

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 16, 2001**

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on May 16, 2001, by Chairman Robert Rouser. Board members present were Robert Rouser, Chairman; Albert Zuccolotto, Secretary-Treasurer; and Steve Buncich Vice-Chairman.

At this time the meeting was turned over to Steve Buncich Vice-Chairman.

### **PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA:**

### **MINUTES:**

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

### **BILLS:**

There was a motion by Mr. Rouser to pay the bills for the month of May 2001 in the amount of \$ 11,488.93 for the Township and \$ 3,730.06 for the Sewer Dept. seconded 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 April for Conemaugh Township and Benson Borough were read. Mr. Rouser made a motion to accept the reports as submitted by Louis S. Barclay, Chief of Police for Conemaugh Township Police Dept. Mr. Zuccolotto seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich-yes; Mr. Zuccolotto-yes and Mr. Rouser-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

### **SEWAGE REPORT:**

No report

### **PERSONS SCHEDULED TO BE HEARD:**

No persons to be heard

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

We received a letter from the Somerset County Library indicating that the County Library Board is happy to discuss a project in more detail and how it might be accomplished to put a Branch in the Davidsville Area.. The Supervisors will set up a meeting with the County Library Board and talk about this in more detail about the Davidsville Area.

We received a letter from the Jerome Vol Fire Co. requesting a contribution for fireworks for their annual picnic on July 1, 2001. Mr. Rouser made a motion to contribute \$ 250.00 for the fireworks. Mr. Zuccolotto seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich–yes; Mr. Zuccolotto–yes and Mr. Rouser–yes. Motion carried unanimously.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Zuccolotto stated he would like to make a motion to rescind his motion at the last meeting of April 18, 2001 committing the 2002 block grant monies to CTMA. Mr. Zuccolotto stated he has 2 reasons for this motion. 1. The monies were not filed for this year therefore you would not be able to apply for this until next year and it will fall into the next year before you even realize it, therefore we cannot jeopardize the Community Block Grant Money for a project that my not be approved, you either use the grant or loose it. 2. Mr. Zuccolotto stated that this is his opinion, that the Supervisors should stop giving the Water Authority Block Grant Money, and assistance of any kind. Before we started getting involved with the Sewer and the Water this Township was solid the politics in this Township is so bad that we need to stick to this Township if that Water Authority is so good then let them go ahead and operate it on there own expense they are a private identity, and I am not for giving the Water Authority one more cent, or Community Block Grant Money. When I was at the election polls I was told that I was the reason the Water Authority was to be given to Johnstown, Now the story is that I am the reason it wasn't given to Johnstown. Since our minutes are on the Web Site I would like to make it very clear. My opinion is that I am absolutely a prepotent of giving our Water Authority over to Johnstown I want that clear yes I am 1000 % percent for it, it is the right thing to do I asked the question to the Chairman. Do you believe you will ever get that water bill down to \$ 22.00? He said absolutely not. Do you believe that you will ever get you minimum up? NO. Then I said to him does it take a rocket scientist to figure that one out? Why are you costing the people of Conemaugh Township this money I would like to know, you just said that it was going to continue to go up and we right now have a 1/4 of an inch of water going over the spill way. I said it before and I will say it again just watch what is going to happen before long. So I want to go on record that I am a prepotent of turning this Authority over it is the right thing and the cheapest thing for the people it sets our Township that the sky is the limit for us we will have all the potable water that we would ever want at a cheaper rate and we would not be wasting money and literally throwing it down the drain. And they will still have the damn here and they would still be using our water and when we need it they just simply turn it on.

