

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2003

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on June 18, 2003 by Chairman Robert Rouser. Board members present were Robert Rouser, Chairman, Albert Zuccolotto, Secretary-Treasurer, and David Hart, Vice-Chairman. Solicitor William Barbin was present.

Pledge to the Flag.

FLOOR OPENED TO PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 21, 2003 were distributed. There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 21, 2003. 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 June 2003 in the amount of \$10,354.44 for the General Fund, and \$9,276.71 for the Liquid Fuels Fund. Under Questions, Mr. Hart asked what the Walsh Equipment bill listed under General Fund was for. He was answered that it was for pipe. The Supervisors had purchased pipe for the Township and the Municipal Authority. The Municipal Authority will be reimbursing the Township for their pipe. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT:

The police report as submitted by Acting Chief, Sgt. James McKnight for the month of May 2003 for Conemaugh Township and Benson Borough was read. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to accept the police report for the month of May 2003 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:

1. A letter was received from a vehicle accident victim praising the great assistance that Patrolman John Todaro gave him in his time of need. Mr. Zuccolotto read this letter out loud.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **FIREWORKS DISPLAY FOR JEROME FIRE COMPANY AND CONNUMACH LIONS CLUB:** Motion to give permission to the Jerome Volunteer Fire Company and Ronald W. Wanko to shoot a fireworks display behind the Jerome Fire Hall at approximately 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 5, 2003, with a rain date of Saturday, July 12, 2003; and to the Connumach Lions Club and Ronald W. Wanko to shoot a fireworks display at Maple Springs Grove at approximately 9:30 p.m. on Monday, August 18, 2003; insurance will be in the amount of \$2,000,000 in both instances. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **AGREEMENT FOR STAFF SERVICES BETWEEN CONEMAUGH TWP. SUPERVISORS AND CONEMAUGH TWP. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:** Solicitor Barbin stated that he had reviewed this Agreement and it was okay to approve. He further indicated that Mr. McCauliff would be providing technical assistance to the Municipal Authority, but he would be working as an employee of the Township. Should Mr. McCauliff do anything wrong, the Township's insurance would cover him. The Township would be able to pull out of the Agreement at any time. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve an agreement between the Conemaugh Township Supervisors and the Conemaugh Township Municipal Authority for the staff services of Russ McCauliff to perform work required by the Authority at \$35/hour, payable to the Township, with Mr. McCauliff remaining at all times an employee of the Township and not the Authority. Under Questions, Mr. Hart asked if the Authority would be signing the Agreement also. He was answered that they would be signing it. Mr. Hart asked if Mr. McCauliff would be paid through the Township's Sewer Department. He was answered that he would. Mr. Hart asked if when Mr. McCauliff leaves the Township to assist the Authority, would they reimburse the Township for his services. He was answered that they would. Mr. Hart asked if Mr. McCauliff was an engineer. Solicitor Barbin answered that Mr. McCauliff was not an engineer, but he was technically competent. He would be assisting with the Authority's projects. Mr. Hart asked if there were any projects coming up soon. He was answered that there were. Mr. Zuccolotto noted that the Authority was paying high bills to their engineer, and since Mr. McCauliff has saved the Township hundreds of thousands of dollars each year, it was felt that he could do the same for the Authority. The Authority would use its engineer when a seal was required. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **SEWAGE FACILITIES PLANNING MODULE – COMPONENT 1:** There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to approve and sign the DEP “Sewage Facilities Planning Module Component 1” planning module exception form for on-lot systems for Lots #1 & #2, and a “Request for Planning Waiver & Non-Building Declaration” form for Lot #3, all prerequisite to a subdivision approval consideration, as requested by John Wanko, Jr. and Robin Wanko, property owner and applicant, to create two lots for residential use, with the residue lot to remain unimproved; said forms have been accepted by the Township’s Sewer Enforcement Officer, the Township Zoning Officer, and the Conemaugh Township Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAN:** Solicitor Barbin stated that this Plan was okay for approval. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve the subdivision plan, contingent upon receipt of DEP’s approval of “Component 1” forms and “Waiver & Declaration” form, as proposed by John Wanko, Jr. and Robin Wanko, property owner and applicant, to create Lot #1 containing approximately 5.0291 acres and Lot #2 containing approximately 5.0161 acres, both for residential use, with the residue unimproved Lot #3 containing approximately 9.3417 acres; plan was accepted by the Conemaugh Township Planning Commission contingent upon receipt of acceptable County comment, which has been received, and of DEP approval of “Component 1” form and “Waiver & Declaration” form. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **REQUEST FOR SEWAGE FACILITIES PLANNING WAIVER & NON-BUILDING DECLARATION:** Solicitor Barbin stated that this was okay for approval. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve and sign the “Request for Planning Waiver & Non-Building Declaration” form as a prerequisite to a subdivision approval consideration as proposed by property owner Isabelle Shaw to create a new Lot #3 (non-building) containing approximately 6.72 acres with residue of existing unimproved Lot #2 being reduced to approximately 59.28 acres; accepted by the Conemaugh Township Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **MINOR SUBDIVISION:** Solicitor Barbin stated that this Subdivision was okay for approval. There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to approve the subdivision plan contingent upon receipt of DEP’s approval of the “Waiver & Declaration” form, as proposed by property owner Isabelle Shaw to create a new Lot #3 (non-building) containing approximately 6.72 acres with residue of existing unimproved Lot #2 being reduced to approximately 59.28 acres; plan was accepted by the Conemaugh Township Planning Commission contingent upon receipt of acceptable County comment, which has been received, and of DEP approval of “Waiver & Declaration” form. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **MINOR SUBDIVISION:** Solicitor Barbin stated that this Subdivision was okay for approval, but it should be noted that this involved the sale of a right-of-way on a

private road, and the Township Ordinance did not prohibit this. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve the subdivision as proposed by property owners John & Mamie I. Mantini, and applicant Christopher A. & Theresa L. Formica, to create a new residential Parcel B containing approximately 2.0879 acres and right-of-way Parcel C containing approximately 1.0599 acres, both for conveyance to the Applicant, with residue containing approximately 25.030 acres remaining with the Owner; public water and sewer is available; plan was accepted by the Conemaugh Township Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Rouser – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

FLOOR OPENED TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

George Hickey of 1507 Tire Hill Road informed the Supervisors that his neighbor had moved out on April 1st and the grass was very high with rodents living in it. He wanted to know what could be done about this situation. Chairman Rouser stated that this would be turned over to the Ron McGee. A letter would be sent to the property owner who would have thirty days to comply or be fined.

Jim Welch of Summer's Best Two Weeks wished to update the Supervisors on the progress of their project. He stated that the sewer line was to the sewer plant, and next the manhole would be installed and connected. They would have one more road crossing on Lemon Road, and then they would be finished. Mr. Welch indicated that they would be ready to pay the tap-in fee next week. He was informed that this could be done at the Sewer Office. Mr. Zuccolotto noted that he had driven around the camp and it was absolutely beautiful.

George Kogut of Jerome wanted to make the Supervisors aware of a hole in the middle of School Street near the old Catholic Church where water was coming up through. Mr. Kogut was informed that this would be looked into tomorrow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.
2. The Conemaugh Township Recreation Commission is hosting a trip to New York City on November 22 & 23, 2003. Anyone interested in going, contact Steve Buncich at 479-2231.
3. Work on erecting the grand pavilion at Greenhouse Park began today. The Landfill has hired a contractor to install this pavilion.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Submitted by,

(signed) Albert E. Zuccolotto, Secretary-Treasurer