Special Meeting Conditional Use Shenango Limestone & Storage January 9, 2020

A special meeting of the Shenango Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, January 9, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Shenango Township Municipal Building, with Supervisors Frank Augustine, Albert Burick, III, and Brandon Rishel present.

The purpose of the hearing was to consider the application for Conditional Use submitted by Shenango Limestone & Storage for the development of underground limestone mine and production plant at 88 Reno Lane, New Castle, Pennsylvania 16101.

The meeting was called to order and opened with a salute to the flag.

Mr. Augustine announced the purpose of the hearing, then turned the hearing over to Solicitor Lou Perrotta.

Mr. Perrotta explained that this hearing is a continuation of the hearing that began on June 25, 2019.

Mr. Perrotta presented the following exhibits at this time:

Exhibit S5 – Notice of Public Hearing on the Conditional Use Application of Shenango Limestone and Storage Company which was advertised in the New Castle News on December 26, 2019 and January 2, 2020

Exhibit S6 - The advertisement and correspondence sent to adjacent property owners

Exhibit S7 – The Affidavit of Posting of Justin Data

Mr. Charles Mansell is representing Shenango Limestone and Mr. William McConnell is representing Shenango Township.

Mr. McConnell made a preliminary comment and gave an overview and scope of the conditional use hearing, saying it is for mineral removal only.

The stenographer swore in each witness before they testified.

Mr. Mansell called Mark Phillian as a witness on behalf of Shenango Limestone.

The following exhibits were marked and identified at this time:

Exhibit A – Crash Data Report

Exhibit B – Correspondence from RAR Engineering dated October 29, 2019

Exhibit C - Traffic Impact Assessment

Exhibit D - Post-Construction Stormwater Management Plan Narrative

Exhibit E – Transcript

Exhibit F – Exhibit

Mr. Phillian continued testifying on behalf of Shenango Limestone.

Mr. Mansell moved for the admission of Exhibits A, B, C, D, E and F, to which Mr. McConnell had no objection.

Mr. Mansell called Tom Mackall as a witness on behalf of Shenango Limestone.

Exhibits A, B, C, D, E and F were admitted into evidence at this time.

Mr. Mansell concluded his case.

Mr. McConnell called Jonathan Garczewski as a witness on behalf of Shenango Township.

Mr. McConnell moved for the admission of the following exhibits:

Exhibit S4 – Letter from Jonathan Garczewski dated January 8, 2020

Exhibit S5 - Stormwater Management review letter dated January 8, 2020

Mr. McConnell moved for the admission of Exhibits S4 and S5, to which Mr. Mansell had no objection, and they were admitted.

Mr. McConnell called Corporal Clint Garver as a witness on behalf of Shenango Township.

Mr. Mansell called Tom Mackall as a rebuttal witness on behalf of Shenango Limestone.

Motion by Mr. Augustine second by Mr. Burick to recess at this time. Motion carried.

A recess was taken from 6:55 p.m. to 7:04 p.m.

Mr. Mansell called Everett Bleakney to testify on behalf of Shenango Limestone, then re-called Tom Mackall to testify on behalf of Shenango Limestone.

Solicitor Perrotta asked if there was any public comment, to which there was no response.

Mr. Mansell waived the time requirements of the Municipal Planning Code for a decision within the time frame of the Municipal Code.

Solicitor Perrotta gave Mr. Mansell 14 days to submit a written closing argument and then Mr. McConnell 14 days to respond.

Public Comment:

Cindy Cochran Dennis Duda David Dean

Motion by Mr. Augustine second by Mr. Burick to adjourn, with a continuation for a decision. Motion carried.

Hearing adjourned at 7:35 p.m.