

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2002

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on March 20, 2002 by Chairman Robert Rouser. Board members present were Robert Rouser, Chairman, Albert Zuccolotto, Secretary-Treasurer, and David Hart, 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 of February 20, 2002 were distributed. There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of February 20, 2002. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS:

There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to pay the bills for the month of March 2002 in the amount of \$8,693.63 for the General Fund, \$4,845.48 for the Liquid Fuels Fund, and \$78,496.24 for the Sewer Department. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – 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 February 2002 for Conemaugh Township and Benson Borough was read. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to accept the police reports for the month of February 2002 for the Township and Benson Borough. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Mr. Matt Sotosky of Davidsville was in to request exception from an EDU charge for his day care center located on Main Street in Davidsville. He had received a letter and a copy of the policy regarding the EDU billing from the Conemaugh Township Sewer Department. Mr. Sotosky felt that his home business met the EDU exception listed under Section 6 of the policy and had written a letter to Russ McCauliff, manager of the sewer department, indicating why he felt his business met the proper exceptions. Mr. Sotosky had further discussed the matter with Mr. McCauliff who had stated that two of the Supervisors did not agree that he met the exception requirements. Mr. Sotosky was present tonight to list the reasons why he felt his home business should not have to pay the EDU charge, which are as follows: 1) The day care business meets the small group instruction exception since only 5-6 children attend per day. 2) The day care is located in the basement of his residence and does not require a separate sewer or water service. 3) The day care employee works four days per week and is a resident of the Township; she lives in the Jerome area. Mr. Sotosky felt that the impact would be the same wherever she would use

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the water and sewer services. 4) The day care business does not exceed the water consumption limit.

Solicitor Barbin explained that Mr. Sotosky's request for exception was turned down administratively because the Sewer Department has a policy it follows and treats everyone the same. He indicated that an outside employee has been the sole reason why people have been denied exceptions in the past; the term "resident" used in the policy does not mean a resident of the Township, it means a resident of the particular home. Solicitor Barbin stated that if the Supervisors would grant this exception to Mr. Sotosky, then the Sewer Department would have to re-evaluate the past requests and possibly grant them exceptions also, and probably money would have to be refunded. Solicitor Barbin indicated that Mr. Sotosky probably meets all the other requirements for exception but this one. He further stated that the Supervisors must make the interpretation, but they will have to go back to look what was done in the past.

Mr. Zuccolotto stated that he had discussed this matter with Mr. McCauliff and asked him why Mr. Sotosky should not be granted the exception. Mr. McCauliff had answered that if this exception was given, it would also have to be done for everyone else since everyone is treated the same, and it would result in costing the sewer department approximately \$8,000 per month in loss of revenue. Mr. Zuccolotto explained that because of the loss in revenue, the sewer rates would then have to be increased. He further explained that the fees charged for sewer service must meet the obligational expenses of the sewer department. Mr. Zuccolotto stated that this is why he did not agree with the exception for Mr. Sotosky, and if Mr. Sotosky wanted to schedule a private meeting with the Supervisors and Mr. McCauliff in the matter, it is welcomed.

Mr. Rouser indicated that this also was the reason for his decision not to grant the exception.

Mr. Sotosky stated that he would call to schedule an appointment.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **2002 ROAD AND PETROLEUM BIDS:** Mr. Rouser stated that this deals with the Township's yearly purchase of gasoline, diesel fuel, heating oil, stone, black top, paving, and other road materials. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to advertise for bids for the Township's 2002 road and petroleum materials. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **SALE OF POLICE CRUISER:** Mr. Zuccolotto stated that the Township would be purchasing three new police cruisers in June 2002. Two of the present police cruisers will be traded in for \$7,000 each and one will be sold as-is. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to advertise for bids for the sale of a 1998 Ford Crown Victoria police

