

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUDGET WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 14, 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) and Lou Anne Bostic, (Secretary).

-Pledge of Allegiance

Due to the recent storms the budget workshop was tabled and emergency road repair issues were discussed.

Public Comments:

-Sharon Beck, 1605 Copenhaffer Road, informed the board that storm drains are clogged, stones are in yards, driveway entrances are washed out and school buses cannot travel roads. She asked why the road crew is not working longer hours and extra help was not obtained.

-Mike Busser, 1590 Copenhaffer Road, informed the board that his driveway is washed out and cannot be entered. Mr. Busser is concerned about emergency vehicles accessing his property.

-Jason Rhodes, 2045 Copenhaffer Road, informed the board that the storm drain near him is clogged causing water damage to his home.

-Greg Fetrow, 105 Witmer Road, stated that the extreme amount of water blew out storm pipes at several locations and caused severe road damage.

-Todd Smith, road master, informed the board that the water flow was horrendous and several roads are impassable.

-Sharon Beck, 1605 Copenhaffer Road, asked if the board surveyed the damage.

-Ms Wilhide explained that this emergency meeting is being held to discuss the road damage.

-Mr. Hahn stated that he was out and checked the roads.

-Jason Rhodes, 2045 Copenhaffer, asked the board if he can legally clean the storm drains.

Mr. Hahn told him that he can clean the drains.

-Sharon Beck, 1605 Copenhaffer Road, told the board that she cleans the drains at her property located at the Canal Road and Susquehanna Trail intersection. Ms Beck also asked why the township is using broken lights on the barricades. Mr. Hahn explained that the township has ordered new emergency lights and barricades. Ms Beck asked if the township will repair private driveways. Mr. Hahn explained that the township will only work within the right of way.

-Kevin Irvine, 25 Quickel Road, informed the board that PennDOT applied wood chips on several banks throughout the township and everything slid onto the roads.

-Mr. Hahn read an excerpt from the Sunshine Law explaining that official action must be taken in an open meeting, however, an Emergency Declaration circumvents the requirement.

Lancaster Truck Bodies informed the township that an additional \$1,222.00 work of work should be completed on the truck that is at their shop. Mr. Hahn stated that the total repair for the truck will total in excess of \$10,000.00 and should have been awarded by sealed bid. Ms Leonard feels that the additional work should be done. Motion by Ms Leonard, second by Ms Wilhide, to authorize the additional work. Motion carried - Vote: Leonard-aye Wilhide-aye Hahn-nay

Ms Leonard said that all over-time necessary for the road crew to complete the emergency road repairs should be approved, it's Todd's call. Mr. Hahn said that each employee must have at least 8 hours off in a 24 hour period.

The board authorized all paving to be sub contracted to Stewart & Tate.

The board authorized all Copenhaffer Road repairs to be sub contracted to Stewart & Tate.

The board authorized all guard rail replacement to be sub contracted to L.S. Lee, including the installation of new guard rail on Cemetery Road and chevron signs on the road.

Ms Wilhide asked if repairs will be necessary to the storm water pipe near 1595Jug Road. The road master is aware of the damage.

Todd Smith, road master, told the board that he is obtaining specifications and costs for steel plates and signs.

Workshop adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.