CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
541 OXFORD AVENUE
HANOVER, PA 17331

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 19, 2019

Chairman Don Knight called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of the Flag and followed by a moment of silence.

The following Supervisors were in attendance:
Chairman Don Knight Vice Chair Louann Boyer Ernie Hess John Strevig Jeffery Sheely

The following appointed Township professionals were also in attendance:
Barbara Krebs, Township Manager
Sgt. Gary Baumgardner
Tim Shultis, Solicitor- 6:56 p.m.
Dave Arndt, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer
Angela Pabon, Assistant Sec./Treasurer
Scott Small, Maintenance Manager
Eric Mains, Gannett Fleming Engineer- 6:44 p.m.

Heather Snyder, Sec./Treasurer- Absent

There were approximately 11 people in the audience including: Tony Eline of 12 Linden Avenue, Michael Cooper-White of the Gettysburg Times, Charlotte Shaffer of 44 Allwood Drive, Dick Neiderer of 83 Rainbow Drive, Bill Rittase of 140 Newark Street, Littlestown and Jeff Rittase of 82 Lucas Drive, Littlestown, Tom Weaver of 174 Panther Drive, Jerry and Brenda Funke of 716 Spruce Lane, Don Dorr of 118 Carlisle Street, representative for the Klunk family, and Steve Markle of 582 Oxford Avenue.

Chairman Don Knight commenced the hearing for Ordinance 2019-C, Fireworks Ordinance, at 6:31 p.m.

Barbara Krebs, Township Manager, explained the regulations included in Ordinance 2019-C as stated in the proposed Fireworks Ordinance advertisement. Ordinance 2019-C addresses when fireworks can be set off. The times would be from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., not including New Year's Eve which would be extended until 1 a.m. on New Years Day.

Steve Markle of 582 Oxford Avenue and Michael Cooper-White of the Gettysburg Times asked for verification regarding the times when fireworks would be allowed.

Supervisor John Strevig made a motion to close the hearing for Ordinance 2019-C at 6:33 p.m. seconded by Vice Chair Louann Boyer. Vote 5-0

Supervisor John Strevig made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-C, Fireworks Ordinance seconded by Supervisor Jeffery Sheely. Vote 5-0

1. MINUTES

Vice Chair Louann Boyer made a motion to approve the July 15, 2019 Workshop and Regular meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Ernie Hess. Vote 5-0

2. COMMUNICATIONS AND INTERACTIONS

The SAVES July report was enclosed in the packet for review.

An invitation for the Adams County Council of Government's 10th Anniversary Celebration was included in the packet for review.

A correspondence received on August 14, 2019 from the Adams County Conservation District regarding West Nile was included in the packet for review.

A thank you letter was received from Walt and Judy Rockey regarding Airport Road.

Chairman Don Knight advised Trick-or-Treat will be held on October 29, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

3. REPORT FROM COMMITTEES/SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS

Administration

Supervisor John Strevig advised the 2020 budget is underway.

Supervisor John Strevig advised we are working with the County on a Hazzard Mitigation plan which would qualify the township for State and Federal relief money.

Public Safety

Supervisor John Strevig advised the Police garage is going well as we are preparing for electric, leveling the floor and waiting for cement to be poured for the floor.

Recreation

Vice Chair Louann Boyer advised the grant for the basketball court has be submitted.

Vice Chair Louann Boyer advised there will be a soccer tournament at Plum Creek Park on August 24 and 25, 2019.

Agricultural Preservation

Nothing new to report.

Roads

Supervisor Ernie Hess advised Airport Road has been made a one-way into Plum Creek Park and 3 speed bumps have been installed which have reduced the dust. He also advised the Township has also widened Water Street.

Pension

Supervisor John Strevig made a motion to approve the Non-Uniformed Defined Contribution Pension Resolution 2019-O seconded by Vice Chair Louann Boyer. Vote 5-0

Supervisor Ernie Hess made a motion to approve the Uniformed MMO Resolution 2019-P seconded by Supervisor John Strevig. Vice Chair Louann Boyer abstained from the vote. Vote 4-0

Planning Commission

A discussion ensued regarding the proposed rezoning of 5 parcels from A-Agricultural to R-1 Suburban Residential.