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cruiser; to be sold as-is, and the Township has the right to reject any and all bids. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **2002 SPRING CLEAN UP:** Mr. Rouser noted that the week after the scheduled clean up week would be used if needed. There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to advertise spring clean up week for April 15 – 19, 2002. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHT:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to install a street light between Somerset Avenue and Railroad Street in Jerome, as requested by a petition received from residents living in this area. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **ZONING CHANGE:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve for advertisement and public hearing a proposed change from Heavy Industrial (I-H) Zoning District to a Multi-Family Residential (R-2) Zoning District. The I-H District in question is on the hill west of Route 601 and the Hoganus Plant. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **SEWAGE PLANNING MODULE:** The Township Sewer Department Manager has reviewed the data and recommends approval by the Supervisors. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve the Sewage Facilities Planning Module Exemption for the Laurel View Retirement Village Town House Expansion. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **LAND DEVELOPMENT:** In that there are a few outstanding engineering matters that will readily be satisfied, upon recommendation from the Commission Engineer, the Planning Commission conditionally approved the Plan on March 12, 2002 and recommended “conditional” approval by the Supervisors. There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to conditionally approve a land development request for A.C.M.I. t/d/b/a Laurel View Village, Owner & Applicant, and The Troyer Group, Inc., Planners, for an additional five (5) duplex townhouses along an extension of Wheatfield Drive and a new Goldfinch Court. In that there are Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAN REVISION:** Solicitor Barbin has reviewed the plan revisions and all is in order. The Planning Commission approved the Plan on March 12, 2002 and recommended approval by the Supervisors. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve a minor subdivision plan revision for Todd G. & Kathleen D. Bates, Owners & Applicants, prepared by Musser Engineering, Inc., to remove “non-building” stipulations from the Plan since the Sewage Facilities Planning Module was approved by DEP on January 28, 2002 for a single family dwelling on existing 11.939 acre tract fronting on Carpenters Park Road. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAN:** Solicitor Barbin has reviewed the plan and all is in order. The Planning Commission approved the Plan on March 12, 2002 and recommended approval by the Supervisors. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to

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approve a minor subdivision plan for Evelyn June Cooper t/a Pen Ken Realty Company, Owner & Applicant, to subdivide an existing parcel of approximately 13 acres by creating one new parcel of approximately 0.327 acres. The new parcel is located at the rear of 1923 Penn avenue. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

FLOOR OPENED TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Wade Thomas of Moonlite Park Road stated that the story about the Supervisors that was recently in the newspaper indicated to him that there was still no cooperation among the Supervisors and he would like to see this change. Mr. Thomas said that he had experienced this same type of situation when his son was a Supervisor. He noted that he has talked to numerous residents of the Township who are becoming increasingly unhappy and dissatisfied because there cannot be the spirit of cooperation. He also noted that the former Boards of Supervisors might not have accomplished much, but at least they were not always at each other's throats. Mr. Thomas indicated that anytime anyone asked a question of the Supervisors, an answer is not provided. He felt anyone living in the Township had the right to raise questions.

Mr. Zuccolotto stated that he would like to address this issue because he is the main topic on these issues. He indicated that when a person runs for this position, he runs to be a Supervisor. That person is paid to come in and do a Supervisor's job. Mr. Zuccolotto said that the law states that to be anything other than that is by a quorum of a vote by the Supervisors. He noted that since 1992 there were only two Township road masters. He stated that the roads are being taken care of and there are only two road masters whose job is to see that the job is being done. Mr. Zuccolotto further stated that in the Township newsletters he has always asked for people to come in to look at the Township records and they will be given whatever they want; but there are not many people who do that. Mr. Zuccolotto stated that it was his opinion that the problem in the Township is that there is a political group that has been after him from the day that he was elected. He reiterated that the records are available for anyone to review and that the Township is in fantastic shape: there is a good tax base, the roads are good, the equipment is good, there are more employees with higher wages; and the taxes have not been raised since 1992, they were lowered. Mr. Zuccolotto noted that the taxes were raised once, but they remained lower than what they were in 1992. He also noted that Mr. Hart had recently requested some information from the office and an extensive amount of time was spent getting him that information; and as a Supervisor, Mr. Hart could have come in to look over these records instead of the office photocopying them for him. Mr. Zuccolotto felt that the more people look, the better he is going to look, and he had no problem with giving information out in black and white. Mr. Zuccolotto also indicated that he had extended an invitation to Mr. Hart to come into the office on evenings or weekends, or whenever it suited him, and he would be more than glad to come to the office if the daylight hours were not good for him; and Mr. Hart has not asked Mr. Zuccolotto to do that.

