

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING-BUDGET WORKSHOP
NOVEMBER 30, 2009

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, at 5:30 P. M. Those in attendance were Lois Leonard (Chairperson), Robert Hahn (Vice Chairman), Shaun Appel (Supervisor) and Lou Anne Bostic, (Secretary).

Pledge of Allegiance:

Budget workshop:

Ms Leonard feels that the road crew, supervisors and zoning officer should have township supplied cell phones. The per month allowance will be set at \$35.00 per phone, any additional fees will be billed to the individual.

Ms Leonard stated that a wage increase freeze will be in effect for next year. Employee insurance will be further researched. The manager has been instructed to shop for dental and vision insurance. She also asked that the shop uniform allowance be increased to \$350.00 per employee to purchase steel toe shoes. Mr. Hahn informed the manager to change the account number for this line item.

Mr. Hahn asked that the contributions be increased by \$500.00 to include a donation to the scout troops in the township.

Mr. Hahn also recommended that the township switch the accounting firm for 2010. A quote was received from Stambaugh, Ness. The new quote is approximately \$5000.00 less than the current accounting firm. Ms Leonard and Mr. Appel feel that the new quote does not cover the audit as in depth as the township is currently receiving and did not approve the switch to the new firm.

Ms Leonard informed the board that she received the letter from the Strinestown Fire Company requesting that their donation be increased from \$30,000.00 to \$50,000.00 for 2010. She is in favor of the increase if the fire company does the following:

- 1- Pay for all their own fuel
- 2- Pay for their own insurance, with the exception of workers compensation.
- 3- Pay for all utilities for Station #2.

Mr. Hahn would rather see a set millage rate instead.

Mr. Appel is in agreement with Ms Leonard.

Rick Fink, representing the fire company, voiced concerns over the cost of fuel if they cannot purchase from the township. Ms Leonard and Mr. Appel are not in favor of the purchase of fuel from the township. Mr. Fink also reminded the board that the "Land Lease Agreement" for Station #2, includes the payment of utilities by the township.

The budget will be updated as per instructed and another workshop session will be advertised for December 7, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Bostic