

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OCTOBER 1, 2007

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, at 7:30 P. M. Those in attendance were Donald Knouse (Chairman), Mark Jordan (Vice-Chairman), Lois Leonard (Supervisor), John Baranski (Solicitor), Jeff Shue (Engineer) and Lou Anne Bostic (Secretary).

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Ms Leonard, second by Mr. Jordan, unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as prepared.

Minutes: Motion by Ms Leonard, second by Mr. Jordan, unanimously carried, to approve the previous meeting minutes.

-RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC REQUESTS:

-Laurie Murray, 4515 Lewisberry Road was present to represent Cub Pack 248. The scout group currently uses the Zion View Community Center as their meeting place. Ms Murray is asking the board to consider granting them more inside storage space. She explained that their group is growing in size and for the scout leaders to move the necessary materials every week is very cumbersome. The board informed her that when the athletic association removes their inside storage items, it will be possible to provide a small closet for their storage.

Ms Murray also requested to use the facility for fund raising functions. She states that keeping their fund raising at this location would provide community support from their own community. The manager has requested to discuss this matter with the solicitor and will inform Ms Murray of the decision.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

-Hillside Orchards, Final Subdivision Plan was presented by James Craft. All comments have been addressed. Motion by Mr. Jordan, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to approve the final plan, Project # 050203, dated August 2007.

-REPORTS: There were no comments heard regarding the following reports:
Treasurer's, Road, Sewer, Police and Building Permit Report

-SOLICITOR'S REPORT: attached and made part of these minutes.

Attorney Baranski presented the board with a copy of York City's loitering ordinance for review. Most rural municipalities do not have loitering ordinances. This ordinance would make it illegal to loiter or linger in public places for no specific purpose and would not affect any public assemblage.

The next draft ordinance presented was to address grass, weeds and other vegetation. Mr. Jordan questioned the determination of noxious weeds. Lou Anne informed him that this is a list generated by the state. This ordinance would not affect the entire agricultural property but would address the area around the residence only.

Attorney Baranski also presented a draft ordinance that would amend the current “sewer connection” ordinance. This proposal would clearly define what structures on the property would be required to hook up to the public sewer. As explained by the solicitor, our current ordinance gives the Sewer Authority the responsibility to create any exceptions. This ordinance amendment would allow agricultural structures, including but not limited to barns, mills, runs, sheds, silos etc., on improved property that have restroom facilities solely intended for the use of the owner or employees of the owner, but not intended for public use, which discharge Sanitary Sewage, need not be connected through a separate building sewer but can be grouped on the building sewer of the principal structure. This draft would not include any residential garages or pool houses or any other type accessory structure to be included as an exception. Loretta Wilhide, 120 Witmer Road, wants to know how the township would know if the bathroom is not being used by the public. The solicitor informed her that it would be determined by the business owners statement. Ms Wilhide also states that she feels the solicitor only researched “agricultural” uses because a supervisor is trying to get a decision overturned. She also does not think that Supervisors should serve on the Sewer Authority. Mr. Knouse stated that this matter will not affect his property as he is already hooked up to the sewer and has no intention of changing the hook up. The board wants all accessory structures to be addressed and instructed the solicitor to change the draft ordinance. The township did not intend to cause this hardship on the users of the sewer system when the original ordinance was adopted. The adoption of this ordinance amendment will clarify the connection requirement. Mr. Fidler wanted clarification on the proposed hook up changes.

The board will review the three proposed draft ordinances and comment at the next meeting.

-ENGINEER’S REPORT: attached and made part of these minutes.

Mr. Shue reported that he is working with the Hunters Creek Home Owners Association and the contractor to address some concerns. Mr. Shue is also working with the Sewer Authority’s engineer to review our construction specs with the authority’s construction specs. Mr. Jordan asked if the Greenspring Industrial Park lighting meets our requirements. Mr. Shue will check into this matter.

-OLD BUSINESS:

-Sidewalk maintenance ordinance consideration was discussed. The board would like to set a uniform standard for repair. (i.e. Height of heaved concrete) Attorney Baranski will work with Jeff Shue and draft a new ordinance with a 1” of vertical displacement condition addressed.

-Bennett Run parking concerns. Mr. Shue has researched the parking requirements with regard to current developments. (Copy attached) The zoning officer will be checking parking requirements on all building permits. Jeff and Lou Anne will be meeting with the Bennett Run developer to try to address the matter.

-A special budget workshop is scheduled for Monday, October 15th. at 7 p.m.

-Trick or Treat is scheduled for October 31st. from 6 to 8 p.m.

-NEW BUSINESS:

-York County Association Convention is scheduled for Thursday, November 8th. The board will let Lou Anne know if they are planning to attend.

-Motion by Mr. Jordan, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to adopt a resolution to renew the Memorandum of Understanding with the Watershed Alliance of York, Inc.

-The supervisors received a request from a resident in the Autumwood development to lower the wattage in the street lights. Motion by Mr. Jordan, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to require the wattage to meet the current township specifications.

- OTHER BUSINESS: None

-ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ms Leonard, second by Mr. Knouse, unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

- Respectfully submitted,
Lou Anne Bostic