

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 29, 2011

A special meeting of the Conemaugh Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 1:30 P.M. on December 29, 2011 by Chairman Steven Buncich. Board members present were Steven Buncich, Chairman, and Albert Zuccolotto, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Wayne Kauffman, Vice-Chairman, was absent. Solicitor William Barbin was present.

Pledge to the Flag.

### FLOOR OPENED TO PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON AGENDA:

None.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. **CONTRACT FOR OPERATOR:** There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Buncich, to award Randy Younkin a two-year contract for operation of the Conemaugh Township sewage treatment plants and systems under Option #2 where the Sewer Department employees remain under the Township. Roll call vote: Mr. Zuccolotto – yes, Mr. Buncich – yes, and Mr. Kauffman - absent. Motion carried, one absent.

Chairman Buncich stated that there were two Options on the contract. The first option was to operate the sewer plants with the office staff being taken out of Township control. The second option was the Sewer Department office staff would remain under the Township, and the operator would maintain the plants following various stipulated regulations and would perform smoke and dye testing, use the video camera, maintain flow meters, and obtain readings. The two proposals submitted were from Randy Younkin and Miller Environmental, and there was a \$64,000/year difference between the two. Chairman Buncich stated that the Supervisors felt comfortable that the current operator of the sewer plants (Randy Younkin) could handle the operations under this contract.

Mr. Zuccolotto stated that the contract was to be a five year contract, but Mr. Younkin agreed to a two year contract.

**Joe Marisa, Jr.** asked if Mr. Younkin would be performing perk testing. It was explained to him that at the last meeting the Supervisors approved Solicitor Barbin to advertise an Ordinance authorizing participation in a multi-municipal agreement with the Cambria County Sewage Enforcement Agency.

**John Mastillo** asked what Mr. Younkin's cost was for the contract. He was informed that it would be \$235,000/year. Solicitor Barbin noted that Mr. Younkin's prior contract with the Township was \$180,000/year and Mr. Younkin added \$60,000/year to perform the smoke and dye testing, using the video camera, flow meters, etc.

Mr. Mastillo wanted to know who would be responsible for fines. Solicitor Barbin stated that the contract said that Mr. Younkin would be responsible unless there were circumstances beyond his control...he would have to be negligent.

Mr. Marisa wanted to know what was being done with the sludge. Mr. Zuccolotto said that it went to the landfill; it went through the treatment plant, then the dewatering plant, and then to the landfill. Mr. Marisa stated that he knew that there were a lot of farmers who were interested

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in this sludge. Mr. Zuccolotto said no one had ever approached the Supervisors regarding that, and a lot of things would need to be worked out. Chairman Buncich further noted that other waste was put in the container that went to the landfill along with the sludge.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There was a motion by Mr. Zuccolotto, seconded by Mr. Buncich, to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cindy L. Walerysiak, Secretary/Treasurer