

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
JUNE 1, 2009

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 Lois Leonard (Chairperson), Robert Hahn (Vice-Chairman), John Baranski (Solicitor), Jeff Shue (Engineer) and Lou Anne Bostic, (Secretary).

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as prepared.

Minutes: Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to approve the previous meeting minutes.

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:**

Mr. Hahn introduced Bruce Beardsley from the Pennsylvania Department of General Services, Costars Program. Mr. Beardsley presented highlights and explained the Costars purchase program to the board and the public. The program allows the township to purchase items thru the cooperative purchasing program. After the presentation, Mr. Beardsley asked for questions.

-Rick Fink, 545 Cloverleaf Road, asked if the bidding requirements are voided if the township can purchase an item cheaper than what is available under contract. Mr. Beardsley informed him that current bidding requirements would still be in effect.

-Carl Fidler, 150 East Butter Road, asked if a private businessperson could make purchases using the Costars program. Mr. Beardsley told him that the program is only available to certain organizations, private enterprise is not permitted to purchase thru the program.

-Mark Sollars, 550 East Canal Road, asked if the local "mom and pop" suppliers are allowed to submit bids. Mr. Beardsley informed him that anyone is allowed to bid as a supplier.

-Sharon Beck, 1605 Copenhaffer Road, asked how the township could become a member of the program. The township is a Costars member.

**RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC REQUESTS:**

-Robert Hahn, 460 Jug Road, provided a handout of The Sunshine Law, and excerpts from the Second Class Township Code pertaining to the Township Solicitor's and the Township Engineer's duties.

Mr. Hahn stated that before he served as a supervisor he thought that the township was not doing things legally. Now that he is in office, he does not feel this is true. He feels that the public must educate themselves on township policy and the responsibility belongs to the community to "take hold of things". He would like to have everyone learn to work together as a community and not just think of personal agendas. Mr. Hahn provided business cards with the handout that include his cell phone number and his email address. He invited the public to contact him at any time. Ms Leonard informed the audience that the supervisor's email addresses are available on the township's web site.

-Lorreta Wilhide, 120 Witmer Road, asked why the bleachers have not been installed at Zions View and if the four-day workweek is affecting the amount of work being completed. Ms Leonard explained that the road department has the project scheduled and the installation will be completed as soon as they can get to the job. Two different employees have been absent due to injuries and the road department is trying to complete other projects. Ms Wilhide asked why the township is considering the purchase of another recreational property when they currently have three parks and a property on Pine Tree Road was to be donated to the township. Lou Anne Bostic, manager, explained that the Pine Tree property was not given to the township. Ms Wilhide also suggested that the staff check spelling on documents they are creating. Lou Anne explained that a "spell check" program is currently used on all documents. Attention will be given to this matter.

-Carl Fidler, 150 E. Butter Road, told the supervisors that a heavy truck traffic problem has been created by the addition of Cross Farm Lane. Mr. Shue and the supervisors informed him that the township is addressing the problem. The legal documents are pending for the adoption of the other portion of the lane, which should eliminate the problem. Mr. Fidler feels that signs could be installed until the road adoption is complete. The board does not feel that signs will help as most drivers rely on a GPS device and do not read them. Mr. Fidler asked if Butter Road is scheduled for repair this year. Mr. Hahn informed him that it is not on this year's schedule. The township has been stretching their road budget over the last eight years and is aware of several roads in need of attention. Mr. Hahn told him that in order to repair everything additional personnel would need to be employed and that would increase taxes. Mr. Fidler asked the board why they will not drop the lawsuit against the Zoning Hearing Board involving the Strinestown Community Fire Company. Ms Leonard and Mr. Hahn explained that this is a legal matter and cannot be discussed. Attorney Baranski explained why the board would not discuss this legal issue.

-Charles Eckenrode, 154 Butter Road, asked why the township dropped the case against him, he feels that he deserves an explanation from Attorney Baranski. Mr. Baranski informed him that he did not make the decision to drop the case the board did. Mr. Eckenrode explained that he spent a large amount of money on the matter and he would like an explanation. Mr. Hahn informed him that he would research the matter and get back to him.

#### PLANNING & ZONING:

-Filson, Susan- waiver requests and two-lot final subdivision plan was presented by David Hoffman. The plan does not propose any additional building lots. The two lots are being reconfigured, adding additional frontage and bringing them into compliance. The applicant is requesting a waiver from Section 505.d of the Conewago Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to grant the road widening waiver request. The applicant is also requesting a waiver from Section 406.a.18 of the SALDO. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to grant the contour intervals waiver request. Motion by Ms Leonard, second by Mr. Hahn, unanimously carried, to approve the final Susan Filson Subdivision Plan.

