

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUNE 7, 2011

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 Robert Hahn (Chairman), Lois Leonard (Vice-Chairperson), Lorreta Wilhide (Supervisor), Timothy Bupp (Solicitor), Terry Myers (Engineer) and Lou Anne Bostic, (Secretary).

Mr. Hahn announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss a possible litigation matter.

Pledge of Allegiance:

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC REQUESTS:

-Jane Deamer, Northeastern Senior Center, presented attendance and home-delivered meal statistics to the board. Ms Deamer thanked the township for their contribution and requested their consideration for next year.

-Laurie Murry, Cubmaster, requested to install a fire-pit at the Zion View facility for use by the local scouts and the general public. The board has concerns regarding the construction and location of the pit. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to approve the fire pit installation with the condition that the request be presented to the Recreation Board for comments.

-Jack Trimmer, 50 Pine Tree Road, informed the board that he is concerned about chemical storage and dumping that has occurred on a neighboring property. Attorney Bupp recommended that the township zoning officer investigate the complaint. The zoning officer is to contact Mr. Trimmer and DEP.

-Matt Schmuck, Den Leader, requested to install a recycling point at the Zion View facility. The board is not in favor of an inside installation for the structure. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to approve the recycling point installation with the condition that the request be presented to the Recreation Board for comments.

-John Baughman, 2120 Copenhaffer Road, explained that clean up of his property is progressing and requested another 3 month extension to his temporary junk yard permit to allow for further clean up. Ms Leonard suggested that a 6 month extension be granted. Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Mr. Hahn, motion carried, to extend the permit for an additional three months and pictures and a progress report be supplied to the township. Vote: Hahn-aye Wilhide-aye Leonard-nay

-Sharon Beck, 1605Copenhaffer Road, questioned a zoning issue at the mobile home park in Strinestown. The zoning officer will be notified to check into the matter.

-Nick Blitva, 220 Hunter Creek Drive, asked if the township or county has a warning alert system in place for severe weather. Mr. Hahn explained that York County Emergency Management Agency is in charge of emergency management in the county.

-Sharon Beck, 1605 Copenhaffer Road, questioned if other signs are allowed to be mounted on regulatory sign posts. The zoning officer will be notified to check into the matter.

AGENDA ADOPTION: Motion by Ms Leonard, second by Ms Wilhide, to adopt the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Ms Leonard, second by Ms Wilhide, unanimously carried, to approve the May 3, 2011 minutes.

PLANNING & ZONING:

-George Frysinger Final Subdivision Plan was presented to the board for signatures only. This plan was previously approved.

-Fox Run Heights, Byron Trout from Gordon Brown, presented sketch plan #5 to the board for comments. This plan had preliminary approval, however, PennDOT will not approve the extension of the HOP for the plan. The sketch plan presented does not increase or decrease lots, it just changes the entrance from Bull Road to Graffius Road. This development would have two entrances on Graffius Road. The engineer, planning commission and supervisors think it looks like a good layout.

-Hickory Ridge Mews Preliminary Land Development Plan was presented to the board by John Murphy from Alpha Consulting Engineers. This plan proposes town homes instead of single detached homes as approved in the previous plan. The developer obtained approval from the Zoning Hearing Board on November 15, 2010, to construct the town homes. There are outstanding comments as noted in the C.S. Davidson, Inc. review letter, dated June 1, 2011 and the York County Planning Commission review letter, dated March 24, 2011. The developer is asking for conditional approval of the plan. The plan involves two issues that require clarification, density and road improvements for the construction of the new road that will access Canal Road and the relocation of Canal Road. Mr. Hahn wants to clarify these matters and informed the developer of the need for an extension request or the board will reject or approve the plan at this meeting. The developer agreed to an extension until August, 2011 and will provide a developers agreement for review addressing the road construction and relocation issues. The developer will work on cleaning up the plan and providing the above before the July 2011 meeting.

PARK & RECREATION BOARD: None

REPORTS: Mr. Hahn questioned the treasurers report. The manager will provide a corrected report.

-Ms Leonard questioned why a new phone was purchased instead of a refurbished phone. The manager explained that a phone was damaged and this was the cheapest phone available at that time with direct connect capability.

-Ms Leonard asked if the fire company reimbursed the township for the York Water back-flow prevention test. The manager will research and have the billing changed for next year.

-Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to approve the transaction report with the exception of the RR Kling bill and the Commonwealth Code Services bill.

-Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to approve the rest of the reports, with the exception of the treasurer's report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Bupp presented a draft ordinance to increase the local services tax and eliminate the per capita tax. Ms Wilhide is not in favor of eliminating the per capita tax. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, motion carried, to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance 333.

