

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2001

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on November 21, 2001 by Chairman Robert Rouser. Board members present were Robert Rouser, Chairman, Albert Zuccolotto, Secretary-Treasurer, and Steve Buncich, Vice-Chairman. Solicitor William Barbin was also present.

Pledge to the Flag.

FLOOR OPENED TO PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular meeting were distributed. There was a motion by Mr. Buncich, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of October 17, 2001. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS:

There was a motion by Mr. Buncich, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to pay the bills for the month of November 2001 in the amount of \$10,640.60 for the General Fund, \$2,494.71 for the Liquid Fuels Fund, \$8,505.69 for the Greenhouse Park Grant Fund, and \$22,789.01 for the Sewer Department. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously. It was noted that the bills to be paid from the Greenhouse Park Grant Fund are only for Grant money expenditures; no Township funds are involved.

POLICE REPORT:

The police report submitted by Chief Louis Barclay for the month of October 2001 for Conemaugh Township and Benson Borough was read. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Buncich, to accept the police reports for the month of October 2001 for the Township and Benson Borough. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Buncich – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **2002 PROPOSED BUDGET:** It was noted that there will be no tax increase or sewage rate increase for 2002. (Real estate tax remains at 6 mills.) There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Buncich, to approve the proposed 2002 Budget for Conemaugh Township as follows: General Fund 01 - \$1,956,765; Street Light Fund 02- \$29,435; Fire Protection Fund 03 - \$53,690; Sewer Fund 08 - \$930,000; and Liquid Fuels Fund 35 – 273,326, and to place the budget on public display for 20 days before final adoption. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Buncich – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **ORDINANCE NO. 640:** There was a motion by Mr. Buncich, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to adopt Ordinance No. 640 increasing the indebtedness of Conemaugh Township, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, by the issue of a general obligation note in the amount of \$350,000 for sundry purposes; fixing the form, number, date, interest, and maturity thereof; making a covenant for the payment of the debt service on the note; providing for the filing of the required document; providing for the appointment of a sinking fund depository for the note; and authorizing execution, sale and delivery thereof. (Loan for the Tire Hill Sewage System Project.) Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Rouser –yes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **RESOLUTION R-02-01:** There was a motion by Mr. Buncich, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to adopt Resolution R-02-01 authorizing Conemaugh Township to apply for a grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for a Whitewater Trail Feasibility Study. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously. It was noted that this grant does not affect the original Greenhouse Park Grant.
4. **RESOLUTION R-03-01:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Buncich, to adopt Resolution R-03-01 to approve, adopt, and place into immediate effect the revisions to the Emergency Operation Plan of Conemaugh Township. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Buncich – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **POLICE POLICY MANUAL ADDITION:** There was a motion by Mr. Buncich, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to accept the addition of Section 600, (Police Officer Request for Prior Comment on Plea Office/Sentence Recommendation), to the Conemaugh Township Police Policy Manual. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **NON-UNIFORM PENSION PLAN DEPOSIT:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Buncich, to ratify the October 2, 2001 deposit of \$79,218.00 into the Non-Uniform Pension Plan with Mass Mutual Retirement Services, which represents the minimum municipal obligation to the Plan for the year 2001, (\$78,248.16 from 2001 State Aid; \$969.84 from General Fund). Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Buncich – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously. The Police Pension Fund is fully funded.
7. **FOREIGN FIRE RELIEF FUND DISTRIBUTION:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Buncich, to ratify the October 2, 2001 distribution of the 2001 Foreign Fire Relief Funds in the amount of \$28,667.95 as follows: Krings Volunteer Firemen

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Relief Association (C.T. Fire Co.) - \$8,313.71; Ideal Volunteer Fire Company Firemen's Relief Association - \$8,313.71; Jerome Volunteer Firemen's Relief Association - \$8,313.71; and Community Volunteer Fire Company of Hollsopple Relief Association - \$3,726.82. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Buncich – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **MINOR SUBDIVISION:** There was a motion by Mr. Buncich, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to approve the subdivision plan of Jeffrey A. & Phyllis A. Nider, Owners & Applicants, to subdivide existing parcel of 1.009 acres into (i) one parcel of 0.299 acre containing an existing convenience store, and (ii) one parcel of 0.710 acre containing an existing retail store with apartments on second floor. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **MINOR SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Buncich, to approve the subdivision and land development plan of Samuel L. & Ruby D. Rummell, Owners, and Wireless Development Group, LLC, Agent for Sprint PCS, Applicants, to create a leasehold containing approximately 10,000 square feet (0.229 acre) upon parcel #S12-009-105-000 containing approximately 81.399 acres, and to develop said leasehold as a communications facility. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Buncich – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **MINOR SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Buncich, to approve the subdivision and land development plan of Ernest M. & Emma M. Alwine, Owners, and Wireless Development Group, LLC, Agent for Sprint PCS, Applicants, to create a leasehold containing approximately 10,000 square feet (0.229 acre) upon parcel #S12-007-055-000 containing approximately 18.1931 acres, and to develop said leasehold as a communications facility. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Buncich – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **SEWAGE FACILITIES PLANNING MODULE:** There was a motion by Mr. Buncich, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to approve the Sewage Facilities Planning Module of Scott D. Geisel, Owner & Applicant, and Musser Engineering, Inc., Consultant, to approve a Sewage Facilities Planning Module for a single family dwelling on a 4.0 acre tract fronting on Covered Bridge Road. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

12. **MINOR SUBDIVISION:** There was a motion by Mr. Buncich, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to approve the subdivision plan of Robert P. and Gladys R. McKee, Owners & Applicants, to create four additional parcels along Dickey Hill Road, contingent upon the Developer providing to the Township an acceptable warranty covering the operation and maintenance of the sewer line extension installed by the developer for a two-year period commencing July 17, 2001, and the Planning Commission approval signatures. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

FLOOR OPENED TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Dorothy Secovich of Soap Hollow Road was in to complain about the residence owned by Nancy Stanton Gindlesberger, which is located next door to her residence and has been

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abandoned for many years. Ms. Secovich stated that she has seen kids climbing through the house; cigarette butts and beer cans were found on the floor. She informed Ms. Gindlesberger of this. Ms. Secovich is worried about fire. She indicated that her son-in law approached Ms. Gindlesberger in March about buying the property, and she had said she would let him know. Ms. Secovich stated that this property is an eye sore and wanted to know what could be done about it. She said the windows may have been blocked off and recently she has not seen anyone but animals going into the house. She is also afraid of rats going into her garage

Solicitor Barbin stated that the Township does not have a maintenance code, but if there were windows knocked out and major damage, then it would be considered a nuisance. The Township could then give a period of time to fix the situation or the property owner would be taken to court. Mr. Zuccolotto indicated that Ron McGee, Zoning Officer, would be sent out to look at the property, and to ask Ms. Gindlesberger if she would consider selling it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next regularly scheduled Township meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Mr. Rouser stated that the roads and parking lots are completed at the Greenhouse Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion by Mr. Buncich, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

Albert E. Zuccolotto, Secretary/Treasurer