

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
DECEMBER 4, 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), Robert Hahn, (Supervisor), Timothy Bupp (Solicitor), Terry Myers (Engineer) and Lou Anne Bostic, (Secretary).

Pledge of Allegiance:

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC REQUESTS:

-Lonnie Carman, 710 Butter Road, thanked the township for fixing the dip on Butter Road.

-Sharon Beck, 1605 Copenhaffer Road, asked if the installed lighting on the Susquehanna Trail meets the zoning requirements. The zoning officer will look into this.

-Nick Blitva, 220 Hunter Creek Drive, reported that the Hunter Creek Development was the target for auto break-ins over the last weekend.

-Leslie Romesburg, 300 Greenspring Road, stated that a stop sign should be installed at the exit from UNFI onto Cross Farm Lane. The road master will check this.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Wilhide, unanimously carried, to adopt the agenda. Vote: 2 to 0

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

-Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Wilhide, unanimously carried, to approve the November 7, 2012 minutes. Vote: 2 to 0.

-November 8, 2012 Budget workshop minute approval was tabled.  
(Mr. Hahn was absent)

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance # 341, an ordinance designating Cross Farm Lane as a "No Parking" area.

Public comments were presented by the following:

-Richard Knisley, Susquehanna Trail, complained about trucks parking on the road.

-Nick Blitva, Hunter Creek Drive, complained about the truck traffic in the Hunter Creek Development and would like a "No Truck" sign posted at the development entrance on

Copenhaffer Road. Ms. Wilhide explained that the “No Truck” sign on Copenhaffer Road at the Susquehanna Trail entrance should be prohibiting the trucks from being on Copenhaffer Road.

-Charles Eckenrode, Hykes Mill Road, complained about the traffic congestion that is being caused on the Susquehanna Trail because the trucks are going too slow. Mr. Hahn informed him that nothing can be done about going too slow.

-Ms Wilhide requested that a “T intersection” sign be installed on Greenspring Road, before the Cross Farm Lane entrance, to alert drives of the entrance.

Board comments follow:

-Ms Wilhide informed the public that UNILIFE has already posted a “No Truck Exit” sign before the Greenspring Road intersection. This should direct the trucks to exit to the Susquehanna Trail.

-Mr. Hahn asked why the “No Parking” signs are already installed on Cross Farm Lane when the township did not take action. Ms Wilhide informed him that UNILIFE had privately posted them but they were not enforceable.

-Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Mr. Hahn, unanimously carried, to adopt Ordinance #341, designating both sides of the entire length of Cross Farm Lane, as a no parking area. Regional Police will be contacted to begin enforcement. Vote: 2 to 0.

-Resolution 2012-16, setting the 2013 Budget.

-Mr. Hahn disagrees with the budget amount for the Supervisors Dental and Vision benefits. The budget is inflated if the board members do not use the entire funds available. Mr. Hahn disagrees with the budget and he is only adopting it because it's the end of the year.

-No public comments were heard.

-Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Mr. Hahn, unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2012-16. Vote: 2 to 0.

PLANNING & ZONING: None

REPORTS: The following reports were distributed to the Supervisors: Police Report, Fuel Report and Building Permit Report. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Wilhide, unanimously carried, to approve the reports. Vote: 2 to 0

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Mr. Hahn, unanimously carried, to approve the November 2012 treasurer's report. Vote: 2 to 0

ROAD REPORT: Todd Smith reported that the repairs to Hilton Avenue are complete. Mr. Smith and Terry Myers both agree that Hilton Avenue should be sealed next year in order to save

the road. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Wilhide, unanimously carried, to approve the payment to Stewart & Tate for the Hilton Avenue repairs.

Vote: 2 to 0

-Carl Fidler, East Butter Road, asked why the “hump” on Copenhaffer Road was not repaired when the Hilton Avenue repairs were done. Terry Myers explained that the repair was not included in the job budget.

-Mr. Hahn asked Todd about the fuel tank situation. Todd explained that the pump is not working again. Ms Bostic informed the board that a service call has been placed.