Vote: Hahn-aye Leonard-aye Wilhide-nay

Attorney Bupp informed the board of correspondence from an attorney regarding lot frontage requirements. The board was asked if they wish to change the zoning ordinance to allow building on lots without road frontage. The board is not in favor of changing the ordinance.

Sharon Beck, 1605 Copenhaffer Road explained that when zoning was established in the township she believes property owners were contacted and had the chance to subdivide prior to the adoption.

Attorney Bupp reminded the board that PennDOT is requesting the adoption of an Airport Zoning Hazard Ordinance.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Terry Myers presented his written report to the board.

-Hillside Orchards request to place the wearing on Stahle Lane and turn over for township road adoption is fine with the board. Mr. Myers will notify the developer.

-Mr. Myers presented a resolution for board adoption to complete the CDBG submission to York County Planning Commission. The board discussed the four projects:

1- Zion View Park Public Improvements

2-Cemetery, Hykes Mill and Hill-N-Dale Road public improvements

3-Copenhaffer Road public improvements

4-Copenhaffer Road cul-de-sac public improvements.

Ms Wilhide motioned to approve Resolution 2011-9, as presented, to apply for the above 4 projects. Motion died due to lack of second. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, motion carried, to adopt the resolution with the removal of project 3 and project 4. Vote: Hahn-aye Leonard-aye Wilhide-nay

Mr. Hahn instructed the engineer to contact the developer of Greenbriar Estates to complete the work on Graffius Road.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-Job descriptions. Pending.

-Canal Road and Bull Road intersection. Dover Township has responded that they are not interested in moving ahead at this time.

-Vida Lane stormwater. Pending

-Conewago Creek Road and Bowers Bridge Road intersection. The PennDOT HOP has been submitted by the township. Pending

NEW BUSINESS:

-Big Conewago Avenue speed study. Ms Leonard informed the board the NYCRP will provide a traffic and speed counter for township use. Ms Wilhide announced that she is certified to perform traffic studies if needed. Mr. Hahn and Ms Leonard are not in favor of using a board member to do traffic studies. Ms Leonard will contact Chief Bentzel.

-Correspondence was received regarding truck traffic on Sheep Bridge Road. No action taken.

-The township manager provided information regarding a cheaper solution for electricity. The board approved the change if the township can save on energy costs.

-Recreation funds in the amount of \$2,439.00 to be expended. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, motion carried, to inform the recreation board to contact First Capital Engineering to complete a development plan for the park property on Canal Road. Ms Wilhide asked why the township's engineer was not chosen. Mr. Hahn stated that he feels exposure to another engineer is desirable.

Vote: Hahn-aye Leonard-aye Wilhide-nay

OTHER BUSINESS:

-Ms Wilhide stated that the concrete pillars under the bleachers at Zion View are already cracking. The township manager will contact the Recreation Board.

-Mr. Hahn reminded the board that Dennis Jadro, assistant road master, has assumed the duties of road master since February 9th.

-Sharon Beck, 1605 Copenhaffer Road, asked if Mr. Jadro has the qualifications to be a road master.

-Ms Leonard stated that she is not impressed with any of the road work being done.

Motion by Mr. Hahn to give Mr. Jadro 1/10th of a day comp time for each week he assumed the responsibilities. Ms Wilhide is not in favor of the formula that is proposed, she feels that the road crew is doing a good job. Mr. Hahn asked Ms Wilhide to come up with another way to address the compensation. Motion died due to lack of second.

-Mr. Hahn requested that the manager be instructed to research other insurance companies for better coverage.

-Mr. Hahn asked if Mr. Keepports storm water problem has been corrected. The manager informed him that the road crew has started the improvement and will finish as scheduling allows.

-Mr. Hahn reported that the township hired two seasonal employees, Adam Wilt and Dean Emig who are working 20-25 hours per week.

-Mr. Hahn reported that a letter authorizing the township to clean the drains on Mr. Ted Jensenius's property has not been received. At this time the township can not honor his request.

-Mr. Hahn questioned why board approval was not received before the manager sent letters requesting fire police assistance for community days. The manager was instructed not to send letters without board approval.

-Mr. Hahn complimented Rob Fogle on his township ordinance review. The comments are to be submitted to Mr. Neufeld for his opinion on implementing Mr. Fogle's suggestions.

-Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, motion carried, to have Mr. Neufeld go out at least 1 day a week to

review people breaking the ordinances. Vote: Hahn-aye Leonard-aye Wilhide-nay

-Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to authorize the rental of a “wacker” from United Rentals for a period of two months. The township manager will see if this item can be purchased through COSTARS.

-Sharon Beck, 1605 Copenhaffer Road, complained about storm water grates that were not cleaned during the storms. The township road crew will be advised.

-Mr. Hahn announced that an executive session will be held after the meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Bostic