

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2002

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on September 18, 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 August 21, 2002 were distributed. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of August 21, 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 September 2002 in the amount of \$7,382.23 for the General Fund, \$8,357.03 for the Liquid Fuels Fund, and \$117,114.03 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 August 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 July 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:

1. Mr. Zuccolotto gave an update on the cost of purchasing a new truck for the Township. The pricing had started out at \$54,000.00, working with two companies: Walsh Equipment and Municipal Supply. The final price of \$45,780.11 was from Municipal Supply for a 2003 Ford, F550, aluminum bed, western plow, spreader, and hydraulics. This new truck is identical to the 2002 truck purchased last year, but the Township will pay less for this new truck than what was paid for the 2002 truck.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MEETING DATE CHANGE:** Mr. Hart will be unable to attend the October 16, 2002 meeting, therefore, there was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to reschedule the October 16, 2002 Supervisor's meeting to October 23, 2002. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **HIRING OF TWO PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS:** Mr. Zuccolotto noted that two part-time police officers have been terminated, therefore, the Township needs to hire two more to replace them. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to hire Michael Paul Plunkard, effective August 29, 2002, and Clint Michael Divido, effective September 4, 2002, as Conemaugh Township part-time police officers. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **SEWAGE FACILITIES PLANNING MODULE EXCEPTION FOR MINOR SUBDIVISION:** Solicitor Barbin indicated that this module was appropriate as submitted. There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to approve the submitted Sewage Planning Module Component 1 (Exception to the Requirement to Revise the Official (Act 537) Plan; Elden F. Lange III, Applicant, Joseph Belle, Property Owner, Sewage Planning Module Exception Application submitted by Cortese Associates, Subdivision Plan prepared by Cortese Associates under seal of Randolph L. Cortese, P.L.S.; the Township's Sewage Enforcement Officer has reviewed and signed the appropriate sections; the Township Zoning Officer has signed Section I affirming compliance with Township ordinances; the Township Planning Commission approved and signed the appropriate section at its September 10, 2002 meeting. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **MINOR SUBDIVISION:** Solicitor Barbin stated that approval of this minor subdivision is subject to DEP approval, but is otherwise appropriate for acceptance. There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to approve a minor subdivision plan request from Joseph Belle to create a 4.406 acre parcel from a parent parcel of approximately 139 acres, contingent upon receipt of written approval of the Sewage Planning Module from PA DEP; the Conemaugh Township Planning Commission at its September 10, 2002 meeting voted to approve and sign this subdivision plan upon the receipt of written comment from the County and written approval of the aforesaid Sewage Planning Module from PA DEP. Written comment has been received from the County. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **SEWAGE FACILITIES PLANNING MODULE FOR HOLDING TANK:** Solicitor Barbin stated that the Supervisors would be voting to approve the use of a holding tank at the new E.M.S. building until the new sewage system is installed. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve the submitted Sewage Planning Module Component 2 (Individual and Community On-lot Disposal of Sewage) for a holding tank on the new Conemaugh Township E.M.S. site on Tire Hill Road; Conemaugh Township E.M.S., Owner and Applicant, Sewage Planning Module Exception Application prepared by Earthtech, Inc., P.L.S.; the Township's Sewage Enforcement Officer and Zoning Officer have the signoffs completed; the Township Planning Commission approved component 4A at its September 10, 2002 meeting, and Planning Module Component 4B was submitted to Somerset County Planning

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Commission for its completion. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **MINOR SUBDIVISION:** Solicitor Barbin noted that this minor subdivision was appropriate. There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to approve a minor subdivision plan request from Melvin R. Connor, Applicant, Virgil D. and Thelma R. Blough, Property Owner, (Subdivision Plan prepared by Don Cortese, P.L.S.), to create a 0.752 acre parcel having an existing dwelling thereon, leaving a parent parcel residue of approximately 37.25 acres and having an existing dwelling thereon; since both parcels have existing on-lot sanitary sewage systems, no submissions to DEP are required; the Conemaugh Township Planning Commission approved this subdivision at its September 10, 2002 and recommends approval by the Supervisors. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto– yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **PLANNING COMMISSION COURSE:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve sending eight Conemaugh Township Planning Commission members to a Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs sponsored Basic Course for Planning Commissioners on September 25, October 2 & 9, 2002, to be held at the Conemaugh Township Municipal Building, at a cost of \$75.00 each, for a total cost of \$600.00, and to also send the Zoning Officer using the one free admission for hosting the course. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

FLOOR OPENED TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sam Kaplitz of Bottom Road wished to thank the Supervisors for the quick response on his request to have patching done on Dickey Hill Road.

Milt Baer of 645 Ligonier Pike wanted to make the Supervisors aware of illegal dumping on the property next to his residence. He stated that he had given a name to the Chief of Police, but the Chief said there was nothing he could do about it. Solicitor Barbin noted that it used to be that the person's name could be turned in, and that person could then be taken to the magistrate, whether this person dumped the garbage or not. Now the license number of the vehicle is required. Mr. Baer indicated that he takes care of this property for the owner who is elderly and lives in Pittsburgh. He further stated that the Chief of Police had informed him to put up No Trespassing signs, which he did, and someone took them down. Mr. Baer said he would gladly load the garbage up and take it to the dump, but it is too costly. Mr. Zuccolotto told Mr. Baer that the Township could get him a permit to dump the garbage for nothing, if he would do that. Mr. Zuccolotto also stated that the next time Mr. Baer sees the dumping going on, he should turn the name in, and the Township would see about turning it over to the magistrate to try to deter this situation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

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2. **TRICK-OR-TREAT NIGHT:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to set trick-or-treat night for the Township for Thursday, October 31, 2002 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Submitted by,

Albert E. Zuccolotto, Secretary/Treasurer