Mr. Zuccolotto stated that Mr. Hart ran for the position of Supervisor and that is exactly what he is – he gets paid approximately \$300.00 per month for being a Supervisor. He stated that Mr. Hart does not need to cost the taxpayers an additional \$46,000.00 as a road master. Mr. Zuccolotto said that he has been told to make Mr. Hart a road master so there can be harmony and he felt that was strange that someone had to be paid to get along. He stated that the Supervisors signed Mr. Hart up for a supervisor's school, which they will be attending with him, and had told him to wait until he attended this schooling to see what a supervisor's job is and how the system works, then start asking questions. Mr. Zuccolotto felt that there did not need

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to be conflict, all that was needed was to keep the Township in mind and do the job as a Supervisor for the interest of the Township and that is all they ask; then maybe the time would come that would warrant Mr. Hart becoming something other than a Supervisor.

Mr. Thomas stated that his point was not to have Mr. Hart be a road master; his point was that people are looking at the Township and wondering what is going on because of all the squabbles that have continued for the past 6-8 years.

Mr. Zuccolotto indicated that he could not prevent the political groups from doing this. He stated that during the last campaign, the campaign was not over the opponent, but was over Al Zuccolotto. Mr. Zuccolotto stated that he only asks that people look at the records and see that the Township is better off than it was in 1992. He stated that he was always taught; if it's not broke, don't fix it. He said he does not spend money foolishly. Mr. Zuccolotto stated that Mr. Hart had been asked why he ran for Supervisor, and Mr. Hart had said it was for a steady paycheck; he was tired of going out looking for work. At this point, Mr. Hart asked when he said that. Mr. Rouser answered that Mr. Hart had made that statement to him the same night he had threatened him. Mr. Hart wanted to know when he had threatened Mr. Rouser and with what. Mr. Rouser stated that he and Mr. Hart were talking, and Mr. Hart had stated that if Mr. Rouser did not make the vote to make him a road master and give him benefits, in two years Al Zuccolotto will loose the election, and Mr. Rouser will be voted out of his job. Mr. Hart noted that he had put it the way Mr. Zuccolotto had put it; majority rules. Mr. Rouser also stated that he thought it was funny that Mr. Hart had made the same statement prior to Mr. Barbin, the Township's Solicitor, who had never mentioned it to Mr. Rouser. Mr. Hart asked Solicitor Barbin what he had said to him. Solicitor Barbin answered that Mr. Hart had told him to tell Mr. Rouser that he would not have a job if he did not agree to get Mr. Hart the position of road master.

Leda Hunt of Ideal Park stated that she had known the Supervisors for quite a long time, and she used to have the utmost respect for them. She stated that this was not their monarchy and that Mr. Hart was elected by the people of the Township to be a Supervisor. She indicated that the Township has grown since 1992, and asked the Supervisors if they did not think that they could work better if there were three road masters instead of two. She did not care if Mr. Hart was made a road master. Ms. Hunt further stated that she was appalled by the statements Mr. Zuccolotto made in the newspaper that Mr. Hart was out for a paycheck. She felt he was out for the people, just like Mr. Rouser and Mr. Zuccolotto said they were. Ms. Hunt said that Mr. Zuccolotto and Mr. Rouser have disappointed her and many other Township residents.

