

## **Conewago Township Board of Supervisors**

May 3, 2016

### **-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, Tim Bupp (Solicitor), Derek Rinaldo (Engineer) and Lou Anne Bostic (Manager).

-Lorreta Wilhide shared the passing of past Supervisor Dale Sweitzer and acknowledged his many years of service to the Township as a Supervisor and Secretary. A moment of silence was observed for Mr. Sweitzer. The Sweitzer family published their memorial donation request for donations to the Mayo Clinic, the public can contact the office for information.

-Jane Deamer, Northeastern Community Senior Center presented the Center's yearly report and explained the services they provide to the residents of Conewago Township. Ms Deamer thanked the Township for their contribution and stated that they are in need of volunteers.

-Ed Ward, Penn Waste, presented the contract extension request and asked the Board to consider the extension until December 2018. Mr. Hull asked if the "buy a bag" option will be continued. Mr. Ward explained that the option will continue thru the contract period. Penn Waste is currently looking into other options for future contracts due to numerous concerns with the current option. Ms Wilhide asked if the public can obtain the recycling totes with lids from Penn Waste that she has seen in other municipalities. Mr. Ward explained that Penn Waste is "rolling them out" and they are not available for rental. The expense for the totes will be absorbed by Penn Waste and Mr. Ward will be looking into adding them for Conewago Township.

Scott Gauker, 190 Copenhaffer Road, voiced concerns about the size of the large totes.

Ms Wilhide stated the "e-cycling" in York County has resumed. Mr. Ward informed the Board that the current e-cycle contract is only good through the end of this year. Mr. Hull asked what the challenge is with the program. Mr. Ward stated that the state is looking into the problem there is not enough commercial need for the material.

Motion by Ms Wilhide, seconded by Mr. Hull, unanimously carried, to extend the current Penn Waste contract for two years ending December 2018. Vote: 3-0.

### **-Recognition of Public Requests**

-Chad Stoner, 910 Copenhaffer Road, addressed the Board.

Ms Wilhide interrupted him to state that anyone recording the meeting should announce that they are recording. Chad Stoner commented that the Township records the meetings. The attorney informed the Board that anyone recording from the public should state the recording for the record.

-Steve Stoner, 910 Copenhaffer Road stated that he is audio and video recording the meeting.

-Chad Stoner demanded written apologies from Mr. Klinger and Ms Wilhide for his opinion of their prejudiced treatment of him and his father at the last meeting. Mr. Stoner stated that Strinestown Fire Company and Northern Regional police both recently responded to his fire showing no respect for his property. The only comments made by fire officials were that the fire was burning after dark. Mr. Stoner feels that burning after dark is safer than burning during the day. Mr. Stoner stated that he is not intimidated by what he feels is the Board's prejudicial treatment of him.

-Steve Stoner, 910 Copenhaffer Road, stated that he feels the Board ignores him when he tries to comment.

-Curtis Knaub, 1595 Jug Road, stated that he feels he has been treated with prejudice by past Boards and he understands. Mr. Knaub voiced concerns with the Burn Ordinance. Mr. Knaub does not feel that the Right To Know process is the way things should be handled and he feels that it is a waste of his township money and his taxpayer money.

-Brandon Stoner, 30 Hemlock Road, asked if the Board has made any changes to the township burn ordinance as he requested in August. Mr. Stoner informed the Board that if the ordinance is not changed by the next meeting he will file a civil suit against the township. Mr. Hull informed the Board that he has been reviewing the burn ordinance and will be submitting his recommendations for changes to the Board and the Solicitor for their review.

-Mr. Klinger apologized to the public for having to listen to this every month. Mr. Klinger stated that he is speaking as a private citizen and tax payer. The Right To Know requests by some of the people are a very costly process and have to date cost the tax payers over \$9000.00 in legal fees. Mr. Klinger feels that the public should be outraged over these costs. A recent complaint caused a change in providing the health insurance and has cost the taxpayers an additional 40%. Chad Stoner, 910 Copenhaffer Road, complained about Mr. Klinger's Right To Know comments and the attorney fees associated with the requests.

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

**-Approval of Previous Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Hull, seconded by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried, to approve the previous minutes of April 5, 2016. Vote: 3-0

**-Planning & Zoning:**

- Johnston and Associates, Inc. – Stonegate Commons zoning concerns. (Reference April 2016 minutes) The developer's representative, Eric Johnston, had asked the Board to consider adopting a text amendment to Section 304 of the Conewago Township Zoning Ordinance to modify the lot area and width requirements as well as setback requirements for lots proposed with public water and public sewer in the Medium Density Residential Zone (R2). Terry Myers, township engineer, prepared a map of all the R2 properties that would be affected by a zoning ordinance text amendment. Mr. Hull is in favor of leaving the frontage at 80' and reduce the side setbacks to 15' leaving a 50' building envelope. This change would not affect density. David Calvert, 95 Mill Run Road, asked if the change will affect all R2 zones. Mr. Hull said that the amendment would change all R2 zones. Lynn Kann, 330 Copenhaffer Road, asked if the house footprint could be changed by the amendment. Mr. Hull told him that yes it could. Mr. Kann stated that whenever a developer has a problem they come in asking for changes he also feels that the York County Planning Commission will deny the request. The process for the amendment will require review by the Conewago Township Planning Commission, the York County Planning Commission and public meetings with the proper legal advertising. Motion by Mr. Hull, seconded by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried, to draft the zoning ordinance text amendment to change the side setbacks to 15'. This is the only change. Vote: 3-0. Attorney Bupp will draft the amendment.

-Gauker, Final Subdivision Plan. Scott Gauker was present. All comments have been addressed. Motion by Mr. Klinger, seconded by Mr. Hull, unanimously carried, to approve the Gauker Final Subdivision Plan. Attorney Bupp will handle the property descriptions, deeds and transfer.

-Dermody Sketch Plan. No one was in attendance to present the plan. Ms Wilhide announced that the township received a letter from a concerned citizen regarding the proposed warehouse. The letter will be placed in the file and given to the developer's engineer.

**-Reports:**

- Police Report, Sewer Authority Financial and Building Permit Reports were approved on a motion by Mr. Klinger, seconded by Mr. Hull, and unanimously carried. Vote: 3 to 0.

Ms Wilhide announced that the shooting suspect in the Northern Regional Police incident has been successfully apprehended and is in custody.

**-Treasurers Report:** Motion by Mr. Hull, seconded by Mr. Klinger, unanimously carried, to approve the April 2016 Treasurer's Report. Vote: 3 to 0.

**-Road Report: None.**

Ms Wilhide asked if a time frame is available for the Butter Road project. Todd Smith informed her that it is unknown at this time.

**-Solicitors Report:** Attorney Bupp announced that an executive session is needed after the meeting to discuss a litigation matter.

**-Engineers Report:** Derek Rinaldo commented on the following:

-Autumn Woods Development. The Developer provided a schedule for the completion of the work. All work should be completed by the end of summer.

-Millcreek Park development. Pending. Terry Myers will have cost estimates for the next meeting.

**-Unfinished Business:** None.

**-New Business:** None.

**-Other Business:**

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**-Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Bostic, Manager