

May 14, 1992

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Shenango Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, May 14, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. at the Shenango Township Municipal Building with supervisors Ronald Golba, Joseph Budai and Richard Schweinsberg present.

The meeting was opened with a salute to the flag.

The minutes from the April 9, 1992 meeting were read and approved with the following correction made to paragraph 18 of the minutes: "Supervisor Budai stated that Mr. Bintrim had virtually caught him off guard in that he was unaware that \$85,000 worth of materials had been purchased by the Township. He instructed Police Chief Anthony DeCarbo to do a thorough investigation to find the whereabouts of items not on the Township's premises. He was to report to Mr. Bintrim the findings of this investigation".

Motion by Ronald Golba second by Joseph Budai to approve the general fund bills.

Motion by Joseph Budai second by Richard Schweinsberg to approve the sewer fund bills.

Motion by Joseph Budai second by Richard Schweinsberg to approve wage tax refunds.

Motion by Richard Schweinsberg second by Joseph Budai to approve the Earley Subdivision.

Police Chief Anthony DeCarbo gave the police report. As part of his report Chief Decarbo stated that Mr. Scott Rivers and Mr. Scott Pepperman from the General Services Association performed an indepth inventory of the items reportedly missing from the Township garage. He stated that all item have been located. GSA will notify the municipality as to whether any criminal actions have been made. Chief DeCarbo will give a monthly report until the matter has been resolved.

Motion by Joseph Budai second by Richard Schweinsberg to adopt Resolution 8-1992, this resolution approves the planning modules for Allied

Human Services.

Motion by Richard Schweinsberg second by Joseph Budai to adopt Resolution 9-1992, this resolution approves the planning modules for the Weingartner Lots located on Route 422.

The floor was opened to the public for citizens comments:

Mr. Dale Currie questioned why his subdivision has not yet been approved. He informed the Board that the driveway easement has been approved and all requirements have been met. There was then a motion by Richard Schweinsberg and a second by Joseph Budai to approve the subdivision of Mr. Dale Currie.

There was much discussion held concerning the situation with the items purchased from the General Services Association. This discussion included the following questions being asked:

Barb Wagner: Who is permitted in the Township Garage. She was informed that only police personnel, township employees and the state department were permitted in the garage.

Mike Banko - Who is watching the employees to see that items are not stolen? DeCarbo stated that he believes the township employees can be trusted not to take items from the garage.

Jim Bintrim: Questioned why the police chief aided in returning items to the garage? DeCarbo stated that as part of his investigation it was his responsibility to see that all items were returned.

Larry Bintrim: Asked about materials purchased in 1989, and if there was an investigation for these items. DeCarbo stated that the investigation proceeding at this time included items purchased within the last year.

Madeline Rice: Questioned if any township funds were used in purchasing items returned to the garage. She was informed that all items were purchased with personal funds. The problem is between the GSA and the supervisors.

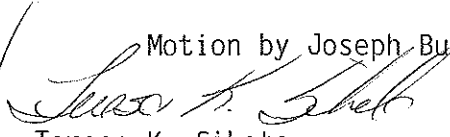
Mary Ann Fleo: Questioned what the procedure was for selling items owned by the Township. She was informed that anything valued at \$200 or higher must be placed for bid.

Supervisor Ronald Golba then stated that the items which were not found in the garage during Mr. Bintrim's search were items he had purchased personally. He stated that he was unaware that he could not purchase these items for his own use and that the Township forwarded a check to GSA for the items and he reimbursed the township.

Comments from citizens concerning Mr. Golba's statement included that as a township supervisor Mr. Golba is to represent the township in an ethical manner. Ignorance of the law is no excuse for doing what he did, many felt that Mr. Golba abused public money in that he evaded the issue of paying sales tax, and purchased items at a much lesser cost than would average citizen.

Other matters discussed at the meeting included: Questions by David Dice, elected township auditor who questioned the new method of keeping track of payroll records. Mr. Dice was informed that under the old method eight hours worth of work was to be recorded on a three inch line. This was not an accurate method of recording work performed in that it is virtually impossible to record eight hours work for seven employees on a three inch line. The new method includes time cards for each employee with a log being kept by roadmasters for work performed. Mr. Dice also made a statement that they did not have time nor records to do an investigation on the GSA items during their auditing period. Mr. Dice was informed that all records were available for their audit. Mr. Dice also questioned that fact that a 1099 was not issued for the program administrator for the Penn Vest project and Community Development Block Grants. Mr. Dice was informed that the money had been claimed and the auditors will receive a copy of the 1099. Mr. Dice then questioned if the supervisors ever read the back of the GSA materials slips. He was informed that yes, they have at this point read the back of those slips.

Motion by Joseph Budai second by Richard Schweinsberg to adjourn.


Teresa K. Sibeto
Secretary-Treasurer

Petitions were presented to the Board concerning the rezoning of the R-3 zone located north of U.S. Route 422, Old Butler Road and South of Frew Mill Road.