

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2009

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on November 18, 2009 by Chairman Steven Buncich. Board members present were Steven Buncich, Chairman, Wayne Kauffman, Vice-Chairman, and Albert Zuccolotto, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Solicitor William Barbin was present.

Pledge to the Flag.

FLOOR OPENED TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Earl Waddell of the Cambria Somerset Authority stated he had sent a letter to the Supervisors requesting a resolution amending the current ordinance for the expansion of pet control areas within the Quemahoning Park. Solicitor Barbin said the Supervisors would need to adopt a new ordinance for this change, not a resolution, and expects to have that ready for next month's meeting.

NOTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSSION:

The Supervisors met on October 27th for budget review; on November 10th with EADS to discuss improvements to Hillcrest Avenue; on November 13th for budget review; on November 16th with representatives of the Somerset County Library regarding the Hollsopple Branch Library; and on November 18th with Feaster Consulting Services to review the actuary studies for the Township pension plans.

MINUTES:

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 2009. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS:

There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to pay the bills for the month of November 2009 in the amount of \$73,534.66 for the General Fund, \$9,134.31 for the Liquid Fuels Fund, \$67,804.30 for the Sewer Fund. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORTS:

The police report as submitted by Chief Louis Barclay for the month of October 2009 for the Conemaugh Township Police Department was available for review. Total reported incidents/complaints were 211. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to accept the police report as submitted for the month of October 2009. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

David Yoder of Life Scout Troop 2114 in Davidsville requested permission from the Supervisors to construct a dug out on the Tee-ball field located at the Township-owned ball fields in Hollsopple. He stated that there was the need for this dug out since there was none for the Tee-ball field and when it rained the Tee-ball players had to run from the field to the pavilion. Mr. Yoder said he expected to begin the project in the spring.

There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to grant permission to David

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Yoder of Life Scout Troop 2114 to construct a dug out on the Tee-ball field located at the Hollsopple ball fields. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Supervisors told Mr. Yoder they were willing to work with him on the whole project; he was to let them know if he needed anything.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter was received from Supervisor Albert Zuccolotto requesting medical and prescription drug coverage on the same basis as other Township employees as permitted by Section 606 (c) of the Township Code. Chairman Buncich asked if this could be approved with a yearly review to be sure it would fall within the guidelines of the budget. Solicitor Barbin said, no, that once this was approved it could not be taken back.

There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Buncich, to approve medical and prescription drug coverage for Supervisor Albert Zuccolotto on the same basis as other Township employees as permitted by Section 606 (c) of the Township Code. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Buncich – yes, and Mr. Zuccolotto – abstained. Motion carried, one abstention.

Mr. Zuccolotto wished to note that this coverage was the bare minimum and would not include vision, dental, long term disability insurance, or life insurance.

2. A letter was received from the Somerset Co. Commissioners requesting a donation from the Township to the Somerset County Federated Library System. Chairman Buncich explained that the Somerset County Federated Library System funded the entire library system in Somerset County. The Supervisors felt they would rather give a donation to the Hollsopple Branch Library instead, noting that they had met with the Library Board Monday to discuss the financial stability of this Library and they were in the need of funding. Mr. Zuccolotto felt the Hollsopple Library was a real asset to the Township and supported a donation to them. A donation to the Somerset County Federated Library System died for the lack of a motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **CONTRIBUTION TO LIBRARY:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to contribute \$6,000.00 to the Somerset County Library for the Conemaugh Township branch library located in Hollsopple. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **CRESPO CONTRACTS:** Chairman Buncich stated that he had talked to Mr. Crespo today and he would give dates available to meet with the Supervisors and Chief of Police to discuss animal control in the Township. Chairman Buncich stated the Supervisors were solely interested in dog and cat control at this time. Mr. Zuccolotto noted that the Township especially had a problem with cats and Mr. Crespo could handle this.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. **2010 PROPOSED BUDGET:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to approve the proposed 2010 Budget for Conemaugh Township with no tax increases as follows: General Fund 01 - \$2,413,887; Street Light Fund 02 - \$29,074; Fire Protection Fund 03 - \$127,068; Sewer Fund 08 - \$1,593,614.00; and Liquid Fuels Fund 35 - \$486,773. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Zuccolotto stated the budget would be on display for 20 days.

2. **ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR 2010 GASOLINE & DIESEL FUEL BIDS:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to authorize the advertisement for bids for the purchase of gasoline & diesel fuel for 2010 to be supplied by a dispensing station using a card system. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **ADVERTISE APPOINTMENT OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR 2009 AUDIT:** There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to authorize advertising the intention of the Supervisors to appoint a certified public accountant or firm for the Township's 2009 audit at the reorganization meeting on January 4, 2010. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **CONTRIBUTION TO RECREATION COMMISSION:** Chairman Buncich explained that approximately one year ago the Recreation Commission received a \$10,000.00 donation from Hoganas for a playground at Greenhouse Park. The Commission also received a matching grant for playground equipment in the amount of \$13,186.00. The playground cost was \$26,371.00 plus \$1,754.54 shipping. The Commission had \$12,000.00 available in matching funds and was \$2,940.51 short for the purchase of the equipment. The Supervisors had agreed to make up the difference.

