

Chairman Nelson Brenneman called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Supervisors present: Dennis Luckenbaugh and Rodney Shearer. Present on behalf of the Township: Manager Sharon Kerchner, Solicitor Stephanie Kogut. Also present: Recording Secretary and an estimated 80 citizens

Chairman Brenneman reported that prior to this meeting, from 6:30 to 6:45 p.m., the Board met in Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice.

I. **Minutes**

Motion by Shearer, second by Luckenbaugh, to approve the minutes of the recessed meeting of October 8, 2018. All members voted aye; motion carried.

II. **Treasurer's Report**

A. **Motion** by Luckenbaugh, second by Shearer, to approve the Treasurer's Report for September 2018 as presented. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Mr. Brenneman made the comment that he doesn't mind being taken to task for things that he does say, but he doesn't appreciate being taken to task for things that he did not say. He asked that the media publish only what he says, not things he didn't.

III. **Police Report**

Chief Bean gave the police report for September 2018. Of note, 19 arrests were made in September, which is rather high. The Department did issue a press release for a commercial burglary, Rt. 516, in which a private business was cleaned out of many Snap-On tools and emissions stickers. Investigation is ongoing and checking of pawn shops, etc., is being done.

Chief Bean commented about the wish of the Township to withdraw from the SWRPD. Attorney Kogut ask that Chief Bean withhold comments for the Public Comment session of the meeting. From the audience, John Rebert asked, "what is the department's policy going to fire calls and EMS calls"? Chief Bean, "We do respond to calls, not every call, but it has to do with the severity of the call".

IV. **Fire Company Report**

Tim Carr gave the fire report for September 2018. Of note, they held the last chicken barbecue of the season, last weekend. Open House last Saturday, great turnout. This week, Thursday, is the New Salem Elementary Open House. Mr. Rebert asked, "Of the 225 calls for the year, how many did the police respond to"? Mr. Carr gave a "guesstimate" of 75-80% perhaps.

V. **Permits, Plans, and Modules**

Nothing at this time.

VI. **Administrative Reports**

A. Supervisors' Reports

1. Mr. Shearer reported that the Martin dirt and gravel project is completed and has passed for inspection. We will follow up with the completion report and hope to receive the funds remaining from the grant before the end of the year. We started blacktop for the rest of the roads that needed done. Hoke Road should be finished, then we will start on Fishel, Spangler and at the end of Martin Road. We will also patch over top at the end of Sunnyside, near the bridge.

2. Mr. Luckenbaugh noted that he is still trying to get a quote on the spouting for the Fire Co. building. Hopes to have a quote for the budget meeting, Nov. 5th.

B. Manager's Report

1. Volunteer Fire Relief Association state aid allocation received: \$50,643.53.
2. Non-Uniform Pension state aid received: \$37,475.10.
3. Estimated 2019 liquid fuels: \$368,440.86.
4. Road turnback (4.4 miles): \$16,160.
5. Commonwealth of PA Winter Municipal Agreement received: \$34,973.85.
6. PURTA – Public Utility Realty Tax received: \$2,694.75
7. Notice received: YCSWA approved 2019 budget; no increase in tipping fee.

C. Engineer's Report

No questions or discussion on the report.

D. Solicitor's Report

1. Discussion of the requirements for Amish schoolhouse construction. Mr. Luckenbaugh researched the request and small schools are permitted in all the districts *except AP* zone, therefore the applicant would need to appear before the ZHB to challenge the Ordinance section 195-20.

2. **Motion** by Shearer, second by Luckenbaugh, to adopt Resolution #12-09-2018, opposing the creation of a York County Stormwater Authority. We will submit to the York County Commissioners and Manager, along with York County Planning Commission.

Discussion: Mr. Luckenbaugh noted that there are no exemptions planned. Even churches will be made to comply. All members voted aye; motion carried.

For the audience, the next meeting on this topic will be held on November 8. It's open to public, and will be held at the old Central High School in York; the starting time uncertain as yet.

VII. Old Business

A. SHPS generator – This item was *tabled* in September for further review. Mr. Brenneman suggested trying another type of additive for the fuel, and that he will follow up with it this week.

