

Conewago Township Board of Supervisors

February 7, 2017

-Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, at 7:00pm. Those in attendance were, Lorreta Wilhide (Chairman), Brian Klinger (Vice Chairman), Daryl Hull (Supervisor), Tim Bupp (Solicitor), Terry Myers (Engineer) and Lou Anne Bostic (Manager).

-Steven Stoner, 910 Copenhaffer Road, announced that he will be audio and video recording the meeting.

-Recognition of Public Requests

-Henry Gregg, 965 E. Butter Road asked about ambulance service in the township. The Board explained that three ambulance companies respond to Conewago Township based on the location of the residence and availability. Newberry Ambulance and Manchester/Northeastern Ambulance reciprocate with each other. Dover Ambulance does not reciprocate.

Mr. Gregg was told that if he joins Newberry or Manchester the charges would be covered by a membership.

-Recognition of Military Service

-Ms Wilhide presented a Resolution of Respect to E8, First Sergeant Robert Ward for his service in the US Army. Mr. Ward gave a brief explanation of his service.

-Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Hull, 2nd by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried to approve the agenda as prepared. Vote: 3-0

-Public Hearing

-Ordinance #355 establishing No Parking areas and Speed Limits in the Autumnwood Development was presented. The following public comments were heard.

-Lynn Walker, 65 Mill Run Road, is opposed to the parking restrictions and does not feel due process was afforded to her because the letter sent by the Township to the residents informing them of the restrictions was received before the public hearing. Ms Walker explained that the parking restrictions will affect the property values and the right to use their properties.

-Robert Ward, 55 Nursery Lane, does not feel the traffic study included traffic movement.

Mr. Ward requested that parking be allowed, during special events by permit, on one side of the road.

-Anthony McKenzie, 40 Nursery Lane, is opposed to the parking restrictions. Mr. McKenzie feels that the restriction devalues his property and will cause him to incur extra costs if they entertain or host an event at their home and allow parking on their grass area. Mr McKenzie is looking for a compromise to allow street parking.

-Kevin Lohss, 100 Autumnwood Avenue, is opposed to the parking restrictions and agreed with the comments presented tonight. Mr. Lohss would like to allow parking on one side as a compromise.

-Ann Becker, 20 Mill Run Road, is opposed to the parking restrictions. Ms Becker does not feel that the roads are too narrow for traffic and emergency vehicles with on street parking allowed. Ms Becker presented correspondence from Northeastern School informing her that school buses will not enter the development either way.

No other comments were heard and Ms Wilhide announced that the floor is closed to the public.

-Ms Wilhide requested comments from the Board.

-The Board announced that a legal professional traffic study was obtained by the township and the study clearly showed that safety concerns exist if on street parking is allowed. The Board reminded the public that a previous Board is responsible for the developments narrow streets. The Board discussed the resident's concerns and sympathize with them. They also discussed school bus concerns, public safety service concerns and winter maintenance concerns. The requests by the residents to allow special event parking by permit and their requests to allow parking on one side of the roads were discussed in detail.

-Ms Wilhide motioned to adopt Ordinance #355. The Board asked the township solicitor if the Township would be liable if limited parking is allowed. Attorney Bupp informed the public that he also understands their concerns and their request for compromise however, a legal traffic study was performed for the township and that study clearly showed the need for "no parking" restrictions. Mr. Bupp informed the Board that the study cannot be deliberately disregarded. The Board informed the public that they have tried to compromise but township liability is their number one concern and the traffic study results and the original design of the roads in the Autumnwood Development show that parking restrictions are necessary. Motion on the floor by Ms Wilhide was seconded by Mr. Hull and unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance #355. Vote: 3 to 0.

-Approval of Previous Minutes: Motion by Mr. Klinger, 2nd by Mr. Hull motion carried to approve the previous minutes of January 3, 2017. Vote: 3-0

-Planning & Zoning:

-Bennett Run Phase II, Section C, Final Subdivision Plan was presented by Rick Fink representing FTLLP. All comments have been addressed. Mr. Hull questioned if any unfinished roads in this Phase will cause a turnaround problem for fire or township vehicles. Mr. Fink assured Mr. Hull that the streets will either be completed or will include a turnaround area. Motion by Mr. Klinger, seconded by Mr. Hull, unanimously carried, to approve the Plan. Vote: 3-0.

-Stonegate Commons/Wellington Subdivision Plans will be discussed under the engineers report.

-Reports:

- Police Report, Building Permit Report and Sewer Financial Report- Motion by Mr. Klinger, second by Mr. Hull, unanimously carried, to approve the reports. Vote: 3-0

-Treasurers Report: December 2016 and January 2017 Reports.

-Mr. Hull asked for clarification of a vendor. Motion by Mr. Hull, second by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried, to approve the Treasurers Reports. Vote: 3-0

-Road Report: None

-Ms Wilhide informed the Board that the Zion View Community Center heating system failed and is being repaired.

-Solicitors Report: Attorney Bupp presented a written report.

-Engineers Report: Terry Myers reported on the following:

-Stonegate Commons Phase 3 and 4 has been reviewed by the engineer, the township staff and the township solicitor at the developer's request.

The Plan for Phase 3 that is being presented does not meet current zoning requirements. The developer is asking the Board to accept this plan as the preliminary plan for the entire development that was approved. There are several modifications on this submitted plan. Discussion followed and the Board determined that the substantial changes require the submission of a revised preliminary plan if the developer plans on proceeding with this Phase 3 plan.

Terry Myers will send his review letter to the developer. Mr. Hull asked Mr. Myers to include the requirement for a Developers Agreement with a completion schedule for the work being done.

-Ms Wilhide acknowledged Budd Staub, Northeastern Area Emergency Management Coordinator, and requested that the Board hear his request at this time. Mr. Staub asked the Board to consider a 25% donation towards the purchase of 12 Chrome Books at an estimated total cost of \$2500.00 for the TMI table drill. (Approx. \$625.00) The purchase will be submitted under the Act 147 reimbursement request to York County. Motion by Mr. Hull, second by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried to authorize a 25% payment from Conewago Township towards the purchase. Vote: 3-0.

-Terry Myers presented the contract schedule for the Mill Creek Park project and informed the Board that the NPDES permit has been approved. Ms Wilhide asked if the intersection improvements at Canal Road and Millcreek are included in this Phase. Terry Myers informed her that this is included. The Board reviewed the contract schedule. Motion by Mr. Hull, second by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried to authorize Terry Myers to advertise the bids for action at the March meeting. Vote: 3-0.

-Unfinished Business: Resolution 2017-06, to amend the compensation for the office of tax collector of Conewago Township. No comments were presented. Motion by Mr. Hull, second by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2017-06. Vote: 3-0.

-New Business:

-Ms Wilhide announced the Township's 2018 Bicentennial celebration is being planned during a series of workshops throughout the year. The Township will be publishing a map/newsletter next year and requested a motion to authorize contracting with Municipal Publications. There will not be a cost to the township for the publication. Mr. Hull announced that any solicitation permit fees will be waived by the township. Motion by Mr. Hull, second by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried, to contract with Municipal Publications. Vote: 3-0.

-Other Business:

-Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Bostic
Manager