Mr. Zuccolotto stated that there was only one thing to say – is there neglect on what is being done? He indicated that every road in the Township was blacktopped, except for two; there were guide rails, pipes, and culverts. He stated that if they were lacking in getting the job done, it would show that another road master was needed. Mr. Zuccolotto said to look at the services provided now that were not there in the past; look at the size of the police department, the equipment, and what the employees are paid. He reiterated that the taxes did not go up for these services, they went down; the question should be where did the Township get this money.

Ms. Hunt asked where was the money requested for the Recreation Commission when they needed it.

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Mr. Zuccolotto answered that the Township did not have the money at that time due to the subsidies that were paid by the Township for the Jerome Sewer Project. He noted that Mr. Hart does have the documents showing what these subsidies were. Mr. Zuccolotto stated once again that all anyone needs to do is to come in to look at the records. He also added that when he runs for election, it did not matter if he won or lost, he will go on his record, and if the people want him, they want him; if they do not, they do not – he could leave the Township with his head high knowing that the Township is better off today than it was in 1992. Mr. Zuccolotto felt that in order for people to admit that, they have to quit listening to this political group that will not come in to look at the records. He stated that he would live on his decisions and remarks.

Mr. Mike McKool of Thomas Mills stated that most of the decisions being talked about are Supervisory decisions, but his thinking is the other way around. He wanted to know what exactly does a road master do all day, and why does the Township need two.

Mr. Zuccolotto answered that the road master's job is to see that the job gets done; that the roads are safe and in good shape. Mr. McKool wanted to know what was in a day's work for both road masters and did they have a road crew manager; do the road masters plow. Mr. Rouser answered that he did plow the roads, and Mr. Zuccolotto stated that he could if he had to. Mr. Zuccolotto further stated that a road master's job is a 24 hour a day job; calls are received at home at night. He indicated that the Township Code Book stated that a road master's job is to see that the job gets done. Mr. McKool felt that Mr. Zuccolotto still had not answered his question of what the daily routine of a road master was. Mr. Zuccolotto said he could not define the job any further; it was whatever the occasion called for, it was the combination of everything, it was seeing that the job gets done—the Township Code defines the job. Mr. Zuccolotto stated that if the people felt he was not doing his job, they could get a petition together and take him to court; let them prove that he was not doing his job, and get him impeached. He felt that the more records looked at, the better he will look, and he stood by that.

Sam Mazzaresse of Hollsopple, referring to the recent newspaper article, stated that he felt Mr. Hart had a lot to learn about his job. He said that Mr. Hart thought that the Supervisors set the salaries of the Supervisors. Mr. Hart said he had stated the auditors set them. Mr. Mazzaresse stated that Mr. Hart felt that there was a lack of checks and balances since salaries were set by the Township auditors, who are appointed by the Supervisors. Mr. Hart said that he did not say that either, it was a misprint. Mr. Mazzaresse asked the Supervisors if they appointed the auditors. Mr. Zuccolotto answered, no, only if there was a vacancy. Mr. Rouser stated that Dean Glessner was recently appointed as an auditor because an auditor had moved out of town. Mr. Mazzaresse said that he was surprised that after three months on the job, Mr. Hart did not know that the men work four days a week – Mr. Hart had stated that he had stopped into the office on Fridays and neither of the road masters were working. He asked Mr. Hart if he was aware of them working four days a week. Mr. Hart answered, yes, they work four ten-hour days. Mr. Mazzaresse stated that when the men are called out for overtime in the winter, they are not paid for it and that saves the Township a lot of money. Mr. Hart stated that the men are given comp time, which is time and a half; and they get paid forty hours a week whether they work or not. Mr. Mazzaresse stated that they save expense to the Township by doing this. Mr. Hart asked what expenses are saved; the men get paid forty hours per week if they work or not, and if they work overtime, they get comp time. He further noted that if the men have a holiday on a Friday when they do not work, they have the next business day off. Mr. Hart then asked who is doing what for the best interest of the Township now. Mr. Mazzaresse asked if state and federal taxes were paid on comp time.

