

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DECEMBER 7, 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), Shaun Appel (Supervisor), Carolyn Pugh (Solicitor), Terry Myers (Engineer) and Lou Anne Bostic, (Secretary).

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Approval of November 2, 2009 minutes: Motion by Mr. Appel, second by Mr. Hahn, unanimously carried, to approve the minutes.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC REQUESTS:

-Curtis Knaub, 1595 Jug Road, asked the board for answers regarding the following:

1- Jug Road, the 1.4 mile area near his property, he wants a traffic study to determine the need for "Children Playing" and "Hidden Driveway" signs. He also told the board that this area is in need of repair to the road and speeding traffic control.

2- Mr. Knaub complained that he feels the township solicitor is running the township meetings. Ms Leonard explained that the solicitor represents the board and his opinions are welcomed. Mr. Knaub thinks that he should be allowed to talk longer than the allotted 5 minutes and feels that the solicitor should not be allowed to stop him.

3- Mr. Knaub wanted to know why the road tour has been cancelled. Ms Leonard explained that it was cancelled because a supervisor could not attend. The road tour will be rescheduled.

4- Mr. Knaub asked if the Road Report is based on road conditions and future work or what the road department has done. Ms Leonard explained that the road report provides the board with the road department work.

5- Mr. Knaub stated that he supports the Strinestown Fire Company and he also feels that the township needs better police coverage.

6- Mr. Knaub told the board that he heard that "someone" from the township is telling people that he cannot read or write. This is not true.

7- Mr. Knaub informed the board that he wants to be considered for an appointment to the planning commission or zoning hearing board.

-Lorreta Wilhide, 120 Witmer Road, informed the board that the concrete work done at the Zion View Community Park was not installed correctly. She presented pictures to the board and left them for anyone in the audience to review. Mr. Appel informed Ms Wilhide that he had the road master inspect the work at both parks and was told that the work was fine. Mr. Appel did not have him inspect the memorial area. Ms Wilhide asked if payment was paid in full. The manager informed the board that the project had been paid in full. She also wanted to know if a dedication will be held. Ms Leonard informed her that a ceremony should be scheduled next spring.

PLANNING & ZONING: None

REPORTS:

The following reports were distributed to the Supervisors:
Treasurer's Report, Fuel Usage Report, Police Report, Road Report, Sewer Report, and the Building Permit Report.

-Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Mr. Appel, unanimously carried, to approve the reports.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT: Motion by Mr. Appel, second by Mr. Hahn, unanimously carried, to approve the report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: (Copy attached)

-Attorney Pugh reported that the Airport Hazard Zoning Ordinance is pending. Mr. Hahn informed the solicitor that PennDot is recommending that the township not take any action until the meeting takes place with PennDot and the municipalities to discuss airports.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Terry Myers presented the written report. (Copy attached)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-Millcreek Road truck restriction sign removal. The township received correspondence from York County Planning Transportation/Traffic Engineering that states the signs can be removed. The road has been improved by the township since the first study was completed. The township will adopt an ordinance to revoke the prior ordinance. The solicitor will draft and advertise for board action. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Mr. Appel, unanimously carried, to remove the weight limit signs on Millcreek Road.

-Bennett Run no parking sign removal. The township received correspondence from York County Planning Transportation/Traffic Engineering that states the signs should remain. The block of Fisher Drive that was looked at could possibly gain select parking spaces. The township engineer will take a look at this. Jason Armstrong, 255 Fisher Drive, is requesting that the signs be removed on his block to allow on street parking on both sides of Fisher Drive. The township has two traffic studies that proposed parking restrictions within the Bennett Run Development. Due to numerous complaints, some of the signs were removed by the road department. The board is not in favor of removing any more signs and informed Mr. Armstrong that he can get an independent study done to prove that the restriction is not warranted. The board tabled action on the request.

-Bible Baptist Church field reservation request. The request for use of the ball fields at the Zion View Community Park was denied on a motion by Mr. Appel, seconded by Ms Leonard, and unanimously carried. The Zion View Athletic Association has exclusive first right usage of all three fields and have reserved all fields for the 2010 season.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Mr. Appel, unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2009-12, a resolution to establish eligible people to be exempt from the 2010 per capita tax.

-The township received correspondence from Thomas Henchey, 495 E. Butter Road, requesting to remove the chicken house from the township property located at 699 East Canal Road, to use on his property to raise chickens. The board is not in favor of removing the structure and stated that if they would want it removed it would have to be bid.

OTHER BUSINESS:

-Road tour is scheduled for January 7, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

-Close Out meeting is scheduled for December 30, 2009 at noon. Action on the 2010 budget will take place at this meeting.

-Ms Leonard requested that a workshop be scheduled to discuss the Conewago Township Employee Handbook. Mr. Hahn recommended holding off on any discussion until the new year to allow the new supervisor to participate. Ms Leonard announced that the workshop will be held on December 28, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. and the township staff should be present to provide input.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Bostic