

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 15, 2009

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on July 15, 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:

None.

NOTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSSION:

The Supervisors met on July 9th with the Teamsters Union and representative in regard to contract negotiations, and on July 15th with Kline Kimlin Auditing Firm to review the 2008 audit of the Conemaugh Township Tax Collector.

MINUTES:

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of June 17, 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 July 2009 in the amount of \$55,895.19 for the General Fund, \$6,104.12 for the Liquid Fuels Fund, and \$89,765.29 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 June 2009 for the Conemaugh Township Police Department was available for review. Total reported incidents/complaints were 256. There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to accept the police report as submitted for the month of June 2009. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Joyce Kozielec of Davidsville asked if the Township's spring clean up could be scheduled later than April since she cannot meet the April dates. Chairman Buncich explained that the landfill gave the Supervisors dates from which to choose, and that this year was actually the latest date available. It was further explained that since this was done free of charge for the Township residents, the landfill's contracted/paying communities were given first choice of dates. The landfill did supply equipment and manpower free of charge to the Township during spring clean up. The Supervisors stated they would see if perhaps there could be a later date next year.

Ms. Kozielec also asked if the Supervisors could pick up her spring clean up junk in the back of her residence on Saylor Lane since she lives on a curve on Route 403 and her driveway was very steep. It was noted that Saylor Lane was a private drive, but if she had a small amount of junk, the Supervisors would make arrangements to bring her items out. She was informed to contact the Supervisors ahead of time regarding this matter.

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Ms. Kozielec stated that four or five years ago the Township was receiving approximately \$750,000.00 a year from the landfill and wanted to know what the Township now received from them. Mr. Zuccolotto answered that the Township no longer received that much—the annual amount was down to approximately \$125,000.00 a year. Solicitor Barbin noted that about two or three years ago the governor approved new landfills in the eastern part of the State, therefore out-of-state waste was no longer hauled into this area from New York, etc.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 672:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to adopt Ordinance No. 672 authorizing the creation of a No Parking Zone at specific locations along Quemahoning Dam Road, R-473, and providing for the erection of signs and establishing penalties for violation. Chairman Buncich stated this was a request from the Cambria Somerset Authority in order to cut down on dangerous parking sites for fisherman. Mr. Kauffman stated this was a safety issue since a small child was almost hit by a vehicle along this road. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **NAMING OF STREET:** Chairman Buncich stated this was a private lane that was not maintained by the Township and that the naming of this road was for 911 addressing only. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to approve the name of “Kelci Lane” for a gravel drive off of West Campus Avenue in Davidsville. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **SEWER BONDS:** Chairman Buncich stated that U.S. Bank was buying Ameriserv through which the Sewer Department had its sewer bonds. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to approve U.S. Bank as the paying agent for the Conemaugh Township Sewer Bonds. 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 reported that the equipment startup for the Tire Hill Sewer Treatment Plant Dewatering Building was done on June 23rd and there were some “bugs” to work out which should be resolved by next week. The contractor was waiting for a drive for the sludge pump and as soon as that was resolved they would verify that everything was working properly. They also have some punch list items to address before a Substantial Completion could be issued.

The Dewatering Building – Electrical Contract – the contractor had requested Substantial Completion and EADS recommended that this be issued for the electrical portion only. Mr. Kalp noted that the electrical work was complete for the Dewatering Building. There was no punch list work remaining on this.

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Sewer Contracts for Area A, B & C: Area A - approximately 22,150 LF of sanitary sewer lines and appurtenances had been installed todate. (Area A was from Benscreek to the Frosty Freeze. Area B was from Frosty Freeze to the entrance of the North Fork Country Club. Area C was from North Fork Country Club - Country Club Road on to Thomas Mills.) There were three crews working in Area A – Route 403 on the force main gravity sewer; on the State r-o-w by Joios, and on Fernwood Drive. Mr. Kalp noted the contractor was concentrating on the State road to have them completed prior to the schools opening. Mr. Kalp stated that the Greenhouse Pump Station work was completed in April 2009 and was operating as designed. The contractor had requested Substantial Completion for the Greenhouse Park Pump Station only and EADS recommended that this be issued for the pump station only.

Area B – approximately 24,200 LF of sanitary sewer lines and appurtenances had been installed todate. There were currently no crews working in this area.

Area C – approximately 24,000 LF of sanitary sewer lines and appurtenance had been installed todate. One crew was working in Thomas Mills and they plan to finish all the collection systems in this area and then move on to the Moonlite Park area. Another pipe crew would be added within the next two or three weeks.

Mr. Zuccolotto asked what the status was on restoration. Mr. Kalp answered that he was not sure at this time and would get back to him tomorrow on this. He stated that an additional restoration crew had been added about three weeks ago. Chairman Buncich stated that the Supervisors had been receiving complaints from the Ideal Park area concerning the crossovers that were filled with shale. Mr. Kalp stated those crossovers would be paved by the end of July.

Joyce Graham asked if the crossovers on Keafer Hill Road would be paved, they were very bad also. Mr. Kalp stated he would make that a priority with the contractor.

2. **PROJECT INVOICES:** There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to approve the payment of the following invoices for the Benscreek Sanitary Sewer Project totaling \$975,666.21.

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Description</u>
Gordon L. DeLozier, Inc.	\$ 28,564.52	Construction - Contract 05-S-01
Church & Murdock Electric	\$ 9,902.81	Construction - Contract 05-S-02
Church & Murdock Electric	\$ 3,067.45	Construction - Contract 05-S-02
Ligonier Construction Co.	\$238,908.39	Construction - Contract 05-S-03
Ligonier Construction Co.	\$352,799.97	Construction - Contract 05-S-04
Ligonier Construction Co.	\$342,423.07	Construction - Contract 05-S-05

Chairman Buncich stated that the Township had closed on the PENNVEST loan and would present a list of invoices for payment. Solicitor Barbin noted that most of these invoices had already been paid and were reimbursable to the Township. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION – CONTRACT 05-S-02:** There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to approve the Contractor's request for Substantial Completion for Contract 05-S-02 – Tire Hill STP Dewatering Building-Electrical. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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4. **SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION – CONTRACT 05-S-03:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to approve the Contractor's request for Substantial Completion for the Greenhouse Park Pump Station portion only of Contract 05-S-03 – Benscreek Sewers-Area A. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. A letter was received from EADS dated June 26, 2009 regarding improvements to Hillcrest Avenue in Davidsville. Chairman Buncich stated that due to the new development of approximately thirteen parcels of land off of Hillcrest Avenue, road improvements were needed. He stated that this letter contained a lot of information and a meeting was needed with the Solicitor, EADS, Supervisors, and DL Development. Solicitor Barbin stated a letter also needed to be sent to DL Development, which he would do.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rich Maldet of Fernwood Drive asked if the Supervisors had considered installing permanent restrooms and perhaps a shower house at Greenhouse Park because of all the activity there now. Chairman Buncich stated it had been discussed and the Supervisors agreed that restrooms were needed there.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cindy L. Walerysiak, Secretary/Treasurer