

April 14, 1994

# REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Shenango Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, April 14, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. at the Shenango Township Municipal Building with supervisors Richard Schweinsberg and Andrew Piccuta present.

The meeting was opened with a salute to the flag.

The minutes were read and approved from the March 10, 1994 meeting.

Police Chief Anthony DeCarbo gave the police report.

Motion by Andrew Piccuta second by Richard Schweinsberg to pay the general fund bills.

Motion by Andrew Piccuta second by Richard Schweinsberg to pay the sewer fund bills.

Motion by Richard Schweinsberg second by Andrew Piccuta to pay wage tax refunds.

Motion by Andrew Piccuta second by Richard Schweinsberg to adopt amendment to lease agreement with the New Castle Sanitation Authority.

Motion by Andrew Piccuta second by Richard Schweinsberg to hold the township's clean up day on May 21, 1994, the information will be published.

Chairman Schweinsberg stated the roads to be completed under the township road program, these included Pleasant View Drive, Hoover Road between 422 and Old Princeton, Service Street between 422 and Giant Eagle, Gardner Stop Road, Lower Boyd School, Snake Run, Sankey Hill, Old Butler from Hoover Road to 388, Martha and Moravia. Mr. Schweinsberg stated that the total resurfacing would be 10.5 miles.

The following public comments were heard:

Mr. John Fiacco, Chairman of the Shenango Township Sewer Authority stated that the authority had received a certified letter from the township requesting files be turned over. Mr. Fiacco stated that the authority's office is open Tuesday and Thursday and these files can be reviewed by the township at this time. Mr. Fiacco went on to state that the sewerline on 422 was put in illegally and that the Township wanting to use the debt service from the 1987 Sewer Revenue Bonds to pay for this construction was also illegal. Mr. Fiacco did not state why this was illegal.

Mr. Edward Gallagher, Secretary of the Sewer Authority stated that the audits from 1978 to 1992 cannot be reconciled, and that DCA was having problems with the audits. Chairman Schweinsberg did not know that these audits were in questioned. He was informed by the township secretary that DCA had contacted the township's accountant in regard to the 1993 audit for clarifying. The accountant performed audits on the accrual basis rather than cash basis as has been done in the past. Mr. Gallagher reiterated Mr. Fiacco's statement regarding monies in the debt service fund, and that these are to lower the cost of the sewer users bills. He also questioned if the Sewer Authority could obtain a copy of the Official Statement for the bond closing. He was informed by Mary Gay, Sewer Department Manager that the statement is available for review at the department's office. Mr. Gallagher then went on record to state that by closing on the refunding on March 23, 1994, by his calculations the Board saved the greatest amount of money.

Mr. Bob Sabagen, Old Princeton Road stated that the shoulders are crumbling on Old Princeton Road from Aiken to Route 388.

Mr. Donald Nagel asked when road repairs where to be made on the Old Pittsburgh Road, he was informed that the repairs have already been started and that Amerikohl is responsible for the section where they are mining. Mr. Nagel then went on record to state that the culvert by his house needs to be cleaned.

Mr. John Plugh, Rose Stop Road stated the problem occuring where the culvert is located between his place and Larry Herman. He was informed of how this problem will be corrected.

Mr. Carl Sacherich questioned on monies owed by Ronald Golba for the reconstruction of the pump house. He was informed that a settlement had been reached and that the amount due by Ronald Golba is \$2,692.10. This represents all monies for materials lost in the reconstruction.

Mr. Larry Bintrim, questioned why the township does not go after the engineers for allowing the building to be built incorrectly in the first place. Attorney Cilli answered that the cost is being absorbed by Ronald Golba it is up to him to go after engineers for any monies. Mr. Bintrim went on to state that at a public meeting the Board made a motion to advertise the construction of the new building and this motion was never rescinded. Mr. Schweinsberg stated that these issues would not be hashed out again.

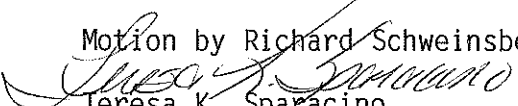
Mr. Carl Sacherich stated that he was satisfied that Mr. Golba is making good on the lost monies. But Mr. Sacherich believes that for the engineering firm to have let Mr. Golba construct the building incorrectly to begin with was wrong. Mr. Sacherich believes that the company should not work for the township and that they have proved themselves incompetant. Mr. Schweinsberg stated that Copple/Rizzo does a fine job for the township and in his opinion that firm is very competant. He went on to state that mistakes are made every day.

Mr. Edward Gallagher stated that the copying of the prints is not going well. (Copple/Rizzo are copying sewer prints for the township's sewer department). He went on to state that prints had been mislaid. Mr. Gallagher went on to state that he has been in the construction business for 37 years and it behooves him that Copple/Rizzo allowed Mr. Golba to build the pump house wrong to begin with. He believes that Copple/Rizzo were responsible for the original building and that they should have to pay some of the bill. Mr. Gallagher then went on to state that he questions the monies paid to Copple/Rizzo for the waterline project.

Mr. Jim Bintrim went on record to state that when making appointments for Copple/Rizzo as engineers in the past, Mr. Budia and Mr. Golba should not have voted due to the fact that they are affiliated with the firm and it represents a conflict of interest. Mr. Bintrim then went on to say that he has a report on the GSA material and that Golba is off the hook, and there were other people who purchased GSA material to a lesser degree. Mr. Golba was not cited because he returned all items purchased.

Mr. Schweinsberg stated that all this had been hashed out before and it will no longer be discussed. MR. Golba is no longer a supervisor and the situation has been investigated by the Ethics Commissiona s as well as the FBI.

Motion by Richard Schweinsberg second by Andrew Piccuta to adjourn.

  
Teresa K. Sparacino  
Secretayr-Treasurer