Supervisor John Strevig advised that the Planning Commission referred the rezoning request back to the Board of Supervisors with the original recommendation for the 5 parcels to be rezoned from Agricultural to R-1 Suburban Residential with the exception of the portion of land east of the existing driveway lying within the flood zone of the Klunk property. This portion of land was recommended by the Planning Commission to remain zoned Agriculture. Supervisor John Strevig explained the process in which the Planning Commission made their decision including reviewing county comments, patterns of development, the Comprehensive Plan, available utilities and traffic flow.

Barbara Krebs, Township Manager advised the Board of Supervisors they have several options in making a decision and have completed the process of advertising, posting of properties, public hearing, reviewing county

and planning commission recommendations and citizen's input. She advised them to have a discussion regarding any other information or questions they may have.

Supervisor Ernie Hess asked if a gas station would be an allowed use if the property was rezoned to R-1. Barbara Krebs, Township Manager advised it would not be allowed.

Tom Weaver of 174 Panther Drive expressed concerns and questions regarding these properties being rezoned, the County comments on the Comprehensive Plan, farms within R-1 zoning still being farmed, taxes, Agricultural Preservation scores and length of time the Board of Supervisors has to make a decision after advertising. He also advised the Board of Supervisors there are new Farm Protection Bills including an income tax credit.

Vice Chair Louann Boyer had questions and comments regarding the income tax credit, the continuation of farming the land if rezoned and land preservation.

Don Dorr of 118 Carlisle Street, representative for the Klunk family, commented on the farming of the land if rezoned, the new income tax credit and requested the rezoning of the Agricultural parcels to R-1.

Charlotte Shaffer of 44 Allwood Drive had concerns and questions regarding the appeal of agriculture for residents in the Township and plans for future land preservation.

Supervisor John Strevig discussed the rezoning of Agricultural land that occurred historically and land preservation.

Bill Rittase of 140 Newark Street commented on the income tax credit and the prior zoning of farmland.

Dick Neiderer of 83 Rainbow Drive expressed concerns and opposition to the rezoning of the 5 parcels.

Supervisor Jeffery Sheely made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-A seconded by Supervisor John Strevig.

Roll Call: Supervisor Jeffery Sheely- Yes, Supervisor John Strevig- Yes, Vice Chair Louann Boyer- Yes, Supervisor Ernie Hess- No, Chairman Don Knight – No

Vote 3 for, 2 against
Motion passed

Tom Weaver of 174 Panther Drive asked when this decision would become effective.
Tim Shultis, Solicitor responded 5 days from the date of adoption.

Eric Mains, Gannett Fleming Engineer asked if the Board of the Supervisors would like him to generate a copy of the map for the County's records. The Board of Supervisors replied yes.

Stormwater

Supervisor John Strevig advised the MS4 permit annual report is being completed and should be submitted soon.

4. REPORT FROM SECRETARY-TREASURER

Supervisor John Strevig made a motion to approve the Secretary/Treasurer's Report, seconded by Vice Chair Louann Boyer. Vote 5-0

Vice Chair Louann Boyer made a motion to approve payment of the prepaid bills and all invoices noted on the report for July 10, 2019 – August 15, 2019, seconded by Supervisor John Strevig. Vote 5-0

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Rittase of 140 Newark Street and Don Dorr of 118 Carlisle Street, representative for the Klunk family, expressed appreciation for the Board of Supervisors' work on the rezoning that was proposed.

Charlotte Shaffer of 44 Allwood Drive questioned and commented on the no trespassing signs at the retention pond in Allwood Manor. She also had questions about the Blettner Avenue basin.

Steve Markle of 582 Oxford Avenue expressed concerns regarding fire pit size within the Township, fireworks and the privacy fence beside the Police Department.

6. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Police

The Police Department's July report was enclosed in the packet for review.

Sgt. Gary Baumgardner advised Detective O'Brien attended 2 days of investigative training at Gettysburg College, a NIBRS account has been set up for the Police Department, a civilian response active shooter training will occur on August 23, 2019 with J.A. Myers, a crossing guard meeting was held August 14, 2019, a school safety profile was completed for Conewago Township Elementary School on August 1, 2019, the Adams County Volunteer Emergency Services Association (ACVESA) training tower dedication was attended by the Police Department, and a great turn out for National Night Out on August 6, 2019. Sgt. Baumgardner thanked Detective O'Brien, Officer Snyder and Barbara Krebs, Township Manager, for their help with National Night Out. Sgt. Baumgardner and Barbara Krebs, Township Manager, met with the Soccer Club on August 11, 2019 , during their annual registration meeting, to discuss the new traffic flow and enforcement in and around Airport Road.