VIII. New Business

A. **Motion** by Luckenbaugh, second by Shearer, to approve the request by the Rec Board to purchase backstop netting from BSN Sports (*through Co-Stars*) to replace the deteriorating fencing at the Stoverstown field at a cost of \$921.60, with the funds coming from the Rec Board account. All members voted aye; motion carried.

B. **Motion** by Shearer, second by Luckenbaugh, to approve the request by the Rec Board to purchase 3 loads of DiamondTex for the Stoverstown field for this fall at approximately \$1000 per load, funds also coming from Rec Board funds. All members voted aye; motion carried.

IX. Announcements

- A. The Rec Board - October 22, 7 p.m.
- B. The Planning Commission - October 23, 7 p.m.
- C. Budget session - November 5, 8 a.m.
- D. Southwestern Regional Police Board - November 14, 7 p.m., @ police headquarters.
- E. Zoning Hearing Board – November 15, 7 p.m.
- F. The Board of Supervisors - November 20, 7 p.m.

X. General Public Comment

Before opening the meeting to the General Public for comments, Chairman Nelson Brenneman read a Statement on behalf of the North Codorus Township Board of Supervisors, briefing on why the decision for the intent to withdraw from the SWRPD was made. For several years, the NCT board members have expressed concerns with the department not being fiscally responsible. Having recently been presented with the Department's 2019 proposed budget, that again fails to go far enough to change the structure, the board felt that now was the right time for this decision. The Township has already explored other coverage options for police services and feels confident the services will protect the community just as effectively. We do not believe these options would compromise safety of our residents. We trust our residents will understand that we have made a difficult decision for the future benefit of the Township and its residents. Mr. Brenneman also noted; that this decision was not made hastily nor without much consideration.

Chief Bean was given first opportunity to speak, after 16 yrs. good service has always been what I heard from this Township. But now the Township wants to save the tax payers dollars and go in another direction. He certainly understands and supports saving money. He said that this decision came as a surprise to the police department. He cautioned that the Township will be getting a lot less for less money. He feels that the police service now is as thin as anyone in our County. He gave statistics on the number of hours provided now and how those hours are utilized versus the number of hours proposed. Noting the stats show that at about half of the number of hours, is allotted for the officers to respond to calls, arresting or writing reports. The other half of the hours (apprx.130 hrs.) are used to do other things to keep the community safe-most importantly make residents feel safe. You will lose those 130 hrs. of extra time, if you go with the plan that you are suggesting. The only thing that the Township will be paying for will be police protection – no school or business visits, no instruction/visits to children, no mingling with the residents, etc. Chief Bean urged the Board to consider the residents/taxpayers and have them decide.

Paul Miller, 2238 Stoverstown Road, asked as elected officials being Supervisors, do you feel its your job to do what the Township residents want or to do what you see fit on your own, as with the three of you. Also, is there a penalty for withdrawing from the contract? Not all answers are available at this time. Mr. Miller just doesn't want his tax money to go to a penalty. Attorney Kogut confirmed there is a penalty, but the amount is unknown at this time.

John Rebert, 1470 Sunnyside Road, asked how many residents attended the meeting wherein this decision was made. None. Mr. Rebert feels that the Board should have met with the community first, then made the decision to withdraw. He feels that the police department has

value to the Township, and not just through police protection. Mr. Rebert heard about this withdrawal on the television news.

Larry Wildasin, 2465 Meetinghouse Road, in his years as fire chief, saw the transition from Township police coverage (with assistance from PSP) to Regional police coverage. He remembers waiting for long hours for the state police to respond before the regional police coverage took over.

Willa Lefever, 4796 Lehman Road, urged the Board to look for a win-win situation. Let's create a regional force that other municipalities want to join.

Bill Kaiser, 4796 Lehman Road, asked if there's a common formula to determine how many hours are needed for coverage? And if so, was that formula used in calculations?

Mike Bentley, 2146 Keeney Road, voiced concern about what he called "back-door" deals.

John Modafferi, 5294 Bentz Road, wants to keep the police protection. He feels that crime will spread to the Township from the larger municipalities in the absence of the regional police force.

