

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUDGET WORKSHOP OCTOBER 18, 2010

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 Robert Hahn (Chairman), Lois Leonard (Vice-Chairperson), Lorreta Wilhide (Supervisor) and Lou Anne Bostic, (Secretary).

Mr. Hahn asked how the insurance premiums were calculated. Ms Bostic used a 12% increase.

Mr. Hahn asked her to contact the insurance company to get a projected rate increase.

Ms Leonard remarked that the insurance premiums do not add up correctly between the fire company and township line items. Ms Bostic will double check the figures.

Ms Leonard asked if a fire vehicle has been pulled out of service and if the vehicle was removed from the insurance policy.

Ms Wilhide stated that the township reimburses her health insurance premiums and Mr. Hahn's premiums at a much lower rate than the township health insurance premiums. Ms Wilhide commented that Ms Leonard is on the township policy and asked her to consider switching to her spouse's policy for a lower premium. Ms Leonard stated that she would consider it.

Ms Wilhide asked for copies of all monthly attorney bills. The manager will copy the attorney invoice for the board on a monthly basis. Ms Bostic asked if the board still wants the monthly cellular invoice copies. Ms Leonard will continue to be copied.

Mr. Hahn requested a copy of the Northern Regional Police pension notification.

Mr. Hahn stated that he has a problem with the township paying the fire company utilities for 5 Fisher Drive in addition to the \$50,000.00 contribution. He will consider something for the next meeting.

Mr. Hahn feels that the ambulance company donations should be pro-rated based on the number of calls they respond to in the township. Ms Bostic was asked to request a copy of the same report for the 2010 calls as the township received in 2009.

Ms Wilhide is not in favor of pro-rating the contributions and does not feel that contributions should be lowered.

The board requested a copy of the Shop supplies report - year-to-date and a copy of the Vehicle Repair report - year-to-date.

The board agreed to discontinue the clothing allowance and only provide a reimbursement of \$100.00 towards the purchase of work/safety shoes for the road crew only. A receipt must be turned into the township in order to receive the reimbursement.

Sharon Beck, 1605 Copenhaffer Road, asked why the proposed Jug Road box culvert is so expensive. The township will bid the purchase for the lowest price.

Ms Wilhide included \$65,000.00 in the road construction account to install sidewalks from Zion View to the school.

Mr. Hahn asked what the Knapper services include. He would like to construct a new bathroom and get rid of the porta-pottys. Ms Wilhide requested that they remove the unit at Hykes Field.

Ms Bostic suggested that the township payoff the current loan with M&T Bank. The interest paid on the loan is higher than the interest being received on township investments.

Ms Bostic explained the increase in the unemployment contribution for 2011. The board directed her to obtain all unemployment claims paid from 2007 thru today.

Ms Wilhide would like to increase the Local Services Tax from \$35.00 to \$52.00. The tax is for people who work in the township, most surrounding municipalities collect \$52.00. Ms Leonard is opposed to an increase because she feels it is unfair to the people who live and work in the township. Ms Bostic was asked to obtain figures.

Mr. Hahn informed Ms Bostic to have a certified cease and desist issued to Capital Meats for soliciting without a permit.

Mr. Hahn stated that M&T Bank is paying .47% on certificates of deposit and would like the manager to check on this.

Ms Leonard asked Mr. Hahn if he plans to propose an increase in the tax base. Mr. Hahn stated that we will wait to see the total expenses.

Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to adjourn at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Bostic