

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2002

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on November 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 October 23, 2002 were distributed. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of October 23, 2002. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – 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 November 2002 in the amount of \$6,941.19 for the General Fund, \$3,103.03 for the Liquid Fuels Fund, and \$6,470.76 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 October 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 October 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:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **2003 PROPOSED BUDGET:** Mr. Zuccolotto stated that the Budget would be available for review for twenty days. He also noted that the General Fund carry over from 2002 should be

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approximately \$195,000, which will enable the Township to go without a tax anticipation note for 2003. There will be no tax increase or sewage rate increase for 2003. (Real Estate Tax remains at 6 mills.) There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve the proposed 2003 Budget for Conemaugh Township for publication as follows: General Fund 01 - \$1,693,233; Street Light Fund 02 - \$28,480; Fire Protection Fund 03 - \$58,867; Sewer Fund 08 - \$960,000; and Liquid Fuels Fund 35 - \$240,484. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **OPEN RECORDS POLICY:** Solicitor Barbin stated that the format for this policy came from PSATS and some changes were made to suit the Township. There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to adopt an Open Records Policy to meet requirements of changes to the Open Public Records Law 65, as most recently amended by Act 100 of 2002, which will cover requests, fees, response, and appeals regarding public records. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto– yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **WHITEWATER PARK ENGINEERING PROPOSAL:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve a professional engineering services proposal from The EADS Group for the Stonycreek Whitewater Park Project at a cost not to exceed \$7,500; any costs over \$7,500 would need to be approved by the Supervisors. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

FLOOR OPENED TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lou Huber of Soap Hollow Road was in to ask what was going to be done about the water on Soap Hollow Road coming from a blocked pipe that runs into the creek. Chairman Rouser stated that Penn Dot was contacted on this problem and he will be meeting with them today at the site. Penn Dot and the Township will be working together to resolve the situation. A pipe will be installed from the culvert to the creek.

At this point, Mr. Zuccolotto noted that the Township Newsletter was recently mailed out and residents were concerned about an article in the Newsletter regarding the proposed changes that the Landfill wants to implement for Spring Clean Up. This article indicated that junk would have to be taken directly to the landfill in May and September by the residents. Mr. Zuccolotto stated that when he was negotiating Spring Clean Up with the Landfill, he did not agree with this. Since he has been receiving complaints recently, he has spoken with the Landfill and they have agreed to pick up the junk at the residences, and to take refrigerators with Freon at no charge. They will also place an ad in the newspaper in May regarding Spring Clean Up. Mr. Zuccolotto will be meeting with the Landfill next week on the matter.

Mr. Zuccolotto also wanted to comment on the vote for one mill of Fire Tax, as mentioned in the Newsletter. He stated that when the Newsletter was printed, the referendum on the November Election Ballot regarding the one hundred million dollar bond for the fire departments was unknown. Mr. Zuccolotto further stated that the Township would not be implementing the Fire Tax for 2003. If the bond would be passed, citizens would probably have to pay some type of fire tax to cover the bond. It would not be fair for the Township to enact a fire tax also. Therefore, the Township will not be making a decision on the Fire Tax until more is known on the bond.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Submitted by,

Albert E. Zuccolotto, Secretary/Treasurer