

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2010

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 14, 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 present.

Pledge to the Flag.

FLOOR OPENED TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lou Huber of Soap Hollow Road asked when the repairs to the bridge located on Krings Street by the fire hall was scheduled to start. The Supervisors stated they were not informed of the exact date at this time. Terry Ruparcic said he had received a letter stating that work would begin May 3rd and be completed by May 21, 2010.

NOTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSSION:

The Supervisors and the Chief of Police met on April 9th to conduct interviews for part-time police.

MINUTES:

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 2010. 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 April 2010 in the amount of \$37,587.55 for the General Fund, \$11,448.14 for the Liquid Fuels Fund, \$136,382.02 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 March 2010 for the Conemaugh Township Police Department was available for review. Total reported incidents/complaints were 218. There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to accept the police report as submitted for the month of March 2010. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter was received from the Jerome Memorial Day Committee requesting a donation of \$500.00 for their Jerome Memorial Day Services to be held on Monday, May 31, 2010. There was \$500.00 in the 2010 budget for this. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to donate \$500.00 to the Jerome Memorial Day Committee for their annual celebration. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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2. A letter was received from Conemaugh Township Historical Society requesting a donation for 2010. There was \$500.00 in 2010 budget for this. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to donate \$500.00 to the Conemaugh Township Historical Society. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.
3. A letter was received from West Hills Regional Police Department thanking Chief Barclay and Sergeant McKnight for assistance and participation during the viewing and funeral services for Congressman John P. Murtha.
4. A letter was received from resident Jim Carr thanking the Township Supervisors and road crew for an excellent job on snow removal this past winter.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **OPEN BIDS FOR 2010 ROAD MATERIALS:** The bids received for road materials were opened as follows:

Road Materials (Delivered):

Bids were received from New Enterprise (NE) and Homer R. Sleek & Sons (SL) as follows:

1B Limestone (or) Anti-Skid Limestone Equivalent	NE – 17.80/ton	SL – 17.25/ton
6S Anti-Skid	NE – 17.80/ton	SL – 13.80/ton
#57 Stone – Limestone Only	NE – 17.30/ton	SL – 15.50/ton
2A Stone – Limestone Only	NE – 14.30/ton	*SL-14.50/ton & 11.75/ton
2RC Stone – Limestone Only	NE – 14.30/ton	*SL-14.50/ton & 11.75/ton
#3 Stone – Limestone Only	NE – 17.30/ton	SL – 14.50/ton
Sodium Chloride (road salt)	NE – No Bid	SL – 80.95/ton

***Sleek gave two bids for 2A and 2RC – 14.50/ton for each was to be hauled from New Centerville Stone. A bid of 11.75/ton for each was to be hauled from Atoll-Jigging Technologies.**

Road Paving/Sealing Materials (FOB at Plant):

Bids were received from New Enterprise (NE), HRI, Inc., and Quaker Sales (QS) as follows:

ID-2 Wearing Course or 9.5 mm	NE – 70.60/ton	HRI – 59.80/ton	QS – 60.00/ton
BC-BC Base Course or 25 mm	NE – 58.35/ton	HRI – 48.90/ton	QS – 49.00/ton

Cold Patch (FOB at Plant): Bids received were as follows:

New Enterprise	71.05/ton
HRI	64.85/ton
Quaker Sales	64.00/ton

Chairman Buncich noted that the Township was waiting for the Costars price on road salt. After some discussion concerning the extra bid given by Homer Sleek & Sons for 2A Stone and 2RC Stone, there was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to table the bid for Sodium Chloride (road salt) and to award the following bids:

Road Materials (Delivered) to Homer R. Sleek & Sons for:

1B Limestone (or) Anti-Skid Limestone Equivalent – 17.25/ton

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6S Anti-Skid – 13.80/ton

#57 Stone – Limestone Only – 15.50/ton

2A Stone – Limestone Only – 11.75/ton

2RC Stone – Limestone Only – 11.75/ton

#3 Stone – Limestone Only – 14.50/ton

Road Materials Paving/Sealing Materials (FOB at Plant) to HRI, Inc. for:

ID-2 Wearing Course or 9.5 mm – 59.80/ton

BC-BC Base Course or 25 mm – 48.90/ton

Cold Patch (FOB at Plant) to Quaker Sales – 64.00/ton

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

2. **2010 CDBG ENTITLEMENT APPLICATION COOPERATION AGREEMENT:**

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to authorize signing the Cooperation Agreement between the County of Somerset, Conemaugh Township Supervisors, and the Redevelopment Authority of Somerset County for the Township's 2010 CDBG Entitlement. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **RESOLUTION R02-10:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to adopt Resolution R02-10 designating Steven Buncich as the Agent for Conemaugh Township to be spokesperson and to have signature authority during the declaration process for snow assistance through PEMA (February Snow 2010). Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **RESOLUTION R03-10:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to adopt Resolution R03-10 revising first response service areas for Conemaugh Township Volunteer Fire Companies as a result of the pending dissolution of the Hollsopple Volunteer Fire Company. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **HIRING OF PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to hire David Gindlesperger and James Ardary as part-time police officers for the Conemaugh Township Police Department, not to exceed 16 hours per week each, at \$12.00 per hour; starting date to be established after satisfactory physical examinations. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **LAND DEVELOPMENT/REGRAIDING PLAN:** The Land Development/Grading Plan for Alverda Enterprises, Inc. for the removal and reclamation of the Marcinko Refuse Pile located along Bethel Street in the Maple Ridge area of Conemaugh Township was approved by the Conemaugh Township Planning Commission on April 7, 2010.

There was some discussion concerning bonding of this road for any damages that may occur during the removal of the refuse pile. Mr. Zuccolotto felt that a road bond would not be sufficient in this matter and that there should be an agreement to put the road back in the exact condition that it was prior to them using it with a minimum of a top coat required.

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to table approval of this Plan, along with Item #7 below, until further discussions/negotiations with parties involved

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regarding a road repair agreement. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **ALVERDA REQUEST TO CROSS SEWER LINE:** Alverda Enterprises, Inc. was requesting permission to cross the Township's 2" sewer line in the area of Bethel Street, Maple Ridge, for the purposes of removing the Marcinko Refuse Pile. This matter was tabled – SEE ABOVE MOTION.

PHASE II BENS CREEK 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 ask them and the questions would be answered tomorrow.

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 \$490,715.60:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Description</u>
Ligonier Construction Co.	\$216,426.17	Construction - Contract 05-S-03
Ligonier Construction Co.	\$206,798.67	Construction - Contract 05-S-04
EADS Group, Inc.	\$ 19,053.10	A/E Fees – Inspection
EADS Group, Inc.	\$ 1,815.90	Administration
EADS Group, Inc.	\$ 5,000.00	A/E Fees – Basic Design
Gleason, Barbin, & Markovitz	\$ 1,061.32	Legal Fees
First Commonwealth Bank	\$ 2,242.71	Interest During Construction
Commonwealth of PA	\$ 2,799.28	Interest During Construction
Commonwealth of PA	\$ 4,419.91	Interest During Construction
Commonwealth of PA	\$ 5,230.57	Interest During Construction
Commonwealth of PA	\$ 5,600.26	Interest During Construction
Commonwealth of PA	\$ 6,147.97	Interest During Construction
Commonwealth of PA	\$ 6,551.06	Interest During Construction
Commonwealth of PA	\$ 7,112.18	Interest During Construction
Hollsopple MPO	\$ 138.50	Tap Notice – Postage
Alpha Printing	\$ 318.00	Tap Notice - Printing

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

3. **CHANGE ORDER NO. 7 – CONTRACT 05-S-03:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to approve Change Order No. 7 for Contract 05-S-03 – Benscreek Sewers – Area A in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the installation of a tack coat and 1 ½" overlay of approximately 1,960 square yards of Govier Lane and 1,333 square yards of Pleasant View Drive. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

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

Mark Blasko of Somerset Pike wanted to know why the Conemaugh Township Municipal Authority decided at their last meeting to approve free hydrants for Benson Borough when the residents of Conemaugh Township had to pay a hydrant fee. Mr. Zuccolotto stated he was

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present at that meeting and there was a legal battle involved in those hydrants that had been installed in Benson Borough in the past. He said that the Authority had approved at that meeting that hydrant fees would be forgiven on just those hydrants and they would charge for any future hydrants. Mr. Blasko still felt that Conemaugh Township should refuse to pay for fire hydrants. Chairman Buncich stated that the Supervisors would get more information in regard to this matter and report back at the next meeting.

Brian Shoff of Treasure Lane asked if anyone checked about the lights on the new Krings Street Bridge at Eisenhower Blvd. Chairman Buncich stated he had talked to PennDOT who said that nothing was different on these lights and if anything, they should be better.

Elsie Turous said she wanted to know the same thing about the lights on that bridge because it was hard to see.

Chairman Buncich stated he would contact PennDOT again about the lights.

Steele Vennet stated that about two years ago he was hit by a car on Govier Lane. He asked if something could be done to get speed traps or speed bumps on this road. Chairman Buncich said he would forward this request on to the Chief of Police and inform him of the speeding on Govier Lane.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Chairman Buncich stated that numerous residents in Jerome had not received Census forms because of P.O. Box addresses. He indicated that a Census worker at the Township building said that Census people would be going door to door to collect data from those residents with P.O. boxes. Chairman Buncich noted the benefit to the Township to get the most accurate count and asked that residents be courteous and give the information required.
2. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cindy L. Walerysiak, Secretary/Treasurer