There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to ratify the contribution of \$2,940.51 to the Conemaugh Township Recreation Commission to be applied to matching funds for a grant to install a playground at Greenhouse Park. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to approve the updated Steelworkers Health & Welfare Fund Participation Agreement, effective January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **UPPER YODER TOWNSHIP SNOW REMOVAL AGREEMENT:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to approve a snow removal agreement for the winter season of 2009-2010 with Upper Yoder Township for removal of snow on Coon Ridge Road within Conemaugh Township for a cost of \$1,500.00. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously. It was noted that this was an annual thing.

7. **RESOLUTION R15-09:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to adopt Resolution R15-09 eliminating member contributions into the Conemaugh Township Police Pension Fund for the year 2010 due to this plan being over funded. Roll call

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vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **PURCHASE OF 2010 DUMP TRUCK:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to seek quotes for the purchase of a 2010 – 10 ton dump truck with plow and spreader under State Contract Pricing. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

PHASE II BENSCREEK SANITARY SEWER PROJECT

1. **ENGINEER UPDATE** – Josh Kalp of the EADS Group gave an update as follows:

Contract 05-S-01 and Contract 05-S-02 - Tire Hill STP Dewatering Building – 100% complete – closed out.

Contract 05-S-03 – Area A (Benscreek to Frosty Freeze) – Approximately 38,900 LF of sanitary sewer lines have been installed. The shed over the electrical for the Benscreek pump station had been constructed. The generator pad was in and the generator was set. The contractor was continuing to finish the underground electric in this area and they hoped to finish that up before the end of the month. Start up should be in December. The contractor was also finished around the BP gas station, and remobilized to upper Govier Lane, including the stretch going up Stow Lane to serve Rolling Hills Estates.

Contract 05-S-04 – Area B (Frosty Freeze to entrance of North Fork County Club) – Approximately 25,200 LF of sanitary sewer lines have been installed. The contractor was currently working directly across from the Howard property near Country Club Road. They were also working in the Menoher Heights area headed up through the Mahla property. Two crews were working here. The main areas to be done in Area B were Country Club Road and the Menoher Heights area.

Contract 05-S-05 – Area C (Country Club Road to Thomas Mills) – Approximately 48,200 LF of sanitary sewer lines have been installed. The contractor was just about done with this area except for a little spur of sewer line in the Bowser Lane area.

Mr. Kalp said that to-date there was a total of approximately 112,300 LF of sanitary sewer line installed for the project and restoration was on going. Any complaints were to be forwarded to Mr. Kalp and he would have the inspectors address them.

Chairman Buncich stated that the biggest complaint that the Supervisors had received was that asphalt work was needed to be done, which included a few Township roads. He further noted that there was some sinking on Pike View Drive, and near the Blough Nursery area, and Homes Street. Chairman Buncich stated that some of those residents were concerned that they were not going to see pavement until spring.

2. **PROJECT INVOICES:** There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Buncich, to approve the payment of the following invoices for the Benscreek Sanitary Sewer Project totaling \$700,732.60:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Description</u>
Ligonier Construction Co.	\$386,105.62	Construction - Contract 05-S-03
Ligonier Construction Co.	\$ 17,496.69	Construction - Contract 05-S-04

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Ligonier Construction Co.	\$264,272.79	Construction - Contract 05-S-05
EADS Group, Inc.	\$ 22,266.68	A/E Fees – Inspection
EADS Group, Inc.	\$ 1,024.13	Administration
EADS Group, Inc.	\$ 6,000.00	A/E Fees - Basic Design
First Commonwealth Bank	\$ 3,491.69	Interest during Construction
Eleanor J. Zuccolotto-Notary	\$ 70.00	Land Acquisition
Eleanor J. Zuccolotto-Notary	\$ 5.00	Land Acquisition

Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Buncich – yes, and Mr. Zuccolotto – abstained. Motion carried, one abstention.

Brian Shoff asked what was the percentage of people that had taken advantage of the \$200.00 discount on the tap fees. Chairman Buncich stated that there were 676 new accounts and that all tap fees were received except for 130.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Solicitor Barbin stated that he had provided a report to the Supervisors of pending legal matters of which there were nine, with seven actually active. This had been requested by a resident at last month’s meeting, who was not present at this time.

At this point, Chairman Buncich called for any public comment and there was none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cindy L. Walerysiak, Secretary/Treasurer