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Mr. Zuccolotto stated that where the savings come in is that if there is a rainy day and the men are sent home, they use up their comp time; therefore it is a savings and there was no question about it. It was a cooperative thing with the men; it was their idea. Mr. Zuccolotto noted that good working relationships are important; the employees perform better, and it shows that they are performing by looking around the Township. He further noted that when the men work comp time, they simply wait for a rainy day to use it; and they are not paid time and a half. Mr. Zuccolotto stated that Mr. Hart has to get acquainted with the polices of the Township instead of going out and saying things. Mr. Zuccolotto said that the job is being done; they were elected to run the Township and that is what they were doing. He stated that if the people were not satisfied, there were elections and they will be the judge; and if he was not elected again, he can leave knowing that he gave it his best and the Township is better off. Mr. Zuccolotto indicated that only 51% of the vote is needed, and noted that an old timer once told him "be happy that you satisfied 51% to get re-elected; you did your job".

Mr. Mazzaresse stated that he was amazed that the people want good government and they are getting it from this administration, and they are still complaining about the bad job this administration is doing; these people are not giving them the benefit of the good job they are doing. Mr. Mazzaresse stated that Mr. Hart had stated that the road masters go out to work and take the jobs away from the workers. Mr. Mazzaresse wanted to know if they were sitting up there to stop "feather-bedding", or were they up there to get jobs for those who can do them favors and stop giving them trouble. Mr. Zuccolotto answered that he was here to do the job he was elected to do. Mr. Mazzaresse also stated that three road masters were not needed. He said that pre-1992 when there were three, there was "feather-bedding", and maybe two were not even working, but collecting their salaries. Mr. Zuccolotto reiterated he was here to do the job, and only he could cost himself the election. He stated that he has never been short for words, and he never hesitates to say anything; he was open, he tells it like it is, and he leaves no question where he stands. Mr. Zuccolotto indicated that if the people do not like it, then don't elect him again.

Mr. Mazzaresse wanted to know if Mr. Hart can come to the office anytime during the day, evening, or weekend. Mr. Zuccolotto answered, absolutely. Mr. Mazzaresse stated that he understood that Mr. Hart had asked for information that took hours and hours away from your office staff; but Mr. Hart could have come in to get it. Mr. Zuccolotto stated that Mr. Hart is entitled to request information, however he chooses to want it. Mr. Mazzaresse asked Mr. Hart if he knew what account #100 was. Mr. Hart stated he did not. Mr. Mazzaresse wanted to know why Mr. Hart did not know that account #100 was a carryover of funds at the end of the year. Mr. Hart wanted to know what this had to do with anything.

Mr. Ed Naugle of West Campus Avenue wished to state, as a taxpayer, if the job is not getting done, and another road master is needed, fine; but if the job is being done, and if there was a group who wanted Mr. Hart to be a road master right now, they will be the ones who have to pay and then he can not say a word about it. He stated that if he were asked as a taxpayer if he wanted his taxes increased and would not experience or be guaranteed the expenditure is going to justify the amount of money that will get a service in return, then he would say what is the argument about – there are two road masters already doing the job.

Mrs. Evelyn Hart of Ideal Park stated that Mr. Zuccolotto had mentioned a group that was out to get him, and she wanted to clear up the fact that during the election she paid to have the billboard put up by Greenhouse Park to elect Dave Hart; this group did not put it up, as Mr.

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Zuccolotto had stated. Mr. Zuccolotto indicated that there again, Mrs. Hart was told he made that statement, she did not call him. He stated that he never made a statement like that simply because it would have drawn attention to the billboard.

