

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2011

The regular meeting of the Conemaugh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on December 21, 2011 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 ON ITEMS ON AGENDA:

None.

NOTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE & WORK SESSIONS:

On November 22nd the Supervisors held a pre-bid meeting with Solicitor Barbin & possible bidders for Sewer Plant Operator; on November 29th the Supervisors met with Solicitor Barbin & representatives from the Conemaugh Township EMS regarding EMS finances; on December 8th the Supervisors met with Solicitor Barbin & representatives from the United Steelworkers Union regarding contract negotiations; on December 19th the Supervisors met with Solicitor Barbin and Tom Reilly from EADS for opening of proposals received for Sewer Plant Operator; on December 19th the Supervisors met with Solicitor Barbin, Mark Walker, and a potential buyer of the Jerome Elementary School; and on December 21st the Supervisors met with representatives from the Conemaugh Township Police regarding contract negotiations.

MINUTES:

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of November 16, 2011. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried.

BILLS:

There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to pay the bills for the month of December 2011 in the amount of \$56,432.31 for the General Fund, \$14,977.89 for the Liquid Fuels Fund, \$145,293.16 for the Sewer Fund. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried.

POLICE REPORTS:

The police report as submitted by Chief Louis Barclay for the month of November 2011 for the Conemaugh Township Police Department was available for review. Total reported incidents/complaints were 185. There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to accept the police report as submitted for the month of November 2011. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Joyce Graham of Lost Valley Drive said she had spoken to Mr. Kauffman regarding water running down Lost Valley Drive. Mr. Kauffman said a ditch was dug for the water. Ms. Graham stated that the problem was not fixed and Mr. Younkin had called the Township three times about the water running across the road with no response. She said Mr. Younkin recently hired and paid Mr. Blackner to dig out the ditch and now the problem was fixed. Ms. Graham was upset that the Township Roadmasters were not doing their job and Mr. Younkin had to spend his money to have the situation taken care of. She felt the Township should reimburse Mr. Younkin his money. Chairman Buncich stated that the only conversations he had with Mr.

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Younkin was concerning a tree and an abandoned house, not water running on Lost Valley Drive. Both Mr. Zuccolotto and Mr. Kauffman stated that they never received any calls from Mr. Younkin regarding the water problem.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter was received from the Somerset County Library requesting a \$6,000.00 contribution toward expenses from July 1 to December 31 for the Conemaugh Township Branch Library. There was \$6,000.00 left in the 2011 budget for this contribution. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to contribute \$6,000.00 to the Somerset County Library for expenses July through December for the Conemaugh Township Branch Library. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Buncich noted that he had received in the mail today a letter from the Somerset County Library requesting a \$5.00 contribution from every resident in the County. Mr. Zuccolotto felt a letter should be sent to them asking who else was contributing to them; noting that the County Commissioners cut out their contribution to the library. He wanted to know why the Township was obligated to give them \$12,000.00 a year. Chairman Buncich said a letter could be sent to the Somerset County Library requesting a meeting with them to discuss the matter.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **2012 FINAL BUDGET:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to approve the final 2012 Budget for Conemaugh Township with no tax increases as follows: General Fund 01 - \$2,590,168; Street Light Fund 02 - \$29,360; Fire Protection Fund 03 - \$145,823; Sewer Fund 08 - \$1,659,250; and Liquid Fuels Fund 35 - \$472,238. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried.

Resident and fireman, Brian Shoff, wanted to make it clear that the fire companies were not given the money from the Fire Protection Fund; that Fund was to be used for fire hydrants only.

2. **RESOLUTION R07-11:** There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to adopt Resolution R07-11 re-establishing the tax structure for 2012. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried.

3. **OPEN BIDS FOR 2012 GASOLINE & DIESEL FUEL BIDS:** Chairman Buncich opened the only bid received, which was from The Lockard Company (Pacific Pride) of Indiana, PA. Their bid for regular unleaded gasoline used the OPIS Altoona Average as of 12/16/11 at 2.54296, plus a firm add-on cost of .12 with the net bid being 2.66296 per gallon. Their bid for diesel fuel used the OPIS Altoona Average as of 12/16/11 at 2.94580 plus a firm add-on cost of .12 with the net bid being 3.06580 per gallon. There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to accept the bid for the purchase of regular unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel as stated above from The Lockard Company for the year 2012 using a card purchasing system. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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4. **RESOLUTION R08-11:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to adopt Resolution R08-11 eliminating member contributions into the police pension fund for the year 2012. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried.

5. **UPPER YODER TOWNSHIP SNOW REMOVAL AGREEMENT:** Chairman Buncich noted that this was a yearly agreement, and Mr. Kauffman stated that the cost had not changed for the last 7 years. There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to approve a snow removal agreement for the winter season of 2011-2012 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. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried.

6. **TOWNSHIP AUDITOR RESIGNATION:** A letter was received from Dean Glessner, dated December 21, 2011, stating that effective December 31, 2011 he would be resigning his position as Township Auditor due to his election to the office of Township Supervisor. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to accept the resignation of Dean Glessner as Township Auditor effective December 31, 2011. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried.

7. **APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP AUDITOR:** A letter was received from Daniel B. Blough of Nursery Avenue indicating his interest in the vacant auditor's position. There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to appoint Daniel B. Blough to fill the unexpired term of Dean Glessner as Township Auditor, effective January 1, 2012. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried.

8. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR RESIGNATION:** A letter was received from Ernest Spory, dated December 17, 2011, stating that effective December 31, 2011 he would be resigning his position as the Township's Emergency Management Coordinator. There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to accept the resignation of Ernest Spory as Emergency Management Coordinator, effective December 31, 2011. Roll call vote: Mr. Kauffman – yes, Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried.

The Supervisors wished to thank Mr. Spory for all his years serving in this position, stating that he did a very good job. Chairman Buncich stated that anyone wishing to apply for this position should contact the Supervisors.

9. **ADVERTISEMENT OF ORDINANCE:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Kauffman, to authorize Solicitor Barbin to advertise an ordinance for an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with the Cambria County Sewage Enforcement Agency. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Kauffman – yes, and Mr. Buncich – yes. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

At this time, Mr. Zuccolotto stated that he wished to resign as negotiator for the Teamsters Union which represented the Township's Sewer Department. Chairman Buncich asked if he was resigning as Union Liaison. Mr. Zuccolotto said he was resigning as Union Liaison for the Teamsters Union.

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FLOOR OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT – GENERAL:

Joe Marisa, Jr. of Stone Hollow Road stated that although Mr. Kauffman and he did not see eye to eye always, he would miss him and appreciated his services.

Mr. Kauffman said he spent 7 ½ years as Township Supervisor and he enjoyed it; noting that he had never missed a meeting. He further stated that during his time as a Supervisor sewer service was provided to 2,425 new households in the Township, which was a great accomplishment and moved the Township forward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Supervisors will hold a special meeting on Thursday, December 29, 2011 to award a contract for operation of the Conemaugh Township sewage treatment plants and systems.
2. The reorganization meeting of the Township Supervisors will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
3. The Township Auditors will reorganize on Wed., Jan. 4, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.
4. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

At this time, Chairman Buncich stated that the four years he had worked with Mr. Kauffman was a joy; he never saw him come to work in a bad mood or take anger out on anyone. Mr. Zuccolotto stated Mr. Kauffman was a “good man” and did a good job. Chairman Buncich noted that Mr. Kauffman has offered the Township his assistance in the future, if needed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion by Mr. Kauffman, seconded by Mr. Zuccolotto, to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cindy L. Walerysiak, Secretary/Treasurer