

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 Lorreta Wilhide (Chairperson), Brian Klinger (Vice-Chairperson), Robert Hahn (Supervisor), Chris Reed (Solicitor), Terry Myers (Engineer) and Lou Anne Bostic, (Secretary).

Pledge of Allegiance:

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC REQUESTS:

- Sharon Beck, 1605 Copenhaffer Road requested the population of the township according to the latest census. Ms Wilhide told her the population is approximately 7500. Ms Beck also wanted an answer to a zoning question and was told that she should come to the office and speak with the zoning officer.

-Heather Eichelberger, 140 Greenspring Road presented soccer goal prices to the board. The manager will check COSTARS for pricing also. Mr. Hahn feels that the request to form and fund soccer programs should be discussed by the Recreation Board and not the athletic association. The association does not have the authority to designate the use of the recreation facilities. Ms Eichelberger feels that the lease agreement between the township and the athletic association needs clarification. Mr. Hahn stated that the lease explains and includes all conditions.

-Brad Heilman, 2035 Copenhaffer Road requested that the township install additional electrical outlets in the kitchen area at the Zion View Community Center.

Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Mr. Klinger to have an electrician look at the Zion View building and see what can be done to provide more outlets. Motion unanimously carried.

Vote: 3 to 0

-Mr. Heilman also informed the board that the garbage situation at the center over the weekend was horrible. The township will look into the matter. Ms Wilhide feels that an emergency contact number should be added to the rental contract.

-Mr. Heilman thanked the board for the Copenhaffer Road paving project and said that the township has not seeded his yard yet. He would like the area seeded as soon as possible. Ms Wilhide explained that the road crew is short staffed due to a medical leave. Mr. Heilman wanted to talk about the matter and was informed that a medical matter cannot be discussed.

-Lonnie Carman, 710 Butter Road asked the township to address the bad dip in the area of 690 Butter Road. The road master and township engineer will visit the site.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Mr. Klinger, second by Ms Wilhide, to adopt the

agenda. Mr. Hahn discussed the following:

-Why nothing is on the agenda? The manager informed him that the business included on the agenda was all that is scheduled. Mr. Hahn quoted the Sunshine Law requirements regarding the agenda content and public comments. He feels that more detail needs to be included on the agenda and we are violating the Sunshine Law and could be subject to fines. Mr. Hahn amended the motion to provide more detail on the agenda. No second was received and motion died. Mr. Hahn motioned that the public should have the right to make comments on any agenda item. Sharon Beck, 1605 Copenhaffer Road, requested that more detail be provided on some items and to also give the public the chance to respond. Motion by Mr. Klinger, second by Mr. Hahn, to approve the agenda with the condition that the meeting be open to public comments on any agenda item, and at any time during the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. Vote: 3 to 0

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

-July 3, 2012 - Mr. Hahn requested the following changes:

-Other business section - add the word road in the reference to the assistant road master position.

-Other business section - change to he was concerned over the need for Comcast Cable television service at the township. He does not feel that television service is necessary.

Motion by Mr. Klinger, second by Mr. Hahn, unanimously carried, to approve the minutes from July 3rd as amended and the minutes from July 16th as presented.

Vote: 3 to 0

PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance #340, to designate Nolan Drive as a stop intersection.

Sharon Beck, 1605 Copenhaffer Road, asked if a traffic study was done. Ms Wilhide informed her that the study was completed by her. Mr. Hahn asked if a written study was completed. Ms Wilhide informed him that she did a written study. No other comments were presented.

Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried, to adopt Ordinance #340.

Vote: 3 to 0

PLANNING & ZONING: Mr. Hahn asked if the Spring Valley Mulch E&S approval has been received. Mr. Klinger informed him that they are still working on it. The manager explained that approval has not been received as of this date.

REPORTS: The following reports were distributed to the Supervisors: Police Report, Sewer Authority Report, Fuel Report and Building Permit Report.

-Mr. Hahn had questions about the building permit report and requested that the reports be reviewed closer along with the building permit applications. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried, to approve the reports. Vote: 3 to 0

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried, to approve the July 2012 treasurer's report. Vote: 3 to 0

ROAD REPORT: Ms Wilhide requested that the sign rental bill be checked for correct billing period. Mr. Hahn feels that too many signs were rented. Terry Myers informed him that D.E. Gemmill would have based the number on PennDot Publication 203 requirements. Mr. Hahn

stated that the he feels the township should purchase the signs instead of renting them. The sign price purchase quote that was provided to the board did not include the necessary stands and accessories.

-Mr. Hahn commented that the township roadcrew are not wearing safety helmets when they are flagging as required by law. Sharon Beck, 1605 Copenhaffer Road, stated that she feels the road crew should wear helmets whenever they are working on the roads.