Mrs. Hart stated that Mr. McKool had asked what road masters do. She asked if time sheets and daily logs were kept, and could not he see them. Mr. Zuccolotto stated that these were kept and that anyone could see them; the auditor sees them. Mrs. Hart stated that if Mr. Zuccolotto and Mr. Rouser filled these sheets out, then would these sheets not tell them what the road masters do all day. Mr. Zuccolotto explained that the time sheets only document hours worked and the Township Code defines the road master's job. He stated that the road master did not even have to work ten hours a day, just as long as the job is getting done. Mr. Zuccolotto thought it was funny that there were all kinds of complaints being raised, but he has yet to have anyone come through with a policy or plan, including Mr. Hart. He felt it was okay to disagree, but if he had a plan, it is not okay to disagree if a person does not have a plan to counter his plan so that there could be an argument as to which plan is the best. Mr. Zuccolotto stated that since he has been elected, he has yet to see anything turned in like that and he would like to see that. He indicated that the only issue that Mr. Hart has raised concerns himself being a road master and having benefits, or else. Mr. Zuccolotto stated he would like to know where Mr. Hart's plans are for what he would like to see done or what he was not happy with; that would be productive. Mr. Zuccolotto stated that he has always said to please disagree with him because only the Township can be the winner then; but give him something to compare with.

Mrs. Hart stated that the only reason Mr. Hart was asking to be a road master was to be here. She noted that everything that comes out on the agenda, Mr. Hart sees a few hours before the meeting and Mr. Zuccolotto and Mr. Rouser are the ones that have to fill him in on things. Mrs. Hart said that Mr. Hart could stop in the office, and he does, does he not. Mr. Rouser answered that Mr. Hart stops into the Township office maybe once or twice a week and it is usually when he and Mr. Zuccolotto are not present. Mr. Rouser further noted that in the past when he was still working as superintendent of the mine and was also a part-time Supervisor, he would call the Township two or three times a day to see what was going on and what he needed to know; he was concerned about the Township. He stated that he made it a point to get into the office and talk to people, and on weekends he plowed snow with no pay. Mr. Rouser also noted that Steve Buncich, who lost the election, did the same thing. He stated that when a person runs for the position as Supervisor, you have an obligation to the people of the Township, and he felt hopeful that once they attend the Supervisor school, Mr. Hart will find out what his responsibilities are. Mrs. Hart felt that, unfortunately, the Supervisors probably never told Mr. Hart that. Mr. Rouser stated that when Mr. Hart was first elected, they had open arms for him; there were no arguments. He stated that he had told Mr. Hart that he was more than welcome to use the back office, and that they would keep him informed. Mr. Rouser stated that he was kept informed until this all blew up. Mrs. Hart stated that now it blew up, there is no communication at all. Mr. Rouser indicated that he has not seen Mr. Hart at the office lately, but Mr. Hart did come in one day while Mr. Rouser was in the back office and Mr. Hart did not come back to see him; he got what he wanted from the secretaries and left.

Mr. Zuccolotto stated that in order to deal with Al Zuccolotto a person must have the Township at heart; he needs to see that in a person and he looks real hard for it. He further stated that because Mr. Hart did not get the position he wanted, the articles in the newspaper started, and the letters started to come from the attorney. Mr. Zuccolotto stated this made him feel that Mr. Hart was here for himself or to play with the political group that has cost this Township money. He

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also indicated that it is unknown what will change down the road, and just because of another election, Mr. Hart may not get the job as road master either. Mr. Zuccolotto said that a person must work toward that job to earn respect; not do what Mr. Hart is doing.

Mr. Clarence Hart of Davidsville stated that he and Mr. Zuccolotto have been at odds, but it did not need to be mentioned tonight. Mr. Zuccolotto said that he had wanted to. Mr. Clarence Hart stated that according to the Township records, there was 1.8 million dollars in the "slush" fund in 1996 and he wanted to know what happened to it. Mr. Zuccolotto answered that he had just given all that information to Mr. Hart's son. Mr. Clarence Hart said that he wanted Mr. Zuccolotto to tell him. Mr. Zuccolotto noted that Mr. Clarence Hart has been on this "kick" ever since Mr. Zuccolotto was elected and he had given the information out twice. He stated that he just gave Dave Hart copies of the budgets and expenditures from 1998 through 2001; every dime is accounted for. He further noted that Mr. Clarence Hart and his group cost the Township that one million for subsidy. Mr. Clarence Hart again asked where the 1.8 million dollars went. Mr. Zuccolotto told him to come into the office and he would show him. Mr. Clarence Hart stated that Mr. Rouser had said that the Jerome Sewer Project ate up most of the 1.8 million. Mr. Rouser answered that with all the things that the Township did ate up the 1.8 million, including the Jerome Sewer Project, and Mr. Clarence Hart was welcome to come into the office and go over the records on this; just like he was told two or three years ago. Mr. Zuccolotto noted that this kind of question cannot be answered verbally, it must be shown. Mr. Clarence Hart stated that he had a lot more to ask, but he would bring it up another time. Mr. Zuccolotto asked that he come into the office and ask; they welcomed him.

