

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2006

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on August 16, 2006 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:

**Martin Rice** of 450 Welsh Valley Road stated he was having a noise problem from his neighbor's band at the Dwight Jacob property, 449 Ligonier Pike. He said the band plays rock and roll music several times a week between 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Mr. Rice noted they were located about 40-45 yards behind his house, and talking to them does no good. He called the police, but they stop playing when the police arrive. Mr. Rice asked if there was a noise ordinance. Mr. Hart stated there was not to be amplified music after 11:00 p.m. Solicitor Beener stated it was hard to determine what were acceptable decibels. Chairman Gindlesperger stated this matter would need to be researched. Mr. Kauffman said the police could patrol more in that area to at least be seen, and Mr. Rice could call the police when needed.

**David Horner** of 1660 Soap Hollow Road was upset about the restoration job done on his property after the sanitary sewer project went through. Mr. Hart informed Mr. Horner he would be at his property tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. to review the situation.

**Joseph Stevens** of 126 Stevens Lane asked for the breakdown on revenues and expenditures at Greenhouse Park, as he had requested at a previous meeting. Mr. Hart said he had it available for him. Mr. Stevens asked about the status on the Besyk variance. Solicitor Beener stated that case was in court at the present time waiting for the judge's ruling. Mr. Stevens wanted to have a cost breakout of what it would be costing the Township to patrol the new proposed areas to see if the taxpayers were going to foot the bill. Mr. Hart informed Mr. Stevens that Quemahoning Township would be paying the Township \$1,000 per month for a total of 40 hours per month, including hearings and court time. A part-time officer would be used for this patrol. Stoystown Borough would be paying the Township \$520 per month for a specific number of hours per month. Mr. Hart noted that covering these municipalities would not cost the Township anything. Mr. Stevens asked if there were provisions in the agreement if it would start costing more. Mr. Hart answered there was a 60 days prior written notice to cancel by either party. Mr. Stevens asked if it would start costing the Township money, would the Supervisors end the agreement. Mr. Hart answered, yes, or raise the fee. Solicitor Beener noted that the thought was to try this out for several months to see how it was working for all involved. Mr. Stevens also asked if the police coverage in the Township would be shorted. He was answered, no. Mr. Stevens then stated it all sounded good to him.

**Phillip Hackwelder** of 184 Dickey Hill Road said he appreciated the Township's attempt to fix his road, but felt it would be short-lived. He requested that the Supervisors give him pipe, which he would install in the ditch along Dickey Hill Road to alleviate the drainage problem they were having. Mr. Hart stated he knew they had a water problem in that area, it came off the hill. Mr. Hackwelder wanted enough pipe to run from above his driveway to down below his driveway. Mr. Hart asked him if he had a pipe under his driveway. Mr. Hackwelder said he did not. Mr. Hart felt he should start by installing a pipe under his driveway. Mr. Hackwelder stated this would not solve the problem. Mr. Hart noted it was the policy of the Township to supply the

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pipe to a resident to install under his driveway, or the resident could pay for the pipe and the Township would install it. Again, Mr. Hackwelder said that would not be enough. He wanted the pipe in the ditch along Dickey Hill, also stating he felt an accident was waiting to happen since the road was narrow and there was an open ditch there. Mr. Hart noted the Township had already give Mr. Hackwelder 40 feet of pipe, and would also give Doug Golias, his neighbor, 40 feet of pipe, and that would be all the Township could do; pipe was very costly and the Supervisors could not be doing this all over the Township. Leo Marisa noted he had lived in that area all his life and the road had been that way all along. Mr. Hackwelder suggested the Township install asphalt swells along the road, which would also alleviate the problem. Chairman Gindlesperger stated the Supervisors would make a decision in this matter within a week and would contact him.

### **MINUTES:**

There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 19, 2006. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

### **BILLS:**

There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Hart, to pay the bills for the month of August 2006 in the amount of \$61,147.10 for the General Fund, \$2,172.88 for the Liquid Fuels Fund. Mr. Hart noted the Sewer Fund bills for the month of August would be available at the next meeting. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

### **POLICE REPORT:**

The police reports as submitted by Chief Howard Jackson for the month of July 2006 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 July 2006 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:**

Although he was not scheduled, **Tom Hersh** 2007 Krings Road wanted to speak at this time. He was concerned about the police coverage he was receiving, indicating he has had smashed mailboxes, cars broken into, cars egged with damage done, and there was speeding in his area. Chairman Gindlesperger asked him if the police had investigated these matters. Mr. Hersh answered, yes; noting that he was promised there would be more patrols in his area when the new officers had been hired, but there was not. Mr. Hart said he would pass this on to the police, and if he had any future problems, he should call the police; that was all he could do.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A letter was received from Jack Feathers stating he was resigning from the Conemaugh Township Planning Commission. Mr. Hart noted names would have to be submitted for his replacement. There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to accept the resignation of Jack Feathers from the Conemaugh Township Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **ADVERTISE FOR SALE OF TRUCK:** There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Hart, to advertise for the sale of one 1995 Dodge dump truck with aluminum bed, plow and spreader. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – yes. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **POLICE SERVICE AGREEMENTS:** There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to approve and sign police service agreements with Quemahoning Township and Stoystown Borough. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. **PENNVEST PAY REQUEST #20:** There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve PennVest pay request #20 in the amount of \$265,728.88, as presented. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – yes. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **UPDATE SEWER PROJECT:** Ben Faas of The EADS Group reported that Contract #1, General – Galway Bay had been given until August 21, 2006 to complete their punch list; it has not been completed as yet. If they do not complete it by that date, it would be completed by the alternate contractors and deducted from their payment. Contract #5, Sewer lines, was the only other contract still open. Kukurin did take care of the majority of their punch list, but they were still holding money on them and would do the same for them as for Galway Bay, if the punch list was not completed.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

None.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Submitted by,

David A. Hart, Secretary/Treasurer