

MINUTES OF REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2009

The reorganization meeting of the Conemaugh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 5, 2009 by Seven Buncich. Board members present were Steven Buncich, Wayne Kauffman, and Albert Zuccolotto. Solicitor William Barbin was present.

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APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS:

There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to appoint Steven Buncich as Chairman of the Board. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Buncich, to appoint Wayne Kauffman as Vice-Chairman of the Board. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Buncich – yes, and Mr. Kauffman – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Buncich, to appoint Cindy Walerysiak as Secretary/Treasurer for the Board. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Buncich – yes, and Mr. Kauffman – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Buncich, to appoint Albert Zuccolotto as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer for the Board. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Buncich – yes, and Mr. Zuccolotto – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF ROADMASTERS:

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to divide the Township into two sections and to appoint Steve Buncich and Wayne Kauffman as a full-time Roadmasters for the Township. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

SET TOWNSHIP MEETING DATE/TIME:

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to set the Township meeting dates for every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

SET TREASURER'S BOND:

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to set the Treasurer's Bond at \$300,000. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

NAME DEPOSITORS:

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to name First Commonwealth and First National Banks, and the PA Treasury as depositors for the Township, although funds may be deposited at any other institution licensed as a bank or savings and loan in the Commonwealth if a better rate of return can be realized. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

SET 2009 MILEAGE RATE:

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to set the 2009 mileage rate at 55 cents per mile as established by the Internal Revenue Service. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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APPOINTMENT OF VACANCY BOARD CHAIR:

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to appoint David Miltenberger as Conemaugh Township Vacancy Board Chairman. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP BOARD SOLICITOR:

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to appoint William Barbin as Solicitor for the Board of Supervisors. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto –yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Buncich, to appoint the law offices of Barbera, Clapper, Beener, Rullo & Melvin to assist as needed with the Benscreek Sanitary Sewer Project. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Buncich – yes, and Mr. Zuccolotto – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS TO ZONING HEARING BOARD:

Chairman Buncich stated that a letter had been received from Ernest Spory, whose term expired as a Zoning Hearing Board member, indicating that he was resigning from the Board. Chairman Buncich further stated that the Alternate member seat on this Board was also vacant due to Jim Marlowe moving out of the Township. There was a motion by Mr. Buncich, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to table appointments to this Board until individuals could be found to fill these positions. Roll call vote: Mr. Buncich – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Zuccolotto – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR FOR ZONING HEARING BOARD:

There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to re-appoint Jeffrey L. Berkey of Fike, Cascio & Boose as Solicitor for the Conemaugh Township Zoning Hearing Board. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING COMMISSION:

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to re-appoint George Lybarger and Howard Matthews to three-year terms on the Conemaugh Township Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich– yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR FOR PLANNING COMMISSION:

There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to appoint William Barbin as Solicitor for the Conemaugh Township Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT TO RECREATION COMMISSION:

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to re-appoint Sandy Naugle to a five-year term on the Conemaugh Township Recreation Commission. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT TO CONEMAUGH TWP. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Chairman Buncich stated that a letter was received from the CTMA recommending the re-appointment of Edward Hart to the Authority, and a letter was received from Edward Hart

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requesting to be re-appointed. A letter was also received from Sam Mazzaresse requesting to be appointed to Authority Board.

There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to appoint Sam Mazzaresse to a five year term on the Conemaugh Township Municipal Authority Board. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich – no. Motion carried, one no.

APPOINTMENT OF SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS:

There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to re-appoint Randy Younkin as Sewage Enforcement Officer for the Township, and re-appoint Peggy Parks as Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR:

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to re-appoint Ernest Spory as Conemaugh Township Emergency Management Director. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT:

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to retain Kline Kimlin as auditors/accountants for the Township for the year 2009. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to re-appoint Mark Walker as Zoning/Planning & Codes Enforcement Officer for the Township. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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.

APPOINTMENT OF STATE CONVENTION DELEGATE:

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to appoint Steve Buncich as the Township's voting delegate to the State Convention. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

At this point, Chairman Buncich stated that the Supervisors could not accept the request from William Richards to be placed on police retired status at this meeting since it had not been advertised as a regular meeting. This matter would be tabled until the January 21, 2009 meeting of the Supervisors.

Chairman Buncich asked if there was any public comment.

Joe Stevens asked what precautions were being taken on the new sanitary sewer project to prevent the problems that had occurred with past sewer projects where land was taken that was not signed for nor was it taken by eminent domain; and who would be enforcing those precautions—who would be responsible if the sewer lines were placed on the wrong property.

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Solicitor Barbin stated regarding the problem that happen with Mr. Steven's property in 1996, the Township has not done anything to catch those because that would entail surveying each property and the Township could not afford that. But, he said, the Township was working on preventing the problem that happened on the last project where the Township did not have an easement which held everything up by meeting a couple time per month with the engineers to review maps, check off properties, and color code them to show which the Township did not have permission on and which ones the Township would have to take condemnation steps on.

Solicitor Barbin indicated it would be the responsibility of the engineer and contractor if the lines would be placed on the wrong property, but if it was a survey issue and it was not something the Township paid for, then it was the Township's problem. He said if the line was placed on the wrong property because the tax map said the line was in a certain place and the line was somewhere else, (which he said was similar to Mr. Steven's problem), the Township could not reprimand someone for something the Township did not pay them for doing.

Mr. Zuccolotto noted that he would be overlooking the Sewer Department, and stated that Mr. Steven's problem had not been addressed properly. He said if someone questioned a manhole or a line it would be addressed immediately and would be turned over to the Township Solicitor so the matter could be reviewed. Mr. Zuccolotto did not foresee the Township having any problems with this project because of learning from past mistakes.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cindy L. Walerysiak, Secretary/Treasurer