

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2010

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 10, 2010 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 absent.

Pledge to the Flag.

FLOOR OPENED TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

NOTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSSION:

The Supervisors met on March 2nd with Mark Walker to review the proposed revised Zoning Ordinance.

MINUTES:

There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of February 17, 2010. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS:

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to pay the bills for the month of March 2010 in the amount of \$50,308.36 for the General Fund, \$64,599.69 for the Liquid Fuels Fund, \$88,228.57 for the Sewer Fund. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORTS:

The police report as submitted by Chief Louis Barclay for the month of February 2010 for the Conemaugh Township Police Department was available for review. Total reported incidents/complaints were 194. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to accept the police report as submitted for the month of February 2010. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Chairman Buncich stated that Chris Eash had called to be placed on the Agenda today and was too late to be added, but she would be permitted to speak. He asked if she was present.

Robert Stultz of the Hollsopple Fire Company stated that she was not present, but he would like to talk about what the Hollsopple Fire Company was doing. He said that Scalp Level-Paint Fire Company was working with them and they came up with an offer that would help them along and keep their station open.

Marty Washko of the Scalp Level-Paint Fire Company stated that the plan would be to merge the two companies, keeping the Hollsopple station open in Hollsopple and they would continue business as usual. Mr. Zuccolotto stated that the Township would then cancel insurance coverage on Hollsopple's vehicles. Mr. Washko asked if the Supervisors wanted Hollsopple to continue providing coverage to the Township. Mr. Zuccolotto stated there would be no insurance coverage by the Township and Mr. Washko stated then the Township could not be

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covered. Mr. Zuccolotto said this would be run by the Solicitor and he was sure they would be given a grace period; the Township would not just cut them off. Chairman Buncich said that this matter needed to be further discussed between the Supervisors and the Solicitor. He noted that originally the Jerome Fire Company and Hollsopple Fire Company had been looking at a possible merger. Mr. Washko stated that the concern with that merger was that the Hollsopple Fire station would be closed.

Dave Boyer, Fire Chief of the Hollsopple Fire Company, stated that they were looking at what best served the community and the option presented by Scalp Fire-Paint Company would allow their station to remain open with improvements. Chairman Buncich requested that they submit their plans in writing to the Fire Services Review Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **OPEN BIDS RECEIVED FOR SALE OF 1995 DODGE DUMP TRUCK:** Chairman Buncich opened the bids received for the sale of a 1995 Dodge dump truck with plow and spreader to be sold as-is. Bids were as follows:

1.	B & R Auto Sales, Portage	-	\$4,166.00
2.	Laughard's Chickree Mtn. Truck & Trailer Sales, Vintondale	-	\$6,276.26
3.	Randy Updyke, Boswell	-	\$3,251.00
4.	Sulli Motors, Ambridge	-	\$3,659.00
5.	Chad Wickham, Somerset	-	\$5,275.00
6.	Joseph Stoke, Windber	-	\$3,175.00
7.	Glenwood Lawn Care, Johnstown	-	\$8,500.00
8.	Sterling LaRue	-	\$2,001.00
9.	Joseph Cominsky, Windber	-	\$7,210.00

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to accept the bid of Glenwood Lawn Care, Inc., Johnstown, in the amount of \$8,500.00 for the sale of a 1995 Dodge dump truck. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICE (X-26 Advanced Taser) POLICY:** There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to adopt a policy for the police department providing guidelines and procedures relating to the X-26 Advanced Taser. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **CHIEF OF POLICE SEMINAR:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to approve sending Chief Barclay to the Annual Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association 2010 Education and Training Seminar Conference to be held in Lancaster, PA from July 11-15 at a cost of \$945.00, which includes registration, meals and hotel.

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

4. **REVISION TO SEWER DEPARTMENT RULES & REGULATIONS:** There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to approve a revision to Article XIX of the Conemaugh Township Sewer Department's Rules & Regulations. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Buncich stated the revision was regarding testing guidelines for connecting to the new sewage lines. Mr. Zuccolotto stated that these guidelines would be mailed out to the new customers on the new sewer lines within the next two weeks. He further stated that in order to qualify for funding assistance through the Somerset County Redevelopment Authority CDBG program to connect to the new sewer system, two quotes were required and the resident must qualify in the low to moderate income bracket.

5. **2010 ROAD MATERIAL BIDS:** There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to advertise for bids for the Township's 2010 road material bids to be opened at the April 14th meeting. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

PHASE II BENSCREEK SANITARY SEWER PROJECT

1. **ENGINEER UPDATE:** Chairman Buncich stated that the engineers were not present tonight. He said if anyone had any questions for the Engineers to let the Supervisors know and they would be forwarded on to The EADS Group.

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 \$454,542.15:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Description</u>
Ligonier Construction Co.	\$133,183.66	Construction - Contract 05-S-03
Ligonier Construction Co.	\$290,952.57	Construction - Contract 05-S-04
EADS Group, Inc.	\$ 21,556.51	A/E Fees – Inspection
EADS Group, Inc.	\$ 1,366.63	Administration
EADS Group, Inc.	\$ 6,000.00	A/E Fees - Basic Design
First Commonwealth Bank	\$ 1,406.78	Interest during Construction
American Solutions for Bus.	\$ 76.00	Administrative Office Supplies

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

At this time, Chairman Buncich opened the floor for public comments.

Bill Holbay of Ligonier Pike questioned an invoice on the Sewer Fund bill list for \$600.00 from Roddy Enterprises for plowing. Chairman Buncich stated this invoice was for plowing open the sewer plants due to the recent heavy snow storms. Roddy Enterprises was responsible for the sewer plants. Mr. Holbay wanted to know why the Township did not use their equipment, such as the grader, to open the plants. Chairman Buncich said due to the state of emergency all

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Township operators were out in trucks plowing the roads. Mr. Zuccolotto noted that due to the state of emergency the Township may be reimbursed for this expense.

Peggy McClain of Frosty Lane asked if anything was decided about the deduct meters. Chairman Buncich stated the Greater Johnstown Water Authority would supply those meters and also provide the Township Sewer Department with readings. Mr. Zuccolotto said the Supervisors needed to work something out regarding this matter. Chairman Buncich said the Supervisors would get an answer for her.

Mike Holbay of East Campus Avenue asked what changes were involved regarding the proposed revised Zoning Ordinance. Chairman Buncich said that the biggest change was the format of the Zoning Ordinance, along with a few other changes. He stated that when the review process was complete with the Conemaugh Township Planning Commission and the Supervisors, a public hearing would be held by the Planning Commission, and then another public hearing would be held by the Supervisors at which times the public would be able to review the proposed revised Zoning Ordinance and also ask questions.

Mike Holbay said he had applied for a zoning permit a few months ago and had not heard anything back from Mark Walker yet. This permit was regarding his wife's in-home business. Chairman Buncich stated he would check into this tomorrow and would have Mr. Walker call him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Chairman Buncich wanted to thank Ernest Spory, Emergency Management Director, for manning the telephones during the snow storm while the road crew was out plowing and the office staff was told to stay home due to the state of emergency.
2. Chairman Buncich stated that the Tire Hill Bridge project was expected to start April 5th and would last 3 to 4 weeks. The Riverside project should begin in June.
3. Chairman Buncich stated that PennDOT would be traffic counting on the following Township roads: Pine, Dairy, Keim, Third, and Welsh Valley.
4. Chairman Buncich announced that the 2010 Census form was coming out soon and it was very important that everyone fill it out promptly and mail it back. There was literature about the Census on the front table in the hallway.
5. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cindy L. Walerysiak, Secretary/Treasurer