

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JULY 7, 2008

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, at 7:00 P. M. Those in attendance were Lois Leonard (Chairperson), Robert Hahn (Supervisor), John Baranski (Solicitor), Jeff Shue (Engineer) and Lou Anne Bostic, (Secretary).

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

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

-RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC REQUESTS:

-Curtis L. Knaub II, 1595 Jug Road, requested to be placed on the agenda. Mr. Knaub had various questions for the board.

-Request to have speed limit lowered to 25mph on Jug Road in the vicinity of his property. The board informed him that the speed limit on Jug Road is currently 30 mph and they cannot see the benefit in reducing it.

-Request to have township obtain a break down from Swopes for the recycled products that were generated from spring clean up. Ms Leonard informed him that Swope has never provided a detailed remittance and the township has decided not to use their services next year.

-Complaint about Millcreek Road. Mr. Shue explained again to Mr. Knaub that the contractor is aware of the problems and will be fixing them.

-Request for mower and tractor expenses. Lou Anne will provide a copy of the vehicle repair expenses to him. Mr. Knaub also complained about the township's mowing procedures.

-Complaint about lights installed at the Zion View Park. Mr. Knaub stated that he thinks the township should use the same specifications that the developers have to use. Lou Anne explained that the installed lights were a better choice for a park installation.

-Charlie Eckenrode, 154 Butter Road, asked the solicitor to justify the reason for the appeal of his zoning hearing decision. Attorney Baranski informed him that the supervisors authorized the action based on his opinion that the court was incorrect in their decision.

-Carl Fidler, 150 E. Butter Road, asked when the Copenhaffer Road improvements will be completed. Mr. Shue explained that we are waiting for a DEP permit.

-Lorreta Wilhide, 120 Witmer Road, asked why the Millcreek and Canal intersection was designed the way it is being installed. Mr. Shue explained that the design includes a turning lane with a grass island in the center to delineate the main intersection.

-PUBLIC HEARING:

-ORDINANCE #314 An ordinance repealing Ordinance # 305 and replacing it with Ordinance #314, regarding vegetation control. Mr. Hahn asked if the compliance provisions in Section 3 should be extended. The township has always worked with the public before filing any charges. In order to avoid further costs that would be associated with advertising the ordinance, a motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, was made to adopt Ordinance #314.

-ORDINANCE #315 An ordinance amending Ordinance #315 extending the termination date of exemption applications. Attorney Baranski asked Lou Anne to give a brief explanation of the township's LERTA program. Mr. Hahn asked how the area was designated as distressed in order to meet the requirements of the program. In speaking with the York Development Authority he is aware that inviting Industrial uses to the county was part of the factor.

Mr. Hahn wanted to know if the township is planning to expand the LERTA area. The solicitor stated that the township can extend the area at the request of a developer.

Carl Fidler, 150 E. Butter Road expressed concerns about businesses discontinuing operations after the LERTA program has expired. Mr. Hahn and the solicitor explained that the LERTA program does not have a provision for this concern. This ordinance does not extend the applicable area only the time frame. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to adopt Ordinance #315.

PLANNING & ZONING:

-James Jacques, Final Subdivision Plan was presented by Patty Fisher, James Holley & Associates. This subdivision proposes the creation of 7 building lots on property located at 6995 Bull Road. All comments have been addressed. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to approve the James Jacques Final Subdivision Plan.

-Hunter Creek, Phase 5, Final Subdivision Plan was presented by James Craft. All comments have been addressed. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to approve the Hunter Creek, Phase 5, Final Subdivision Plan.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Baranski provided a written report. (Copy attached) Mr. Baranski asked Lou Anne to provide a summary regarding the mandatory water connection ordinance that will be rescinded at the next meeting. The township had to finance the public water installation and when the debt is paid in full, fees and mandatory connections must terminate. Two current developers have agreed to pay their connection fees in advance which will pay the loan in full. The proposed ordinance will terminate the agreement with York Water.

-ENGINEER'S REPORT: Copy attached.

Mr. Shue informed the board that Stonegate will be asking for road adoption. He is advising the board to adopt the main Smith Road but not the short entrance road due to continuing construction traffic. The board agreed with his recommendation. Mr. Shue informed the board that we are still waiting for a permit from DEP to start the Copenhaffer Road project. The contractor has been contacted regarding several outstanding issues on Millcreek Road. Mr. Hahn asked if the new turn lane at Millcreek Road is wide enough. Mr. Shue explained that the design provides a mountable concrete apron that trucks will roll over. Mr. Hahn also asked about the status of the township's CDBG application. The award process will take place sometime in October.

-UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-The board was presented with a model curfew ordinance from York County. Mr. Hahn stated the following concerns:

-Section included that would penalize business owners.

-Costs that could be associated if the county incurs costs.

The solicitor states that he is unaware of any of his municipal clients considering the adoption.

Action tabled until September.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, motion carried, to adopt Resolution 2008-14, adopting The National Incident Management System.

-Recreation issues. Lou Anne informed the board that the rest room facilities at the Zion View building need attention. In order to replace the fixtures the UCC codes must be followed for ADA compliance. Quotes are being obtained.

-Possible property purchase prospects. Tabled

-Drop off recycling program. Tabled.

-Roadmaster has requested that stormwater and road base repairs be approved for Rooster Lane. The board approved the request including the rental of a vibratory roller.

-Storm water complaint at 1100 Copenhaffer Road. Mr. Shue explained that he met the property owner and discussed possible solutions. The board would like to wait until after the Copenhaffer Road improvements have been completed to discuss this matter.

- Schedule Public Hearing to adopt Comprehensive Plan. – August 18, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Zion View Community Center, 140 Copenhaffer Road.

- OTHER BUSINESS:

-Mr. Hahn requested the following:

- Schedule a joint recreation meeting in August.

- Would like to act as the township representative for the Local Government Advisory Committee.

- Would like the township to join the York Area Chamber of Commerce.

-Ms Leonard informed the board that Northern York County Regional Police is suggesting that the township increase their man hours. Mr. Hahn and Ms Leonard are both in favor of adding an additional ¼ man. Discussion will be tabled until the September meeting.

-Ms Leonard announced the township will be starting a “Fun Day” program for Conewago Township residents over the age of 60. The first gathering is scheduled for August 18, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will be held the 3rd. Monday of each month at the Zion View Community Center.

Refreshments will be provided by taking \$50.00 per month out of the building rental fees.

Lorreta Wilhide, 120 Witmer Road asked questions about the program. Ms Leonard informed her that the program is for township residents.

-Carl Fidler, 150 E. Butter Road asked who paid for the fireworks. Ms Leonard informed him that the fire company held the event and paid for the display.

-Lynn Kann, 330 Copenhaffer Road, stated that he does not think it’s fair to stop mandatory water connection fees. Lou Anne explained that the township has no choice in the matter.

- Ms Leonard announced that an executive session is necessary to discuss a personnel matter.

- ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, motion carried, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,`

Lou Anne Bostic