

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2001

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on February 21, 2001, by Chairman Robert Rouser. Board members present were Robert Rouser, Chairman; Albert Zuccolotto, Secretary-Treasurer; and Steve Buncich Vice-Chairman.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA:

No persons to be heard.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the re-organizational meeting, special meeting and the regular meeting were distributed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Buncich seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich-yes; Mr. Zuccolotto-yes; and Mr. Rouser-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS:

There was a motion by Mr. Buncich to pay the bills for the month of February 2001 in the amount of \$ 15,129.92 for the Township and \$ 3,455.42 for the Sewer Dept. second by Mr. Zuccolotto. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich-yes; Mr. Zuccolotto-yes; and Mr. Rouser-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORTS:

The police reports for the month of January for Conemaugh Township and Benson Borough were read. Mr. Zuccolotto made a motion to accept the reports as submitted by Louis S. Barclay, Chief of Police for Conemaugh Township Police Dept. Mr. Buncich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich-yes; Mr. Zuccolotto-yes and Mr. Rouser-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

SEWAGE REPORT:

Russ McCauliff, Manager, explained two reports submitted for review and comment by the Board of Supervisors. First report outlines operating expenses and facility operations to date in 2001. The second report is a summary of budget revenues and expenditures for 2000 and ending December 31, 200 balance in the Sewer Department accounts.

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO BE HEARD:

John Szapka from Hollsopple wanted to know why Hollsopple was treated differently then Jerome with the Tap in Fees for the Sewer. Attorney William Barbin stated under the Sunshine Law states that a citizen has a right to make a public comment on a matter of public concerns but is not to be used as a debate. Mr. Szapka has made his comment on his concern he really should not start a debate here tonight. Mr. Szapka also, asked why we got rid of a man that was on the water company that not only dug a ditch but treated the water. Mr. Rouser stated we are the Supervisors of Conemaugh Township we have nothing to do with the Water Authority we explained this to you before you need to go to the Board they are the ones that are involved in that and they make all the discussions on that we have nothing to do with it.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence to be read.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Rouser stated that we need a motion to approve the resignation of Steve Buncich from the Conemaugh Township Municipal Authority. Mr. Zuccolotto made a motion to approve the resignation of Steve Buncich from the Conemaugh Township Municipal Authority Board. Mr. Rouser seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto-yes and Mr. Rouser-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Rouser stated that we need a motion to approve to send a letter of support to the Somerset County Redevelopment Authority approving the preliminary design for the Conemaugh Township Water Project. Mr. Buncich made a motion to send a letter of support to the Somerset County Redevelopment Authority approving the preliminary design for the Conemaugh Township Water Project. Mr. Zuccolotto seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich-yes; Mr. Zuccolotto-yes and Mr. Rouser-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Mr. Rouser stated that we need a motion to approve a new policy #12 - Newly hired Part-time Police Officers, for Police Department Rules, Regulations and Policies. Mr. Zuccolotto made a motion to approve the new policy #12 - Newly hired Part-time Police Officers, for Police Department Rules, Regulations and Policies. Mr. Buncich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich-yes; Mr. Zuccolotto-yes and Mr. Rouser-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Mr. Rouser stated we need a motion to approve the hiring of three new part-time officers for the Police Department. Mr. Buncich made a motion to approve the

hiring of three new part-time officer for the Police Department. Mr. Zuccolotto seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich-yes; Mr. Zuccolotto-yes and Mr. Rouser-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Mr. Rouser stated we need a motion to approve a new policy # 13- Duties of the Sergeant for the Police Department rules and regulations. Mr. Zuccolotto made a motion to approve approve a new policy # 13- Duties of the Sergeant for the Police Department rules and regulations. Mr. Buncich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich-yes; Mr. Zuccolotto-yes and Mr. Rouser-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Mr. Rouser stated we need a motion to approve a new policy # 14- Duties of the Detective for the Police Department rules and regulations. Mr. Zuccolotto made a motion to approve a new policy # 14- Duties of the Detective for the Police Department rules and regulations. Mr. Buncich seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich-yes; Mr. Zuccolotto-yes and Mr. Rouser-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

FLOOR OPENED TO THE PUBLIC

Ken King from Hollsopple stated this one is for Albert, this has been going back and forth in the paper between you and me since that meeting night. Mr. King and Mr. Zuccolotto had a long discussion about Hollsopple coming across the bridge and the consolation of the four fire departments. Mr. Zuccolotto stated that there is going to be a study done that was requested by the fire departments, by Nick Panasci. Mr. Zuccolotto asked Kenny to but this thing to bed that's what I asked of you the first time, wait till the study is done and it will be up to the fire departments and the people to decide what they want to do. And there was a lot more conversation about everything what it all boils down to that Mr. Zuccolotto said lets just burry the ax and lets let this thing go till the study is done and then we will see where it goes from there.

Mr. King stated he had one more question he asked if the vehicle are bought or being leased. Mr. Zuccolotto stated they are being leased. Mr. King started all right that is all I wanted to know don't want to be out of order, what about the towing I am sure you don't want to talk about that. Mr. Zuccolotto stated if you want to take on the towing I would like you to that it went threw the ethics commission and I will gladly take you on. Mr. King stated I heard what had happened. Mr. King had no further comment.

Andy Hombull, from Benson asked if the commissions and county control has been notified of the study that is being done? Because if you decide on going threw with combining the companies because of the way the 911 addressing was set up you are looking at major bucks that someone is going to have to put up with to re-due the 911 addressing. Mr. Rouser stated the Supervisors are not the ones calling for this

study, this study is being called by the fire companies in Conemaugh Township. The Supervisors are out of it, the only thing the Supervisors will pay the money if the fire companies are willing to go with the recommendations that is the only way we are paying the money. We as the Supervisors will support the fire department in what ever they want to do. Mr. Hombull stated he thinks what was said here tonight that the public will receive a letter stating what the study showed and asking what the public thinks the fire companies should do should be printed in the newspaper to let the people in the community no what is going on. Mr. Homball asked if study comes back for us to merge and we are in Benson Boro. But, a lot of fire fighting district is in Conemaugh Township and everybody does go along with this you are not going to slap us on the hand because we are still in Benson Boro. Mr. Zuccolotto stated no it is going to be what the recommendations are.

Red Fox from Benson Boro. Just for general information we were chartered in 1926 . The charter reads

I understand that we are in a bind Resolution with the Township the charter reads the protection of Hollsopple and the vicinity on our actual fire charter. Which would include the Hollsopple is in Conemaugh Township.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next regular scheduled Township Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday,
March 21, 2001.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Buncich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40p.m. Mr. Zuccolotto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(signed) Albert E. Zuccolotto, Sec/Treas.