Jaqui Hall, 1477 Linton Terrace, wants to keep the police protection. She'd rather have to pay for that protection than the sewer extension. She fears for the safety of the residents.

Douglas Hall, 1477 Linton Terrace, doesn't like it at all. Feels the Township is not putting people at ease.

Deb Gotwalt, 2623 Stoverstown Road, opposes leaving the department. She is happy with the police presence and the job they're doing. Knows they are there for her if she needs them.

Steve Smith, 2776 Stoverstown Road, feels that there is an amicable solution for this but that it's going to require everyone to swallow their ego's. The problem is that NCT pays 48.43% of the budget but only has 25% of the voting power. This isn't something that was just thrown at you at the last minute and that you didn't know about. This has been going on for years that you have ignored. And this is why we are in this room right now, but at least now this issue is getting the recognition it needs.

Michele Moore, 5908 York Road, as a recent burglary victim, and she questions the decision to withdraw, with no plan in place and with no public input, not a good idea.

Pat Shearer, 5244 Shearer lane, after 16 years, why has there not been any other municipalities wanting to join the regional police?

Ben Barshinger, 5114 Bentz Road, asked how the Board can decide on something this big without having all the answers first?

Scott Zeigler, 3965 North Rohrbaugh Road, is not happy with the Township's obtaining only one other proposal (NYCRPD). He feels that the NYCRPD department is too far away to respond to a call in NCT in a timely manner, especially in a life-threatening situation. Big mistake, feels that the Township will pay more per hour for services.

Pat Mulrooney, 1991 Slagel Road, is also unhappy with the lack of public involvement in this decision. He feels that this decision will put the residents at risk. Criminals watch for cops, too, and if they don't see any patrolling about, they'll figure the Township is fair game.

Tim Beyer, 3270 Messersmith Road, said that if the Township is going to eliminate one emergency service, we might as well eliminate all of them. All of the emergency services work together.

Robert Rebert, 1203 Krafts Mill Road, doesn't see the police in his area at all. He's gone to the police numerous times to complain about speeders in his area for more than a year. He has

expressed that it would be nice to have more police presence there, and asked for some action to slow the speeders down.

Vicki Kehr, 1449 Seven Valleys Road, said if it's not broken, don't fix the system.

Jeff Huff, 5204 Waltersdorff Road, sarcastically suggested eliminating some people in the Township and put that money towards paying the police.

Bob Brunner, 522 Monocacy Trail, is unhappy that there was no public involvement in this decision.

Ron McCullough, 4751 Walters Hatchery Road, asked of the chief how many hours do the police put into a traffic stop? Solicitor Kogut interrupted to note to the Chief, that this is a question for the police board not a question for this meeting/board. The police board has a monthly meeting where this question can be asked.

Nancy Decker, 4427 Walters Hatchery Road, urged the Board to keep the police in place.

Randy Turner, 1895 Stoverstown Road, says yes while it is a good idea to save money, but that public safety is the last place to cut costs. He suggests going back to the table, and get this settled.

Jim Yohe, 2859 Stoverstown Road, said that when you need the police, you need them now, not 30-45 minutes or however long it would take PSP or NYCRP to respond.

Debra Flynn, 1041 Smith Hill Road, says keep the police in our area. She was not happy to hear about it on the news. What do our tax dollars pay for in services? She was advised to look at the budget for details.

Jacob Herbst, 3684 Tunnel Hill Road, says his small business was broken into several years ago. Officers responded right away and arrested someone within two days. Word got out about the quick turnaround/response. The police were very respectful and informative.

Kim Altland, 1473 Sunnyside Road, says that if we choose PSP, and because more and more municipalities are using State police, it will probably involve a tax increase at the state level.

Thank you all for your comments.

Motion by Luckenbaugh, second by Shearer, to *recess* the meeting until November 5, 2018, at 8 a.m., for the budget session and any other Township business that may come before the Board. All members voted aye; motion carried. The meeting *recessed* at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Kerchner,
Township Secretary/Manager

Julie B. Maher,
Recording Secretary