-Mr. Hahn questioned the guard rail repair that is scheduled for Sheepbridge Road. The manager explained that the damage was due to a vehicle accident and the driver's insurance company will be billed when the repair is complete. Mr. Hahn stated that the board should be notified of any accident that causes damage.

Motion by Mr. Klinger, second by Mr. Hahn, unanimously carried, to approve the road report.
Vote: 3 to 0

RECREATION REPORT: Pat McCoy, 4490 Susquehanna Trail, informed the board that the "watering trough" is missing from the Millcreek property. The manager will contact the contractor to see if he knows anything.

-Sharon Beck, 1605 Copenhaffer Road, reported that the gate to the township yard was open on Saturday and no vehicles were around.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: - Attorney Reed informed the board that other townships have submitted stormwater management ordinance revisions to The York County Planning Commission and are waiting for their review and comments. Conewago Township will wait until those comments are made available before further addressing the mandated stormwater management ordinance for the township. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried, to approve the solicitor's report. Vote: 3 to 0

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Terry Myers delivered the 2011-2012 MS4 permit that was submitted and the Notice of Intent that will need to be submitted prior to September 14th and discussed the requirements.

-Mr. Myers informed the board that after the developer installs the required storm water culvert on Graffius Road, the paving will begin. The closure of Graffius Road is necessary to complete the storm water construction and the developer is requesting board permission to close the road for the weeks of September 10th. and September 17th.

Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried, to authorize the road closure with the condition that Mr. Pasch give the necessary advance notice that the road will be closed.

Vote 3 to 0

-Terry also explained that Graffius Road will be inspected for base failure and/or repairs prior to paving by Long's Paving.

-Mr. Klinger asked about the notice that was sent by C. S. Davidson to York Building Products regarding the possibility of material failure. During the placement of the paving material it was discovered that the product was hard to work with. The engineer decided to have the company look into this matter and contacted them on behalf of the township supervisors. Mr. Hahn wanted to know who decided to pursue the matter on behalf of the supervisors and feels that the board is kept in the dark on township matters by Ms Bostic and Mr. Myers.

-Mr. Hahn asked if Rooster Lane is finished, the under pinning of the wall is outstanding. The manager will provide the cost to date to the board.

-Mr. Hahn asked about the status of Act 13. (the regulation of natural gas wells)
The solicitor explained that parts of the act have been appealed to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-Emergency Management Coordinator vacancy. Robin Gross, 5145 Susquehanna Trail, has submitted a letter of interest in serving as coordinator. The board reviewed the letter and Ms Gross's training documents and feel she is qualified to serve. Ms Gross has reviewed some of the information located at the township and stated that a good amount of work will be necessary to bring Conewago Township into compliance and will need board support. Motion by Mr. Klinger, second by Mr. Hahn, unanimously carried, to recommend Robin Gross as the Conewago Township Emergency Management Coordinator. The recommendation will be forwarded to the governor for approval.

Vote: 3 to 0

-Mr. Hahn reported on the status of the cable franchise renewal. He feels that the Cohen Group is dragging their feet on the renewal and has concerns about our current contract expiration.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2012-12, dissolving the position of Assistant Roadmaster.

-Budget workshops. The board decided that four workshops will be scheduled for the 2013 budget workshops. Mr. Hahn will provide dates to the manager.

OTHER BUSINESS: Ms Bostic announced that correspondence was received from

Representative Gillespie's office regarding the PennDOT Betterment Program. Mr. Hahn asked what the program includes. The program primarily includes maintenance and resurfacing projects on two and three-lane state highways. The board will consider for the next meeting.

-Ms Bostic informed the board that a resident on Big Conewago Avenue has requested "No Truck" signs be installed at both entrances due to truck traffic. The board would like to monitor the area.

-Mr. Hahn suggested that the board review the existing ordinances of the township. He feels that some of the ordinances need replaced and/or revised. The manager will provide a copy of the ordinance index to the board for their review.

-Mr. Hahn feels that we are showing poor stewardship on our part for not mowing the roads. The board would like the road crew to use common sense and cut all grass consistently.

-Ms Wilhide announced that West Nile carrying mosquitoes have been found in the township and reminded the residents to remove standing water on their property. Lynn Kann, 330 Copenhaffer Road, voiced concerns about the storm water retention basin located in the Hunter Creek Development. The manager was instructed to contact the West Nile Program at Penn State to determine if the township will be sprayed.

-Ms Wilhide reminded everyone of the National Night Out event being held on August 7th at the Dover Fire Company from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. NYCRPD is sponsoring the event.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Mr. Klinger, second by Mr. Hahn, unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Bostic