

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2005

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:07 p.m. on February 16, 2005 by Chairman Calvin Gindlesperger. Board members present were Calvin Gindlesperger, Chairman, and David Hart, Secretary/Treasurer. Wayne Kauffman, Vice-Chairman, was absent. Solicitor James Beener was present.

Pledge to the Flag.

### FLOOR OPENED TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Brian Kelly** of Paul C. Rizzo Associates stated that he was proposing a subdivision for David Lazer on Pender Road and he was requesting the sewer taps for this subdivision early, while the Township was installing the new sewer line in that area. Mr. Kelly gave the Supervisors a copy of the subdivision plans. Chairman Gindlesperger stated that it would cost about five times as much to install taps after the project was completed. Mr. Kelly stated that he would be available to show where the taps were to be installed. Ben Faas of EADS stated that he was familiar with where the subdivision was proposed.

**Bob Simonsick** of 201 South Main Street, Davidsville, presented the Supervisors with a petition of 63 names of residents living on Main Street. The petition was requesting the Supervisors to ask PennDot to perform a speed study on Main Street in Davidsville from Hickory Street to Crestview Drive. They would like the speed reduced to 25 mph. Mr. Simonsick stated that the trucks and cars are speeding in that area. He also requested that PennDot be asked to install "Caution Children" signs along Main Street, and crosswalks by the Post Office in Davidsville. Mr. Simonsick further requested that the Supervisors prohibit the "jake" brake on Main Street in Davidsville from Hickory Street to Crestview Drive. He stated that this was a residential area and the noise from the trucks using their "jake" brake was horrible. Chairman Gindlesperger indicated that this could be done by adopting an ordinance. Mr. Hart stated that he would send the paperwork to PennDot regarding the speed study, caution signs, and the crosswalk requests. Mr. Simonsick informed the Supervisors that he had moved into the Township approximately 11/2 years ago and "loves" it here.

### MINUTES:

There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Gindlesperger, to accept the minutes of the special meeting of January 19, 2005. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Gindlesperger – yes, and Mr. Kauffman – absent. Motion carried, two yes, one absent.

### BILLS:

There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Gindlesperger, to pay the bills for the month of February 2005 in the amount of \$57,303.37 for the General Fund, \$19,752.76 for the Liquid Fuels Fund, and \$31,805.86 for the Sewer Fund. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Gindlesperger – yes, and Mr. Kauffman – absent. Motion carried, two yes, one absent.

### POLICE REPORT:

The police reports as submitted by OIC Howard Jackson for the month of January 2005 for Conemaugh Township and Benson Borough were read. There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Gindlesperger, to accept the police reports for the month of January 2005 for the Township and Benson Borough. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Gindlesperger – yes, and Mr. Kauffman – absent. Motion carried, two yes, one absent.

## **MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2005 MEETING CONTINUED.**

### **PERSONS TO BE HEARD:**

None.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **CTMA PROPOSED RESOLUTION:** Mr. Hart stated that the proposed resolution approving the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Conemaugh Township Municipal Authority extending the term of existence of the Authority to 50 years was tabled at the last Supervisors' meeting. Chairman Gindlesperger called for any discussion on this matter. Mr. Hart noted that the Supervisors heard the comments from the Conemaugh Township Municipal Authority approximately three weeks ago. Mr. Hart stated that he was inclined not to extend the term of existence of the Authority based on all the complaints he had heard over the years, there have been a lot of changes in the CTMA board members, and there was the possibility of losing another chairman, noting that Ron Cowan had indicated that he was moving to Bedford. Mr. Hart further stated that there have been many things in the "works" for a year and nothing has moved forward yet, and he would like to see the Supervisors get involved with this. Chairman Gindlesperger agreed, stating that some of the things that concern him about the CTMA were the fines that had been levied against the Authority. Chairman Gindlesperger further stated at the present time the operator for the Authority was an engineer, they still did not have a licensed operator on staff for their treatment plant.

There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Gindlesperger, to decline the proposed resolution approving the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Conemaugh Township Municipal Authority extending the term of existence of the Authority to 50 years. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Gindlesperger – yes, and Mr. Kauffman – absent. Motion carried, two yes, one absent.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **2005 CDBG ENTITLEMENT APPLICATION COOPERATION AGREEMENT:** Mr. Hart noted that the Township's 2005 CDBG allocation was approximately \$127,000.00. There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Gindlesperger, to authorize signing the Cooperation Agreement between the County of Somerset, Conemaugh Township Supervisors, and the Redevelopment Authority of Somerset County for the Township's 2005 CDBG Entitlement. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Gindlesperger – yes, and Mr. Kauffman – absent. Motion carried, two yes, one absent.

2. **MINOR SUBDIVISION:** Solicitor Beener stated that this Plan was okay for approval. The Conemaugh Township Planning Commission approved this Plan on February 8, 2005 and has recommended approval by the Board of Supervisors. There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Gindlesperger, to approve the subdivision plan for Joseph V. & Barbara M. Huber, property owners, and Todd J. Berkebile, applicant, to create Parcel "A" containing approximately 0.374 acres for the express purpose of merger with adjoining parcel having property tax map #S12-054-076-00 owned by applicant; all as shown on Subdivision Plan dated January 29, 2005 and bearing owners' notarized signatures. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Gindlesperger – yes, and Mr. Kauffman – absent. Motion carried, two yes, one absent.

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3. **CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP YOUTH LEAGUE:** Solicitor Beener noted that there was a lease prepared, and if approved, the lease would be sent to the Youth League to complete. Mr. Hart stated that the usage would be for the time period of the baseball games. There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Gindlesperger, to grant permission to the Conemaugh Township Youth League to use the facilities at the Hollsopple ball field for the 2005 baseball season. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Gindlesperger – yes, and Mr. Kauffman – absent. Motion carried, two yes, one absent

### **TIRE HILL SEWER PROJECT:**

1. **UPDATE PROJECT** – Ben Faas of the EADS Group reported that one crew had been working on the project for about 1-½ weeks in the Indian Valley area, which would be completed next month. A second crew started this week in the Tire Hill area. Mr. Faas stated that Penn Vest payment request #2 in the amount of \$397,768.62 would need acted upon at this meeting. He noted that this would include a reimbursement that was previously withheld by Penn Vest for AE fees. The Township would be reimbursed \$294,378.95.

There was a motion by Mr. Gindlesperger, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve Penn Vest payment request #2 in the amount of \$397,768.62. Roll call vote: Mr. Gindlesperger – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Kauffman – absent. Motion carried, two yes, one absent

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

None.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Gindlesperger, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Submitted by,

David A. Hart, Secretary/Treasurer