Mr. Zuccolotto stated he feels that we should do a news letter and put all the pro's and con's about the Water Authority and how it is being run and the mistakes that are being made and point it out to the people because it is obvious after yesterday that they are not clear what is going on. All they are hearing is the politicians out there doing this Township on justice at all in lying. And it is time we put it to bed. Mr. Zuccolotto made a motion to rescind the motion for the Community Block Grant Money. Mr. Rouser seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich–yes; Mr. Zuccolotto–yes and Mr. Rouser–yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Zuccolotto made a motion to do new letters to the Township and explain in detail everything that is going on with the Water Authority, what the true deal was with the Johnstown Water Authority and let them know exactly what our Water Authority did to the people in this Township. Mr. Rouser seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich–yes; Mr. Zuccolotto–yes and Mr. Rouser–yes. Motion carried unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Buncich stated that we need a motion for consideration of Susan Stahl for appointment to the CTMA Board to fill the unexpired term of Geza Balog. Mr. Zuccolotto made a motion to appoint Susan Stahl to fill the unexpired term of Geza Balog on the CTMA Board. Mr. Rouser seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich–yes; Mr. Zuccolotto–yes and Mr. Rouser–yes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Mr. Buncich stated that we needed a motion to approve the Sewage Facilities Planning Module for Veron G and Debra M. Henry, Owners. The owners proposed creation of a 50-acre parcel and have submitted a Planning Module, which has been certified by Township S.E.O. and was signed by the Township Planning Commission on May 11, 2001. Mr. Rouser made a motion to approve the Sewage Facilities Planning Module for Veron G and Debra M. Henry. Mr. Zuccolotto seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich–yes; Mr. Zuccolotto–yes and Mr. Rouser–yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Mr. Buncich stated that we needed a motion to approve the subdivision plan for Veron G and Debra M. Henry, Owners. The owners proposed creation of lot # 2 containing approximately 50 acres of undeveloped land, with lot # 1 being the residue of the parent parcel (12-007-011-000) and containing approximately 26.87 acres with existing dwelling and accessory buildings. Contingent approval was made by the Planning Commission on May 8, Mr. Zuccolotto made a motion contingent upon receipt of 1). Acceptable revised plan to reflex boundaries determined by accurate field survey. 2). Favorable comment to the Township for Somerset County Planning Commission regarding its review of revised plan. 3). DEP's approval of Sewage Facilities Planning Module. 4). Township Planning Commission approval signatures set upon said revised plan, to approve the subdivision Veron G and Debra M. Henry. Mr. Rouser seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich–yes; Mr. Zuccolotto–yes and Mr. Rouser–yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Mr. Buncich stated that we needed a motion to approve the subdivision plan for the Conemaugh Township Fire Department, Owners. Fire Co. requests Land Development approval for a 8,133 square foot addition to the fire station at Tire Hill. The addition is to contain a social hall, public restrooms, kitchen facilities, and accessory rooms. Contingent approval was made by Planning Commission on May 8, 2001. Mr. Rouser made a motion contingent upon receipt of outstanding review elements such as 1). Storm water management plan approval by Township Engineer 2). Parking area plan approval by Township Engineer 3). Township Planning Commission approval signatures set upon said revised plan. Mr. Zuccolotto seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich–yes; Mr. Zuccolotto–yes and Mr. Rouser–yes. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Mr. Buncich stated that we needed to make a motion to transfer the Township's Growing Greener Grant Award for the Rock Tunnel and Enhancement Project to the Southern Alleghenies Conservancy. Mr. Zuccolotto made a motion to transfer the Township's Growing Greener Grant Award for the Rock Tunnel and Enhancement Project to the Southern Alleghenies Conservancy. Mr. Rouser seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich–yes; Mr. Zuccolotto–yes and Mr. Rouser–yes. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Mr. Buncich stated we need a motion to accept the retirement of Robert Hegedus from the township's police department, effective April 23, 2001. Mr. Rouser made a motion to accept the retirement of Robert Hegedus from the Township's police department. Mr. Zuccolotto seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich–yes; Mr. Zuccolotto–yes and Mr. Rouser–yes. Motion carried unanimously

#### FLOOR OPENED TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Dick Sleek Chairman of the Conemaugh Township Board of Auditors, stated that he is 1000% in favor of making the best arrangements with the Johnstown Water Authority. He stated that he feels that the Water Authority it's self has become a loose canon and feels that they are acting irresponsible in regards to their customer base. I feel that the Township Government has been very generous the water authority with there projects various studies that they wanted to do. Dr. Sleek stated that he feels that the Township should not continue to responded to in irresponsible group any longer. Dr. Sleek commented the Supervisors for rescinding the Block Grant Monies.

Nioma Oaks for Jerome, stated that she did not understand that statement that was made the Supervisors do not have to appoint members to the Authority Board any more. Mr. Zuccolotto stated that they never had to if someone asked to be taken off he would just remain on the Board weather or not he asked to be taken off. Mr. Zuccolotto stated that what they did was come up with a policy that we would turn any body's name in that wants want on there, before we would here who wanted on and then make a motion to put

them on now we will turn it over to the board or the planning commission or who ever it is they got to work with them and they vote on the person as to if they want them on the board or not. After the board votes on them then they will turn it over to us and we will appoint them.

Dr. Dick Sleek stated that part of Somerset Pike from the golf course down is on Johnstown Water, and Dr. Sleek feels that the Township should get some testimonial from some of those people and see how they feel about the service and the quality of water they receive from Johnstown Water Authority.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next regular scheduled Township Supervisors meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2001.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Rouser made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Mr. Zuccolotto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**(signed) Albert E. Zuccolotto, Secretary-Treasurer**