

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2006

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:06 p.m. on January 18, 2006 by Vice-Chairman Wayne Kauffman. Board members present were Wayne Kauffman, Vice-Chairman, and David Hart, Secretary/ Treasurer. Chairman Calvin Gindlesperger was absent. Solicitor James Beener was present.

Pledge to the Flag.

FLOOR OPENED TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ernest Spory of 133 Ham Road was in to complain about the condition of Ham Road stating the cold patch put down in the area of the sewer project was breaking up and it was a mess. Mr. Kauffman stated he agreed that Ham and Lehman Roads were both bad, especially with the thaw caused by the warm weather. Ben Faas of The EADS Group indicated he would look at the situation.

MINUTES:

There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of December 21, 2005, and the reorganization meeting of January 3, 2006. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – absent. Motion carried.

BILLS:

There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Hart, to pay the bills for the month of January 2006 in the amount of \$71,840.46 for the General Fund, \$123,722.45 for the Liquid Fuels Fund, and \$97,954.40 for the Sewer Fund. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – absent. Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT:

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

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

No persons were scheduled to be heard, but Ernest Spory wished to discuss the waterline for the EMS building, noting he was on the Board of Directors for the EMS. He requested assistance from the Supervisors in talking with the Conemaugh Township Municipal Authority to have them extend the waterline to the EMS building. At present, the line was a private line that ran through the Township's parking lot, and if anything would go wrong with that line the EMS would have to dig up the parking lot to fix it. Mr. Spory stated they made a request to the CTMA, but they had responded by letter stating they would only extend the line 60' to 70' to catch sedimentation, and refused to do anything else.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

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OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to appoint Peggy Parks as Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – absent. Motion carried.

2. **MINOR SUBDIVISION:** Solicitor Beener stated he would have to remain silent on this subdivision as he represented both the Supervisors and the Cambria Somerset Authority. The Conemaugh Township Planning Commission approved this subdivision provided that no appeal was made within the 30-day variance appeal period ending January 13, 2006. There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to approve the subdivision plan for Cambria Somerset Authority to create a 0.157 acre parcel within a general easement of approximately 1.565 acres below the breast of Quemahoning Dam, said parcel to be conveyed to Somerset County General Authority for the siting of a raw water pump station, contingent upon an appeal not being filed. (The Conemaugh Township Zoning Hearing Board granted a variance on December 14, 2005 for substandard lot size and for a minimum yard setback of 10 feet.). Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – absent. Motion carried.

3. **MINOR SUBDIVISION:** Solicitor Beener stated this subdivision was okay to approve. The Conemaugh Township Planning Commission approved this subdivision on January 10, 2006. There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to approve the subdivision plan for Miller Springs, Inc. to create a 0.551-acre undeveloped parcel to be merged with abutting parcel No. S12-004-013-01 owned by John F. Rosa, Et Ux. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – absent. Motion carried.

TIRE HILL SEWER PROJECT:

1. **PENNVEST PAY REQUEST #13:** There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to approve PennVest pay request #13 in the amount of \$310,708.47 as presented. (This also includes \$31,383.00 to be reimbursed by CTMA.) Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – absent. Motion carried.

2. **CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR CONTRACT 1:** There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to approve Change Order #2 for Contract 1 in the amount of \$25,753.90 for 8" DIP from meter vault – Dewatering Building, installation of 2 transformer foundations for main power service, anti-floatation collars, additional retaining wall length, additional fence and gate – Dewatering Building, additional yard piping – Dewatering Building, and change from Type D endwall to headwall at STP outfall. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – absent. Motion carried.

3. **CHANGE ORDER #8 FOR CONTRACT 5:** Ben Faas of The EADS Group stated he had not yet received a cost from the contractor (Kukurin) for the generator for the Greenhouse Park pump station that was included in this change order. He was requesting the Supervisors approve the change order pending engineer recommendation and Township review. Solicitor

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Beener asked if Mr. Faas could give the Supervisors a not-to-exceed amount. Mr. Faas said he would estimate it not-to-exceed \$200,000.00. Mr. Hart did not want to approve this change order without a specific amount, noting this work would be completed anyway since it had to be done. The Supervisors agreed to defer the approval of the change order to next month's meeting.

4. **UPDATE SEWER PROJECT:** Ben Faas of The EADS Group stated work on the sewer and water lines were being done on off streets along Soap Hollow Road, noting they were 85% complete. Pump station work was going on at Greenhouse Park and Krings. There was no work being done at the plant currently since the contractor was off sight – they were waiting for railings and power. The Electrical Contract was near completion. The site was inspected Tuesday and a punch list was being prepared for work that needed to be done. HVAC and Plumbing Contracts – waiting for Galway Bay to finish fixtures in the building. Mr. Faas also noted Change Order #2 for Contract 1 was a DEP requirement for the Dewatering Building in Phase II of the sewer project. These added portions would avoid conflicts when they start with Phase II. Mr. Hart asked when the plant would be able to take wastewater. Mr. Faas felt it would be within 60 days, but it could be sooner. He further noted that all contractors would be completed in less than two weeks with the exception of the general contractor who had approximately one month left. Mr. Faas stated that restoration would be done in the spring and that would not hamper the start up of the plant.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. **Traffic Ordinance** – Solicitor Beener once again stated that a draft traffic ordinance was done in August 2005, reminding everyone that the Supervisors were taking any public input regarding parking, speed limits, or anything else related to traffic issues to be included in this ordinance. He noted that the Supervisors wanted a complete comprehensive ordinance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Submitted by,

David A. Hart, Secretary/Treasurer