

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NOVEMBER 7, 2012

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, at 7:00 P. M. Those in attendance were Lorreta Wilhide (Chairperson), Brian Klinger (Vice-Chairperson), Robert Hahn, (Supervisor), Timothy Bupp (Solicitor), Terry Myers (Engineer) and Lou Anne Bostic, (Secretary).

Pledge of Allegiance:

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC REQUESTS:

-Robin Gross, 5145 Susquehanna Trail, is the township's Emergency Management Coordinator and asked the supervisors to consider purchasing a generator to operate the township building during a power outage. The building is used as the Emergency Operations Center in an emergency event. During the recent storm, power was lost and they could not operate properly. Ms Wilhide informed her that the board will look into her request.

-Henry Gregg, 965 E. Butter Road, suggested that the board consider a diesel powered generator.

-Sharon Beck, 1605 Copenhaffer Road, asked why storm drains are not being cleaned. Mr. Klinger stated that the roadcrew is cleaning drains and the drains cover as quickly as they are cleared. Mr. Klinger suggested that a note be included in the next newsletter asking residents to check the drains near their property and assist the township in keeping them open.

ROAD REPORT: Todd Smith presented a request to purchase two weed eaters and two blowers. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried, to authorize the purchase. Vote: 3 to 0

-Mr. Smith asked the board for their input on the gasoline tank. The board agreed to treat the gasoline and use the product until the tank is empty. The township will have to hire someone to clean the tank before it can be used for diesel fuel.

-Jake Perry, Mason Dixon Ruffnecks coach, requested the use of the Harry E. Hykes baseball field as their home field during the spring, summer and fall for a 9 year old travel team. The team will be improving and maintaining the field. Mr. Perry will provide a schedule and proof of insurance to the township. Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Mr. Hahn, unanimously carried, to approve the request providing that a schedule is presented to the township. Vote 3 to 0

-Mr. Perry also thanked the election poll workers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried, to adopt the agenda. Vote: 3 to 0

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

September 19<sup>th</sup>. Budget workshop minutes Motion by Mr. Klinger, second by Ms Wilhide, unanimously carried, to approve the minutes. Vote: 3 to 0

October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Board of Supervisors minutes Motion by Mr. Klinger, second by Ms Wilhide, unanimously carried, to approve the minutes. Vote: 2 to 0 (Mr. Hahn was absent.)

October 17<sup>th</sup>. Budget workshop minutes. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried, to approve the minutes. Vote: 2 to 0 (Ms Wilhide was absent.)

-Mr. Ed Ward representing Penn Waste spoke about the current refuse collection contract expiration. The township is being mandated by Pa DEP to have mandatory garbage collection and recycling. Attorney Bupp explained the mandates of Act 101 and informed the board that the township has been given a compliance date of August 2013. The current contract is expiring in the next month and Penn Waste is offering an extension to the contract at the current pricing. The board would like to extend the contract for six months in order to give the township time to comply with the mandate. Attorney Bupp will draw up the document for the extension. Motion by Mr. Klinger, second by Mr. Hahn, unanimously carried, to extend the current Refuse Collection contract with Penn Waste for six additional months. Vote: 3 to 0

-Pat McCoy, 4490 Susquehanna Trail, asked the board to consider different tiered services for lower volume users. Ms McCoy asked if the township will be holding workshops to discuss the mandates and how the public will be informed. Ms Wilhide informed her that workshops are public meetings and would be advertised. Lorreta would also like to have the haulers present.

PLANNING & ZONING: None

REPORTS: The following reports were distributed to the Supervisors: Police Report, Fuel Report and Building Permit Report. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried, to approve the reports. Vote: 3 to 0

-Ms Wilhide explained that NYCPRD is sponsoring a “drug give-back” program. Anyone can drop off expired and or unused prescriptions or over the counter drugs at the police station.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Motion by Mr. Klinger, second by Mr. Hahn, unanimously carried, to approve the October 2012 treasurer’s report. Vote: 3 to 0

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: - Attorney Bupp presented his written report and informed the board that the developer has completed the necessary improvements on Graffius Road.

ENGINEER’S REPORT: Terry Myers presented a PennDOT highway occupancy permit application for the Susquehanna Trail and Canal Road intersection signalization project. Mr. Hahn asked if paving to the bridge is included. Mr. Myers stated that the paving is not shown to extend that far from the intersection. Mr. Myers also informed the board that the township will need to pursue a conditional agreement with Kinsley Equities regarding the installation. The permit holder is the township but the responsibility and liability will be the developer’s. Motion

by Mr. Hahn, second by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried, to authorize the manager to sign the permit on behalf of the township. Vote: 3 to 0

-Mr. Myers informed the board that the permits for the Bremer Road storm culvert replacements are ready for signatures. The board agreed that the manager can sign the permits.

