

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2007

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:08 p.m. on March 21, 2007 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:

**Attorney Jon Barkman** introduced himself to the Supervisors as a candidate for District Attorney, indicating that he had served in the capacity of defense attorney, magistrate, and attorney for the FOP. He said he wanted to bring the DA's office out; get to know the people and the police officers. Mr. Barkman referred to the proposed police shared agreement with Shade Township, which was on the Agenda for tonight, stating that was the waive of the future. He further noted he would keep the officers' overtime to a minimum in regard to hearings. Mr. Barkman said he would give the Supervisors' his cell phone number.

**Jon Kepko** of Tire Hill asked what the status was of the proposed CN zoning district for the Tire Hill area. Solicitor Beener informed him the Supervisors just received a copy of the hearing transcript today for review.

**Ginger Graham** of Hollsopple asked if the Supervisors were going to discuss the police agreement with Shade Township in detail during the meeting. Mr. Hart answered, no. Solicitor Beener asked her what she wanted to know. Ms. Graham was concerned that Conemaugh Township was not going to have full police coverage if the police had to patrol Shade Township also—were there going to be enough officers. Mr. Hart informed Ms. Graham that the Township would hire extra officers, and would also have additional police cruisers to patrol Shade Township. He further stated Shade Township would pay the Township to cover these expenses. Solicitor Beener added that Shade Township was holding a special meeting tomorrow night to consider accepting this agreement. Mr. Hart stated Conemaugh Township would have no less coverage and no extra cost if Shade accepted the agreement.

### MINUTES:

There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Hart, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of February 28, 2007. 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 March 2007 in the amount of \$44,855.32 for the General Fund, \$55,065.99 for the Liquid Fuels Fund, and \$68,725.19 for the Sewer Fund. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

### POLICE REPORTS:

The police reports as submitted by Chief Howard Jackson for the month of February 2007 for Conemaugh Township, Benson Borough, Stoystown Borough, and Quemahoning Township were read. There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Hart, to accept the police reports as read for the month of February 2007. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

## **MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2007 MEETING CONTINUED.**

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

**Ed Naugle** of 1010 W. Campus Avenue stated he had spoken with each of the Supervisors in the past at one time or the other about the problem of cow manure on the roadway in front of his residence. He said he wanted something done once and for all. Mr. Naugle informed the Supervisors that the police observed the situation today and saw approximately one foot of liquid manure right in front of his driveway. He was concerned about walking through the manure to get to his mailbox and the bacteria it contained. Mr. Naugle wanted the individual responsible for this to be fined. He further noted he had set up an appointment today to talk to someone about this. Solicitor Beener stated he had gone with the Supervisors about one year ago to look at the situation, and asked if the problem diminishes at certain times. Mr. Naugle, answered, yes, indicating that it was caused by the manure spreader leaking. He had reported this to the police, and the individual had been talked to by the police and the State Representative in the past. Chairman Gindlesperger noted that the individual had made attempts to clean things up. Mr. Naugle admitted that he did, but it was not enough. It was reoccurring now and something needed to be done now. Mr. Naugle stated he was aware he needed to put up with some of this, but not this much. He said the police officer that was there today was Vincent Zangaglia.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A letter was received from the Jerome Memorial Day Committee requesting a \$500.00 donation toward their Jerome Memorial Day Services to be held on May 28, 2007. There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to donate \$500.00 to the Jerome Memorial Day Committee for their Memorial Day Services. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **BIDS FOR SALE OF 2000 FORD EXPLORER:** The following bids were received and opened for the sale of the 2000 Ford Explorer: Rogers Auto Sales of Ohio - \$1,340.00, and John Goldberg - \$400.00. Mr. Hart noted the book value on this vehicle was over \$4,000.00. There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Hart, to reject all bids received for the 2000 Ford Explorer, and to re-advertise. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – yes. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **2007 ROAD & PETROLEUM BIDS:** There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to advertise for bids for the Township's 2007 road and petroleum materials, bids to be opened at the April 18th meeting. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – yes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **POLICE AGREEMENT WITH SHADE TOWNSHIP:** There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Gindlesperger, to approve a police agreement with Shade Township Supervisors, contingent upon their approval of the agreement at their meeting of March 22, 2007; without any changes to the agreement as presented. Solicitor Beener noted that the Shade Township Supervisors would hold a Special Meeting tomorrow night to make a decision on this agreement, which would be a one-year agreement for police services. Roll call vote: Mr. Hart – yes, Mr. Gindlesperger – yes, and Mr. Kauffman – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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4. **RESOLUTION R02-07:** There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Hart, to adopt Resolution R02-07 declaring Conemaugh Township's intent to approve the final design and specification of Whitewater Park and to proceed to bid on the project effective immediately. Mr. Hart noted this would be at no cost to the Township; all would be done by the Whitewater group, the Township was just the administrator. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **MINOR SUBDIVISION:** The Conemaugh Township Planning Commission approved and signed this Plan on 3/13/2007. There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Hart, to approve the subdivision plan for Matthew R. Leathery, property owner, and Stephen J. Verotsky, applicant, to create a 3.22 acre lot, currently undeveloped, to be wholly merged with adjoining parcel S12-092-011-00 having an existing dwelling and septic system thereon and owned by applicant. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Hart – yes, and Mr. Gindlesperger – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

1. **UPDATE SEWER PROJECT:** Josh Kalp of The EADS Group reported that all contracts for the Tire Hill Sewer Project were closed out. There would be a final walk through in one-year for warranty purposes. The DEP final inspection was scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Gindlesperger asked if there were any outstanding complaints. Josh said there was a handful, mostly dealing with restoration. A final walk through would be done and then the contractor would come back to fix the problems. Josh stated that all the permits have been obtained for the Phase II – Benscreek Sewer Project, and funding for this project should be announced on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Josh noted that he would have to get together with Mr. Hart to prepare the 2006 MS-4 Report which had to be submitted to DEP by June 9, 2007.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Solicitor Beener noted that the transcript for the proposed CN zoning district in the Tire Hill area was turned over to the Supervisors today.
2. Solicitor Beener stated that about two meetings ago it was brought up about the need to repair the two walking bridges in Jerome. He reported that he was still working on paperwork with Josh Kalp of The EADS Group to get this done. The two bridges would probably be replaced with one bridge, and the work could possibly be started early this spring.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Spring Clean Up was scheduled for the week of April 23 through 27, 2007.
2. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Supervisors would be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There was a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

David A. Hart, Secretary/Treasurer