

Conewago Township Board of Supervisors

October 6, 2015

-Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, at 7:00pm. Those in attendance were, Lorreta Wilhide (Chairman), Brian Klinger (Vice Chairman), Daryl Hull (Supervisor), Tim Bupp (Solicitor), Terry Myers (Engineer) and Lou Anne Bostic (Manager).

-Recognition of Public Requests:

-Chad Stoner, 910 Copenhaffer Road, presented his complaints regarding the Township's Burn Ordinance #347. Mr. Stoner cited numerous sections and the inconsistencies that he feel exist in the ordinance. Mr. Stoner reported that his family was recently cited for cooking over an open fire after dark. Ms Wilhide explained that the ordinance was adopted to meet the requirements of the Act 101 which requires recycling and prohibits burning of recyclable materials. Ms Wilhide informed Mr. Stoner that they will review the ordinance to see if anything needs changed. Mr. Stoner wanted to present additional concerns and was asked by Ms Wilhide to present his concerns, in writing, to the township for review. Mr. Stoner stated that the entire ordinance is repugnant of itself. Mr. Stoner asked who wrote the ordinance. Ms Wilhide explained that legal review is completed on all ordinances that are adopted by the Supervisors. Ms Wilhide thanked Mr. Stoner for his comments.

-Brandon Stoner, 30 Hemlock Road, stated that he was actually the one that was cited for cooking after dark. Mr. Stoner would like to see the township's ordinance completely redone to match the state burn ordinance. Ms Wilhide asked him to provide a copy for township review and thanked Mr. Stoner for bringing this to their attention.

-Laura Lash, representative of Northeastern EMS updated the Supervisors on the restructuring that has occurred in their organization, including staff changes, vehicle repairs and community outreach training and events. Ms Lash stated that she has found issues with certain levels of care, including HIPA and protocol issues that people are receiving from the current ALS providers and would like to get the Supervisors thoughts if they upgraded their services to provide ALS care. The Board said they will consider the proposal after financial issues are addressed and further information is presented.

-Rick Gruver, 105 Autumnwood, informed the Board that he would like to see the minutes reflect more information that is discussed during the meetings regarding the Autumn Woods Development completion information and progress. Mr. Gruver gave the example from the last meeting that the storm sewer video operations were not completed prior to the meeting and occurred after that date. Mr. Gruver would like to see more detail on the steps of the development completion and the responsible parties. Ms Wilhide stated that the minutes contain detail on decisions and the Board will look into it. Mr. Gruver stated that the minutes are important for documenting the progress. Mr. Gruver informed the Board that he recently issued a complaint about a neighbor's fence area and high vegetation and poison ivy. Ms Wilhide informed him that the Zoning Officer has issued another notice to the property owner and the township will keep Mr. Gruver informed.

-Robert Hahn, 460 Jug Road, addressed the Board regarding his complaint voiced at the last meeting about the Township violating the Ethics Act. Attorney Bupp reported that he was instructed by the Board to handle this matter and had spoken with Mr. Hahn on several occasions. Mr. Hahn spoke about the history of the Supervisors receiving health insurance reimbursements and his concern for that reimbursement being a violation of the Second Class Township Code. Mr. Hahn informed the Board that he filed a complaint with the Ethics Commission and he feels that funds are being misappropriated. Mr. Hahn is upset because he was not informed of the action the township would be taking. Attorney Bupp suggested that the township insurance company be informed of this matter.

-Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Hull, seconded by Mr. Klinger, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as prepared. Vote 3-0

-Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Klinger, seconded by Mr. Hull, and unanimously carried to approve the previous minutes of September 1, 2015. Vote 3-0

-Planning & Zoning: None

-Reports:

- Ms Wilhide reported that sewer bills were printed incorrectly and this was due to a glitch in the billing program. The Sewer Authority presented a project borrowing summary for the Township's review. This information is preliminary. The Township will be asked to guarantee the loan to upgrade the system according to the Act 537 Report.

-Ms Wilhide stated that the right to know request report totaled almost \$200.00 for the month of September and \$30.30 was billed. Motion by Mr. Hull, seconded by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried, to approve the Police, Sewer Authority, Building Permit and Right to Know Reports. Vote 3-0

-Treasurers Report – Motion by Mr. Klinger, seconded by Mr. Hull, unanimously carried, to approve the report. Vote 3-0

-Road Report

-Todd Smith, Director of Public Works, informed the Board that line painting is ongoing. Mr. Smith reported that working with other townships and sharing equipment and man power is saving money for everyone involved. Recently Spring Garden Township provided a machine and operator to complete a small milling job at no cost to the township.

-Solicitors Report: - Attorney Bupp announced that an executive session to discuss litigation was held on September 30th. at 10:00 am.