Township Solicitor Shultis

Nothing new to report.

Supervisor John Strevig made a motion to have the Solicitor develop an ordinance to amend the industrial zone setback requirement for freight terminals and wholesale trade areas from 500 feet to 100 feet as recommended by the Adams County Planning Commission and the Conewago Township Planning Commission seconded by Supervisor Jeffery Sheely. Vote 5-0

Township Manager

Barbara Krebs, Township Manager reviewed her monthly staff report including the following:
Mowing continues, the mowing of the detention ponds has begun, trees have been trimmed in the Midway area, Pothole repair continues, double yellow and white fog line painting was completed on August 15th , the Plum Creek Park electric and Comcast lines have been backfilled, Heritage Lawn and Landscaping removed invasive plant species at Plum Creek Park, continuing to work on the seepage pit at Plum Creek Park and the canopy for the playground should be here in 2 weeks, we have our PennDOT permit contingent on our NPDES permit which would allow the Township to start the entrance to and parking for the playground, we will be bidding out the Pavillion for Plum Creek Park for install in the Spring, the study for the pits at Blettner Avenue basin is being done through Growing Greener and the draft resolution setting policy for use of the Retention/Detention Basin was provided to the Board of Supervisors for review.

Barbara Krebs, Township Manager discussed the budget for SAVES which was $15,000 short of the township ¼ of a mill contribution in 2018. SAVES is in need of 13 sets of turn out gear.

Vice Chair Louann Boyer made a motion to give SAVES $15,000.00 towards the 2018 obligations and an additional $15,000 both towards the purchase of the 13 new sets of turn out gear, seconded by Supervisor John Strevig. Vote 5-0

Township Engineer (Eric Mains, Gannett Fleming, Inc.)

Eric Mains, Township Engineer, gave a review of his Engineer's Report for July.

Supervisor John Strevig made a motion to approve change order number 1 in the amount of $6927.19, seconded by Supervisor Jeffery Sheely. Vote 5-0

Supervisor Ernie Hess made a motion to application for payment number 1, a partial payment in the amount of $258,777.99 inclusive of work up until the end of July, seconded by Supervisor John Strevig. Vote 5-0

7. CODE ENFORCEMENT

The activity summary from Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Dave Arndt, dated August 13, 2019, was enclosed in the packet for review.

The electronic waste recycling event will occur on September 7, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Conewago Township Building.

8. SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

The Subdivision and Land Development Status Report for August 13, 2019 was included for review.

Planning Commission meeting minutes dated August 1, 2019 was included for review.

Smith's Specialized Automotive, LLC- 1374 Carlisle Pike, Preliminary/Final LDP

Vice Chair Louann Boyer made a motion to approve the waiver request received from Smith's Specialized Automotive, LLC of 1374 Carlisle Pike from Section 135-32.U, requiring oversized parking space with drive-through capability, which was recommended by the Planning Commission, seconded by Supervisor John Strevig. Vote 5-0

Supervisor Ernie Hess made a motion to approve the waiver request from Smith's Specialized Automotive, LLC of 1374 Carlisle Pike from Section 135-43.D, requiring a combination of landscaping trees, which was recommended by the Planning Commission, seconded by Vice Chair Louann Boyer. Vote 5-0

Supervisor Jeffrey Sheely made a motion to approve the waiver request from Smith's Specialized Automotive, LLC of 1374 Carlisle Pike from Section 76-26.C.(3) requiring minimum pipe size of 15 inches, which was recommended by the Planning Commission, seconded by Supervisor John Strevig. Vote 5-0

Supervisor John Strevig made a motion to approve the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan and Resolution 2019-N for Smith's Specialized Automotive, LLC of 1374 Carlisle Pike with the condition that all the Township Engineers comments are satisfied, seconded by Supervisor Ernie Hess. Vote 5-0

9. ZONING

There will be no Zoning Hearing meeting for September.

10. MEETING SCHEDULE

September 5, 2019 (Planning Commission) 6:00 PM
September 9, 2019 (Municipal Authority) 5:30 PM
September 10, 2019 (Public Safety Committee) 8:30 AM
September 10, 2019 (Finance/Operations) 9:30 AM
September 16, 2019 (Workshop) 5:00 PM
September 16, 2019 (Board of Supervisors) 6:30 PM

11. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor John Strevig made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m., seconded by Vice Chair Louann Boyer. Vote 5-0

Respectfully Submitted:

Angela Pabon, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer