

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2001**

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on September 19, 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.

Chairman Rouser called for a moment of silence for the victims of the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the plane crash in Somerset County.

Pledge to the Flag.

### **FLOOR OPENED TO PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Mr. George Hickey** of Tire Hill Road questioned the \$104,561.60 in Sewer Department bills. Mr. Hickey was informed that the Sewer Department's Bond Issue came due.

### **MINUTES:**

The minutes of the regular meeting were distributed. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Buncich, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of August 15, 2001. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Buncich – 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 September 2001 in the amount of \$8,264.65 for the General Fund, \$2,143.56 for the Liquid Fuels Fund, and \$104,561.60 for the Sewer Department. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

### **POLICE REPORT:**

The police report submitted by Chief Louis Barclay for the month of August 2001 for Conemaugh Township and Benson Borough was read. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Buncich, to accept the police report for the month of August 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.

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### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **ROAD MATERIAL BIDS.** Bids received for ASSHTO #10 Dust were opened on September 19, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. This road dust will be used for the walking tracks at Greenhouse Park and the Jerome walking track. New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. bid \$8.30/ton delivered either to the Township building or the job site. Homer R. Sleek & Sons, Inc. bid \$6.95/ton delivered to the Township building, and \$7.25/ton delivered to the job site. There was a motion by Mr. Buncich, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to accept the bid from Homer R. Sleek & Sons, Inc. as described above. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **APPOINTMENT TO C.T.M.A. BOARD.** Chairman Rouser read a letter received from Mr. David Duray requesting to be appointing to the C.T.M.A. Board. There was a motion by Mr. Buncich, seconded by Mr. Rouser, to appoint Mr. David Duray to the C.T.M.A. Board to fill the unexpired term of Dean Glessner. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich – yes, Mr. Rouser – yes, and Mr. Zuccolotto – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **LOAN COMMITMENT LETTER – PEOPLES BANK.** Solicitor Barbin explained that the payments on the loan would be interest only at 4.7% for two years for the Sewer Department. The plan is that this will be subsumed into the Penn Vest loan to build the sewer system. A Penn Vest loan will not be granted until the engineering study is done. The commitment letter can be approved tonight, but an ordinance also must be adopted, which will be advertised in advance. There will be a Special Meeting held on Thursday, September 27, 2001 at the Municipal Building at 9:00 a.m. to adopt this ordinance. It was also noted that the interest paid on the loan is reimbursable by Penn Vest. There was a motion by Mr. Buncich, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to sign and accept the Commitment Letter for \$350,000 for a Commercial Time/Term Loan with Peoples Bank of Jennerstown for the surveying, mapping, and engineering services for the Tire Hill area sewer system. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich –yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **TRICK-OR-TREAT NIGHT.** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Buncich, to set trick-or-treat night for the Township for Wednesday, October 31, 2001 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Roll call: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Buncich –yes, and Mr. Rouser –yes. Motion carried unanimously.

### **FLOOR OPENED TO PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Mr. George Knapp** of Holsopple, Benson Borough, wished to discuss the appointment to the C.T.M.A. Board. Mr. Knapp indicated that the Supervisors had written a letter to the Water Authority stating that the Supervisors would honor whomever the Authority would pick to be on their Board. The Supervisors have turned down their choice and appointed someone else. Mr. Knapp wanted to know if politics were involved, and stated that the Authority cannot trust the word of the Supervisors anymore. Mr. Zuccolotto stated that such a letter was never sent to the Authority. Mr. Rouser said that a letter was received from an interested party at the Supervisors' last meeting. This individual was not appointed due to the lack of a motion. A letter sent to the Supervisors by the Authority was not in proper form; another letter was then sent from the Authority, but in the mean time, the Supervisors also received a letter from Mr. Duray requesting

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to be put on the C.T.M.A. Board. Mr. Rouser indicated that it was his personal opinion that when he looked at Mr. Duray's qualifications and compared him to the other candidate, that Mr. Duray was more qualified. Mr. Rouser noted that the Supervisors are here to look out for the citizens of the Township, and the Supervisors also have opinions, and the decision was made.

**Mr. Ed Kuzma** of Tire Hill Road asked what was in the Township's "rainy day" fund. Mr. Zuccolotto suggested to Mr. Kuzma that he should come into the Township Office so that the Township's finances can be explained to him, and so that he can be given a copy of the budget. Mr. Zuccolotto stated that the auditors are pleased with the Township's finances at this time.

**Mr. John Kendera** of Edgar Croyle Road stated that the road sign for Edgar Croyle Road is missing and that there has not been a sign there for two years. Mr. Rouser informed him that every time a sign is placed in that area, it is stolen almost immediately, but he will make another sign. Mr. Kendera will be notified as to when the sign is installed. In another matter, Mr. Kendera indicated that the inlets and outlets on the pipes for the drainage ditches near his residence are clogged shut. Mr. Rouser stated that the crew has been instructed to clean these out and he will reiterate this to them.

**Mr. John Slobozian** of Soap Hollow Road asked if the surveying, mapping, and engineering for the Tire Hill Sewer Project would be going up Soap Hollow Road. He was informed, yes. He also asked if the goal was to go on up to West Campus Avenue. Mr. Rouser stated that he could not answer that question, that more study is needed. Mr. Rouser suggested that Mr. Slobozian stop in some day to review the preliminary drawings for this project.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. There will be a Special Meeting held on September 27, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. to approve an application and ordinance for the Sewer Department loan.
2. The next regularly scheduled Township meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Buncich, to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Submitted by,

Albert E. Zuccolotto, Secretary/Treasurer