

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2005

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:06 p.m. on September 21, 2005 by Chairman Calvin Gindlesperger. Board members present were Calvin Gindlesperger, Chairman, Wayne Kauffman, Vice-Chairman, and David Hart, Secretary/ Treasurer. Solicitor James Beener was present.

Pledge to the Flag.

FLOOR OPENED TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Scott Griffith, President of the Somerset County A.B.A.T.E., wished to present the Supervisors with a \$2,500.00 donation to be used for the upkeep of Greenhouse Park. He also gave a check in the amount of \$750.00 for next-year's rental of Greenhouse Park for Thunder-in-the-Valley. Mr. Griffith thanked the Supervisors for the use of the Park.

MINUTES:

There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Hart, to accept the minutes of the meeting of August 17, 2005. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – yes. Motion carried unanimously

BILLS:

There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to pay the bills for the month of September 2005 in the amount of \$69,286.98 for the General Fund, \$12,397.18 for the Liquid Fuels Fund, and \$131,564.70 for the Sewer Fund. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT:

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

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Joe Bell was scheduled to be heard, but was not present.

Cindy Albaugh stated she had submitted a letter in August 2005 to the Supervisors requesting the ad joiners take over the abandoned portion of Rachele Avenue, noting that the Supervisors had voted on never completing that section of Rachele Avenue. Ms. Albaugh was proposing the Township either keep a portion of Rachele Avenue in front of her house, fill that portion in, and maintain it so that the snow banks do not pile up at the end of her driveway; or the Township release this portion to the ad joiners. Ms. Albaugh further proposed that the ad joiners take over any and all abandoned portions of Rachele Avenue, which the Township did not wish to maintain. She noted that she had also given the Township a \$400.00 check in August, which is the amount the Township had paid her for a portion of her land to complete the abandoned portion of Rachele Avenue several years ago—she wished her land be returned to her, indicating that the Supervisors had already voted on this and approved it approximately three years ago. Solicitor Beener will review and advise in this matter.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **RESOLUTION R10-05:** There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to adopt Resolution R10-05 authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant application for the Stonycreek Whitewater Park. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – yes. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **GAS MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE:** The IRS has raised the gas mileage reimbursement from 40.5 to 48.5 cents per mile for all business miles driven from September 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005. There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Hart, to raise the Township's gas mileage reimbursement rate to 48.5 cents per mile, effective September 1, 2005. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – yes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **MINOR SUBDIVISION:** The on-lot sewage system Planning Module Component II for the Greene subdivision plan was approved by DEP. The Conemaugh Township Planning Commission approved this plan on September 13, 2005, pending receipt of favorable comment from the Somerset County Planning Commission. Favorable comment has been received from the Somerset County Planning Commission. There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve the subdivision plan for John L. Greene and Dorcas L. Greene, property owner, and Lori L. Denault, applicant, to create Lot 1 containing approximately 1.80 acres from parent parcel containing approximately 18.30 acres, all as shown on Earthtech, Inc. sheet no. 1 dated 5/25/2005 and sealed by David R. Mills, P.E. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – yes. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **MINOR SUBDIVISION:** The Conemaugh Township Planning Commission approved the Dovey subdivision plan on September 13, 2005, pending receipt of favorable comment from the Somerset County Planning Commission. Favorable comment was received from the Somerset County Planning Commission. There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve the subdivision plan for Terri Ann Dovey, property owner and applicant, to create Lot 4 containing approximately 5.000 acres from parent parcel containing approximately 37 acres, all as shown on Cortese Associates drawing no. 05-2451, sheet 1 of 1, dated 9/5/2005 and sealed by Randolph L. Cortese, P.L.S. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – yes. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **MINOR SUBDIVISION – ADJOINING MERGER:** The Conemaugh Township Planning Commission approved the Kauffman/Williamson subdivision/land merger plan on September 13, 2005, pending receipt of favorable comment from the Somerset County Planning Commission. Favorable comment was received from the Somerset County Planning Commission. There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to approve the subdivision and adjoining merger plan for Donald R. and Beverly J. Kaufman, and Jeffrey J. Williamson, property owners, for Jeffrey J. Williamson to create Lot A containing approximately 0.57 acres from parent parcel containing approximately 1.31 acres, and Donald R. and Beverly J.

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Kaufman to create Lot B containing approximately 0.005 acres from parent parcel containing approximately 1.310 acres, then convey Lot A to the Kaufmans and convey Lot B to Williamson, all as shown on Cortese Associates drawing no. 02-2058, sheet 1 of 1, dated 7/28/2002 and sealed by Randolph L. Cortese, P.L.S. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

TIRE HILL SEWER PROJECT:

1. **PENNVEST PAY REQUEST #9:** There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to approve PennVEST Pay Request #9 in the amount of \$510,309.99 as presented. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – yes. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **UPDATE SEWER PROJECT:** Ben Faas of The EADS Group stated that work was slowing down on the Kukurin Contract – Sewer Lines. This was due to the fact that they were currently working on the water line project so they could be completed with paving before the plants shut down for the winter. Mr. Faas indicated the restoration crew was on site, and the paving crew starts next week on Kring Street. He noted that contractors were working on the sewer plant and control building contracts.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. After a brief discussion, trick-or-treat night was set for October 27, 2005 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
2. Solicitor Beener stated there would be a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors on October 6, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. for general purposes, and specifically to accept bids for the lease-purchase of equipment.
3. Solicitor Beener reiterated that he was working on a comprehensive traffic ordinance. He and the Supervisors were seeking input from the public involving any traffic issues that should be added to this ordinance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Kauffman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

David A. Hart, Secretary/Treasurer