#### REPORTS:

The following reports were distributed to the Supervisors:  
Treasurer's Report, Fuel Usage Report, Road Report, Sewer Report, and the Building Permit Report.  
Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to approve the reports.

#### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT:

Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to approve the accounts payable report.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

-Attorney Baranski presented a revised exclusive municipal collection and disposal of municipal waste ordinance and a recycling program establishment ordinance to the board. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to authorize the solicitor to advertise the ordinances for action at the next board meeting. The attorney explained that all service concerns would be addressed when the actual contract proposal requests are created.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Copy attached.

- Cross Farm Lane truck traffic problem on Greenspring Road is pending. Mr. Shue reports that the developer has not gotten back to him, he will try to contact the developer. Charlie Eckenrode, 154 Butter Road, suggested that the I83 ramps could be posted with directional signs. Mr. Shue explained, that PennDOT would not allow the installation of signs on their road. Rick Fink, 545 Cloverleaf Road, informed the board that other directional signs that were installed on the ramp approximately 3 years ago do not seem to help with the ES3 truck traffic.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-Copenhaffer Road zoning violation. Attorney Baranski and the zoning officer are working on this matter.  
-Animal Waste ordinance request continued from the April and May meetings. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to not pursue the animal waste ordinance at this time.  
-Copenhaffer Road speed limit traffic study request. Pending.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

-Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to purchase the property at 699 East Canal Road for use as a new township park. Mr. Hahn explained to the public that the funds used for this purchase are developer funds and not tax revenue. Mr. Eckenrode, 154 Butter Road, feels that any money the board spends is his money. Mr. Hahn told him that the township is responsible for developing recreational areas for the new developments using the developers' money for the project. If the money is not spent for recreation then it must be returned to the developer. Mr. Hahn also wanted the public to know that supervisor Mark Jordan was instrumental in obtaining the property at the reduced rate of \$300,000.00 – down from the \$364,000.00 original listing price.  
-Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to authorize the manager to obtain quotes to purchase a 4-wheel utility vehicle to be used for recreational park maintenance.  
-Zion View concrete work. Mr. Hahn asked that the matter be tabled to allow him time to review the quotes.  
-Motion by Ms Leonard, second by Mr. Hahn, unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2009-11 appointing Robert Hahn as a voting delegate to the York Adams Tax Bureau Tax Collection Committee.  
-Motion by Ms Leonard, second by Mr. Hahn, unanimously carried, to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance Number 319 for action at the next meeting. This ordinance establishes a new floodplain management ordinance in conjunction with the updated Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study for York County that will go into effect on September 25, 2009.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

-Mark Sollars, 550 E. Canal Road requested that a public comment section be added at the end of every meeting. Ms Leonard informed him that she opens the floor to public comment at the end of every meeting.  
-Attorney Baranski apologized to Mr. Charles Eckenrode for his prior response during the meeting.  
-The board did not have any other business to discuss. Ms Leonard opened the floor to the public for comments.  
-Dawn Chagouris, 60 Nursery Lane, asked if the proposed exclusive municipal collection and disposal of municipal waste and recycling ordinances will be the same as what their development already has. Mr. Hahn explained that the details will not be available until the actual contract for service is written.  
-James Duncan, 980 Jug Road, asked if recycling will be mandatory. Mr. Hahn explained that this is a voluntary program; however, the township will probably be mandated by the state after the next census.  
- Mark Sollars, 550 E. Canal Road asked what prompted the garbage ordinance. Mr. Hahn explained that the township is trying to obtain cheaper rates.

- Carol Blitva, 220 Hunter Creek Drive, asked if the proposal includes recycling.
- Nick Blitva, 220 Hunter Creek Drive, stated that their development is looking forward to an exclusive hauler. Hunter Creek currently has 4 haulers in the development, different days and different rules.
- Arlette Figdore, 475 Jug Road, asked for a date of delivery and accountability for the completion of the township Zoning Ordinance and SALDO. She feels that it has been a cumbersome long process and does not feel that the planning firm has met the townships expectations. Attorney Baranski and Lou Anne Bostic explained that the entire project is a very lengthy process.
- Betty Klinedinst, 2035 Millcreek Road, complained that she cannot hear the meeting and requested that the township purchase an amplification system. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to authorize the manager to obtain quotes for a public address system for the meeting room.
- Mark Sollars, 550 E. Canal Road asked if the township is a COSTARS participant.

-Mr. Hahn announced that an executive session will be held immediately after the meeting, to discuss personnel and legal matters.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Bostic