-Todd presented the board with a guide rail improvement proposal and is waiting for feed back from the Board. He feels that money should be budgeted every year in order to install guide rail were needed. Todd gave the list to the Board and the public and requested feedback.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:** - Attorney Bupp presented his written report and informed the public that a brief executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss a zoning hearing appeal litigation issue and a personnel matter.

-Mr. Hahn asked when the mandatory refuse/recycle is due. The extension request presented tonight for board approval would extend the current contract with Penn Waste to allow the township to take the necessary steps to implement the mandated collections.

Public workshops will be scheduled in order to educate the public on the mandated requirements.

-Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Wilhide, unanimously carried, to approve the refuse collection contract extension. Vote: 2 to 0.

-Mr. Hahn presented an update on the cable franchise agreement negotiations

The board has been asked to provide information to Attorney Cohen regarding their requests by December 14<sup>th</sup>. (i.e. franchise fee, what part of services are subject to the fee and service extension). Mr. Hahn is not pleased with the handling of the negotiations and Attorney Cohen’s charges. Mr. Hahn requested that the information be tabled until all board members are present. The manager was instructed to send a letter asking for additional time for completion of the questionnaire.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:** Terry Myers presented an agreement between Conewago Township and Kinsley Equities III, LP that transfers the PennDOT highway occupancy permit conditions and costs, for the Orchard Park -Susquehanna Trail/Canal Road intersection signalization project, from the township to the developer.

-Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Mr. Hahn, unanimously carried, to accept the agreement and authorize the proper signatures for recording. Vote: 2 to 0.

-Terry Myers presented a change order to extend the material contracts with York Building until March 31, 2013. The current contracts expire at the end of the year.

Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Mr. Hahn, unanimously carried, to approve the change order. Vote: 2 to 0.

-Terry Myers has completed the DEP permit applications for the Bremer Road culvert replacements which include the new DEP mandated wet land certification requirements.

Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Mr. Hahn, unanimously carried, to authorize the manager to sign the permit application. Vote: 2 to 0.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-Cable Franchise Agreement was discussed during the Solicitor's Report.

-Stormwater ordinance is pending action by the board.

-The deadline for the RFP's for a zoning hearing board solicitor is December 12<sup>th</sup>.

-Northeastern Area Emergency Medical Services presented a request to house an ambulance in the township during the last meeting. Jamey Haugh is present to discuss the matter with the Board. Mr. Haugh stated that they need the township to adopt an ordinance that would designate them as the first due responder for all medical emergencies in the township before they can move forward. Mr. Hahn and Ms Wilhide will look at the sample ordinance that was provided.

-Mr. Hahn asked if they are going to honor all subscriptions from the surrounding ambulance companies. Mr. Haugh informed him that during the transition they would honor them until they expire.

-Mr. Hahn and Ms Wilhide stated that the township needs this service and more information should be presented next month.

-The manager informed the board that several letters have been received regarding the various open board positions. The board will discuss at the next meeting.

-The manager tried to obtain bids to demolish the Canal Road park property. No one responded with an actual cost. Sealed bids will have to be obtained. Ms Wilhide would like approval to bid the project. Mr. Hahn would like to see the grounds improved first, he is not interested in removing the building. Discussion will be tabled until next month.

-Sharon Beck, Copenhaffer Road, asked if the material that was in the house is still there. The manager explained that due to water damage the material was removed and is being stored at the township building until the board decides what to do with it.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

-The board received a request from a Scout Leader asking to construct a veteran's memorial garden at the Zion View Community Park. The township currently hosts two separate veteran's memorial areas and does not feel any additional areas are needed. The board suggested that the applicant try a different project.

-Ms Wilhide commented on the Children's Christmas Party that was held December 1<sup>st</sup>, and thanked all the volunteers. The breakfast with Santa theme included pancakes and sausage, face painting and gifts from Santa. Ms Wilhide reported that the community business donations provided most of the supplies and less than \$500.00 was spent on the event. Mr. Hahn asked how many children were in attendance. Ms Wilhide stated that approximately 40 children attended and with adults the total was around 100.

-The Board wished everyone Happy Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Bostic