-Attorney Bupp reported that extensive research has been completed regarding health insurance coverage for non-working Supervisors and suggests that the township discontinue reimbursing the Supervisors for their individual health insurance premiums. Further research found that the Supervisors can now receive health insurance thru a township policy. Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Mr. Hull, unanimously carried, to discontinue the health insurance premium reimbursement to the Supervisors and formally change the way non-working supervisors are provided health insurance benefits by including them in the township health insurance plan. Vote: 3 to 0. Attorney Bupp recommends that the township liability insurance provider be contacted regarding Mr. Hahn's announcement that he has filed an Ethics complaint against the Supervisors.

-Attorney Bupp presented a new Flood Ordinance draft for the Supervisors to review for adoption. Mr. Bupp presented background on the new FEMA maps and requirements and explained that the Township must adopt a new ordinance to meet the requirements in order for the residents to be able obtain flood insurance for their properties.

-Charlie Eckenrode, Hykes Mill Road, wants the Supervisors to look out for the residents and to take a stand to help property owners located within a flood area. Mr. Hull asked the attorney if there is an opportunity to allow some leeway in the ordinance. Attorney Bupp and Terry Myers informed the Board that this mandate requires an ordinance to be adopted to meet all the FEMA and PEMA regulations or Conewago Township residents will not be able to obtain flood insurance. Mr. Klinger suggested that Mr. Eckenrode review the draft and was given a copy.

-Attorney Bupp updated the Board on the Verizon damage claim. Mr. Bupp requested a meeting with Todd Smith to further review the matter before he provides more documentation to the claim company contesting their claim that the township is liable for the damage.

-Arlette Figdore, 475 Jug Road, asked for a definition and explanation of how the new FEMA maps and delineations were completed. Terry Myers explained that FEMA hired consultants to complete the field work and the maps are getting better at representing actual flood areas. Ms Figdore stated that every time the township adopts a template we wind up in a situation and the ordinances are no good.

-Engineers Report: -Terry Myers reported the following:

-Autumn Wood Development. Mr. Myers reports that completion work is moving along.

The storm sewer videos were received last Friday and have been reviewed several repairs need to be completed before the wearing can be applied.

-Rick Gruver, 105 Autumnwood Avenue, stated that Mr. Myers reported at the last meeting that the video was already done and now reporting that they were just done. Mr. Gruver hopes that a reviewed sense of urgency is applied to this project being completed.

-David Calvert, 95 Mill Run Rd, asked Mr. Myers for a reasonable time frame prediction for completion of the storm sewer problems. Mr. Myers felt that a week worth of work to address the storm sewer repairs would be needed. Mr. Klinger stated that the township wants all problems corrected before we adopt the roads.

-Stonegate Commons Road Adoptions, Resolution 2015-11 has been put on hold per the developer's request. Mr. Hull has concerns about why the adoption is delayed. The developer has not posted the maintenance bond nor agreed to pay for winter maintenance. The deadline for PennDOT approval has passed for this year and the township would require fees from the developer to offset the winter operations for the roads.

-Unfinished Business:

-Mill Creek Park – engineering quote in the amount of \$45,000.00 was received from Mr. Myers. Mr. Hull requested that all budget figures for complete development of the park be presented in one itemized document. Ms Wilhide stated that this will be a spring project.

-New Business:

-Other Business:

- Zion View Athletic Association is requesting an exception to allow sponsor banners on the fields. The Board discussed banner sizes. The request was to put up banners for their sponsors on the outfield fence on field 2 and the back stops of fields 1 & 3 during their season.

-Steve Stoner, 910 Copenhaffer Road asked why the association did not give sizes and feels that they should be contacted.

-Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried, to grant an exception for sponsor banners, no higher than field 2 fence, to be allowed during their season. Vote: 3 to 0.

-Mr. Hull reported that he attended the York County Economic Development meeting and received information regarding funding for the Mill Creek Park.

-Ms Bostic reported that the MetEd energy audit has been completed. The results show a total cost of \$19,000.00 to update all lighting. Met Ed program provides grant money to lower the out of pocket expense for the township to \$8,400.00. The audit shows that switching to high efficiency lighting should provide a 70 to 75% monthly savings with a project payback in 2.67 years. Ms Wilhide requested that the Zion View Community Center have an audit completed also. Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Mr. Hull, unanimously carried, to approve the lighting update. Vote: 3 to 0.

-Ms Bostic presented the Employee Handbook updates that will be made to address the new research findings for the Supervisors Health Insurance coverage. Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried, to authorize the changes. Vote: 3 to 0.

-Mr. Hull informed the public that new Smart 911 program information is available allowing individuals to use their cellular device for emergencies.

-Ms Wilhide stated that the township newsletter will be coming out in the next few weeks.

-Adjournment: 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Bostic