

## **MINUTES OF REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2003**

The reorganization meeting of the Conemaugh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on January 6, 2003 by Robert Rouser. Board members present were Robert Rouser, Albert Zuccolotto, and David Hart. Solicitor William Barbin was also present.

### **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS:**

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to appoint Robert Rouser as Chairman of the Board. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Rouser, to appoint David Hart as Vice-Chairman of the Board. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Rouser – yes, and Mr. Hart – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Rouser, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to appoint Albert Zuccolotto as Secretary/Treasurer for the Board. Roll call vote: Mr. Rouser – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Hart – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to appoint Cindy Walerysiak as Assistant Secretary for the Board. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to appoint Robert Rouser as Assistant Treasurer for the Board. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Rouser, to divide the Township into two sections. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Rouser – yes, and Mr. Hart – no. Motion carried - two yes, one no.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Rouser, to appoint Robert Rouser as road master for the Township. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Rouser – yes, and Mr. Hart – no. Motion carried – two yes, one no.

There was a motion by Mr. Rouser, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to appoint

Albert Zuccolotto as road master for the Township. Roll call vote: Mr. Rouser – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Hart – no. Motion carried – two yes, one no.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to set the Township meeting dates for every third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to set the Treasurer’s Bond at \$300,000. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to name First Commonwealth and First National Banks as depositors for the Township. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Hart to appoint Mr. Mark Degory to the Conemaugh Township Vacancy Board. The motion died for the lack of a second.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Rouser, to appoint Mr. Earl Sleek, Sr. to the Conemaugh Township Vacancy Board. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Rouser – yes, and Mr. Hart – no. Motion carried – two yes, one no.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to appoint William Gleason Barbin as Solicitor for the Board of Supervisors. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto –yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to appoint Mr. Ernest Spory to a three-year term on the Conemaugh Township Zoning Hearing Board. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to appoint Gregory Frantz as Solicitor for the Conemaugh Township Zoning Hearing Board. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to appoint Ms. Susan Zaman, Mr. John Feathers, and Mr. David Maldet to four-year terms on the Conemaugh Township Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to appoint William Gleason Barbin as Solicitor for the Conemaugh Township Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to appoint Mr. Charles Carrico to a five-year term on the Conemaugh Township Municipal Authority Board. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to appoint Ms. Wendy Griffith and Mr. Michael Quinn to five-year terms on the Conemaugh Township Recreation Commission. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to appoint Robert Shroyer as Animal Enforcement Officer for the Township at a rate of \$300.00 per month. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to appoint Russell McCauliff as Sewage Enforcement Officer for the Township, and Randy Younkin as Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to appoint Ernest Spory as Conemaugh Township Emergency Management Director. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto to appoint Mr. Hart as Coordinator for the “Right to Know” for the Township. Mr. Hart stated that he did not wish to be appointed to this position. Mr. Zuccolotto withdrew his motion.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to appoint Mr. Rouser as Coordinator for the "Right to Know" for the Township. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to retain Kline Kimlin as auditors/accountants for the Township for the year 2003. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Rouser, seconded by Mr. Hart, to appoint Albert Zuccolotto as Union Liaison for the Township. Roll call vote: Mr. Rouser – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Zuccolotto – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Rouser, to appoint Albert Zuccolotto as the Township's voting delegate to the State Convention. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

At this point, there was a discussion about the wages to be determined for the Police Clerk and the Janitor positions. Mr. Zuccolotto noted that the current rates are \$9.00/hour for the Police Clerk, and \$6.25/hour for the Janitor. He further explained the job differences between the two and noted the \$12,100 worth of benefits also received by the Janitor, indicating that this was a lot of money to pay out for a Janitor. Further discussion ensued regarding the amount of rate increase to be given to the Police Clerk.

There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to set the hourly rate for the Police Clerk at \$9.50 per hour. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rouser wished to state that with the wages and benefits paid to the Janitor, the Township could hire a private contractor to perform janitorial duties. Mr. Zuccolotto noted that when the Janitor was originally hired, it was a part-time position paying \$5.25 per hour, which the Janitor was happy to have. The position then became a full-time position paying \$6.25 per hour with full benefits, and the position also was entered into the Union Contract. Mr. Zuccolotto stated that the Township will be seeing an increase in cost for benefits this year and if the Township would get to the point where the road crew would have to start paying for part of their benefits, the Janitorial and

Police Clerk positions would become part-time positions without benefits, which both employees are aware of. They were also told that their wages were not set by the Union Contract, but would be determined every year at the reorganization meeting. Mr. Zuccolotto felt it was not justifiable at this time to give the Janitor a rate increase; it could be reconsidered next year. He agreed that the Janitor did do a good job, but stated that the Janitorial work could be performed for less cost. Mr. Hart felt that since all other employees received a raise this year, the Janitor should at least received a \$.25/ hour increase. Mr. Zuccolotto pointed out that the Janitor is in a different job class. There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Rouser, to set the hourly rate for the Janitor at \$6.50 per hour. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Rouser – yes, and Mr. Zuccolotto – no. Motion carried – two yes, one no.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to pay the Planning Commission members \$25.00 per meeting, providing that they attend the meeting. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Submitted by,

(signed) Albert E. Zuccolotto, Secretary-Treasurer