Mr. Marvin Gindlesperger of Davidsville addressed Solicitor Barbin. He felt that what Mr. Barbin did tonight was very unethical as a professional. Solicitor Barbin stated that Mr. Hart specifically asked him a question about a conversation he had with him and he answered him. Mr. Gindlesperger indicated that Mr. Hart met with Solicitor Barbin in private and Mr. Barbin just said, "he said, he said". Solicitor Barbin stated that he had kept quiet until he was asked specifically, in public by Mr. Hart himself, and he was going to answer truthfully.

Mr. Gindlesperger also wanted to know the status of the property he questioned in January on top of Covered Bridge Road. Mr. Rouser informed him that it was in the process of being taken care of; the owner had thirty days to correct. Mr. Zuccolotto stated that the owner is moving his truck, burning down the place, and moving to Shade Township because Conemaugh Township ran him out.

Mr. Dan Blough of Thomas Mills wanted to congratulate all of the Supervisors. He stated that he works for New Enterprise within a four-county area and deals with Supervisors every day; he did a lot of paving jobs. He noted that New Enterprise did have the last two paving contracts with the Township and also that he is friends with the Supervisors; but in working with them and seeing how other municipalities work, he felt the Township had one of the best around. Mr. Blough stated that the Township has three wonderful people, two of which he knows real well. He further stated that some of the other municipalities of this size have gone to very high pay; outsiders come in and actually rule with an iron fist. Mr. Blough indicated that every municipality he has seen this happen in has not been run efficiently, correctly, and the taxes have gone up. He felt that the Township's roads were unprecedented within the tri-county area. Mr. Blough stated that he has been a resident of the Township his whole 48 years, and over the last ten years, he has not been so proud of the arguing and undermining going on. Mr. Blough spoke to Mr. Hart saying that if he was so concerned about there being three road masters instead of

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two, it should have been in his campaign, or even brought up two or three years ago as a concerned citizen. Mr. Blough also noted that he had heard a comment in the audience tonight that Mr. Hart has only been in office three months and has not had any time to come up with his own agenda. Mr. Blough felt that on a day to day basis, it take a long time to familiarize yourself with things, but in running for election, Mr. Hart should have had an agenda. Mr. Blough said that an agenda in his mind is not just coming up with questions. He noted that he and Mr. Zuccolotto have talked about things that Mr. Blough did not think were right in the Township, and he also gave Mr. Zuccolotto some ideas on how he thought it should be made right. He further stated Mr. Hart should have ideas for any major changes six months to a year prior to being elected. Mr. Blough indicated that there were always two sides to things, and he has not heard any construction criticism. He felt that if something was wrong, then show them how to make it better, because Mr. Zuccolotto will listen, he is great to have an argument with; you can change his mind, but it has to be a very good argument. Mr. Blough thought things could be worked out, and he hoped they could so he could be proud about not seeing the letters in the reader's forum, etc. Mr. Blough also stated that there are some things that could be done in the work that the Supervisors are doing, but they are the little things that get missed, but it is not because of them not knowing it is there, it is because there is only so much allotted time for things that can be done on rainy days and things that cannot be done.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Submitted by,

Albert E. Zuccolotto, Secretary/Treasurer