

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2008

A Special Meeting of the Conemaugh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:01 a.m. on June 10, 2008 by Chairman Steven Buncich. Board members present were Steven Buncich, Chairman, Wayne Kauffman, Vice-Chairman, and Albert Zuccolotto, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Solicitor James Beener was present.

FLOOR OPENED TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **STOYSTOWN BOROUGH POLICE SERVICES AGREEMENT:** Chairman Buncich said a letter was received from Stoystown Borough stating that they had talked with the Supervisors and was asking for an official notice as to whether or not the Township was going to continue to provide them with police services. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to discontinue the Police Services Agreement with Stoystown Borough, effective immediately, and to send a letter notifying them of this decision. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **APPOINTMENT OF UNION LIAISON:** There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Buncich, to appoint Albert Zuccolotto as Union Liaison for the Township. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Buncich – yes, and Mr. Zuccolotto – yes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **APPROVAL OF FIREWORKS DISPLAY:** Chairman Buncich stated a letter was received from Nicholas Zakucia, Jr. of 815 East Campus Avenue requesting approval to display fireworks on July 5, 2008. He had the necessary license and experience. There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to approve a personal consumer fireworks display under the Title 35 Public Safety Act for Nicholas Zakucia, Jr.; display to take place on July 5, 2008 at 815 E. Campus Avenue, Davidsville. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **SEWER DEPARTMENT AUDIT:** Chairman Buncich stated that this would be a complete audit to get a good handle on the Sewer Department finances and they would give recommendation on things that needed to be done in that Department. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to authorize an internal audit to be conducted on the Conemaugh Township Sewer Department by Kline Kimlin, Certified Public Accountants. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

At this point, the Supervisors went into executive session at 9:05 a.m. to discuss staffing for the Police Department. The Supervisors returned at 9:21 a.m.

Mr. Zuccolotto said he wanted to make a motion to cut out all part-time patrolmen in the Police Department and to lay off one fulltime officer—how long would be unknown. He stated that the “bleeding” had to be stopped. The Supervisors would get together with the Chief to work on a schedule and decide how to handle this. Mr. Zuccolotto felt something had to be done, and he would also like to make a motion to dispose of all the high gas mileage cruisers and purchase Impalas that get four times the gas mileage. He said gas costs could go up as high as \$5.00 per gallon, and that would be a huge savings. Mr. Zuccolotto stated that he saw that the part-time

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patrolmen were being scheduled to work, then they call off and a fulltime officer was brought in to work, and they had 40 hours in already and they got paid time and ½. He further stated that comp time was sitting on the books for the officers and it was “sickening”. Mr. Zuccolotto stated that if those officers decided to take all their comp time, then the Township would not have a police department. He felt this should stop—it had to be more accountable.

Mr. Zuccolotto stated the Township had all these police officers and the Township had not grown all that much, even in population. He noted that the Township used to be patrolled with one officer and when he left the Township, there were five officers. He felt this could be done again, but if more officers needed to be added, they could be added. Mr. Zuccolotto stated that for right now, the Supervisors had to stop the “bleeding” and work through the schedule.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to cut all part-time patrolmen and lay off one fulltime officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – no. Motion carried, one no.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to bid all Township police cruisers for sale, except for the Impala. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to put up for sale the two police cruisers obtained from Shade Township through the Police Services Agreement. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

Submitted by,

Cindy L. Walerysiak, Secretary/Treasurer