-Mr. Myers reported that the Hilton Avenue project is complete. The board and the road master feel that the work is unacceptable. Payment will not be released for the work. Mr. Myers will contact the contractor to coordinate a field meeting to review Hilton Avenue with the road master, Mr. Klinger and himself.

-The current annual materials and paving contracts are set to expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>. The board has authorized Mr. Myers to submit a change order to extend the contract period until the end of March, 2013. The new bids could be advertised and opening could be scheduled for March in order to expedite scheduling for next years projects.

-Mr. Klinger reported that the gate on Cross Farm Lane was broken again and a new gate was installed. Mr. Klinger feels that Cross Farm Lane is a township road and should be open to the public. Motion by Mr. Klinger, second by Mr. Hahn, unanimously carried, to authorize the removal of the gate and opening Cross Farm Lane. Vote: 3 to 0

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-Cable Franchise Agreement: Mr. Hahn updated the board on the negotiations and voiced disappointment with Attorney Cohen's time frame and charges. The consortium is requesting a township hosted meeting on November 26<sup>th</sup>., at 11:00 a.m. The Board approved the use of the township building for the meeting.

-Stormwater ordinance is pending action by the board.

-Mr. Hahn suggested that the board review all township ordinances next year.

-Greenspring Partners submitted an application for a new signal at the Susquehanna Trail/Cross Farm Lane intersection. Motion by Mr. Klinger, second by Mr. Hahn, unanimously carried, to authorize the signature of the application for permit to install and operate traffic signals for the above location. Vote: 3 to 0

-Motion by Mr. Klinger, second by Mr. Hahn, unanimously carried, to approve the advertisement of Ordinance #341 for action at the next meeting. The ordinance establishes no parking areas on Cross Farm Lane. Vote: 3 to 0

#### NEW BUSINESS:

-The president of The Northeastern Area Emergency Medical Services, Mr. Gary Cardoso,

discussed providing an ambulance in the township. Mr. Cardasso reports that the location of the ambulance is uncertain at this time. Ms Wilhide asked where the ambulance would be located and she is not in favor of it being housed on a property with a private residence. All three board members are in favor of having an ambulance located in the township. The board will discuss the matter further at the next meeting when more information is available.

-Ms Megan Hollinger who works for the Pa Department of Health Emergency Management Services presented a clarification of mutual aid agreements and case law history in the Commonwealth regarding response times of emergency services.

-Chief Steve Tawney stated that a time study is not necessary.

-Peggy Knouse, 805 Copenhaffer Road, asked why the township does not have an ambulance located in the township now and why can't room be provided in the fire station. Mr. Klinger asked Chief Tawney if room is available and was informed that the fire company does not have extra space.

-Jim McCoy, 4490 Susquehanna Trail, commented about past negotiations with Dover Ambulance.

-Donald and Peggy Knouse, 805 Copenhaffer Road, asked why the board would be opposed to having an ambulance housed on a property that has a private residence located on it.

-Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried, to sign the 2013 animal care and housing agreement with the SPCA of York County. Vote: 3 to 0

- The board has requested that a Request for Proposal be sent to solicit a Zoning Hearing Board attorney for 2013. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried, to authorize a RFP for a Zoning Hearing Board solicitor. Vote: 3 to 0

-Chief Tawney requested permission from the board to make changes to the Fire run cards. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried, to grant permission to the fire chief to make the appropriate changes.

-The Supervisors received a petition to reduce the speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph on East Butter Road. The board is not in favor of reducing the speed limit by 5 miles. Ms Wilhide will be notifying NYCRPD of the need for more speed enforcement in the area.

-The manager informed the board that several letters have been received regarding the various open board positions and more arrive daily. The board will discuss at the next meeting.

-The manager informed the board that the school district contacted her to ask if the township plans on appealing the assessment appeals that were just granted. The reduced tax amount for the township would total approximately \$145.00 per year. The board is not in favor of appealing the decisions.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

-Ms Wilhide requested that bids be obtained for demolishing the building on the Canal Road park property. Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried, to obtain quotes to demolish or dismantle the building. Vote: 3 to 0

-Mr. Hahn asked for clarification on House Bill 1718. The manager explained that the bill amended the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code regarding the contents of Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Bostic