

January 13, 1993

The Codorus Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on January 13, 1993 at 7:30 P.M. Board members present were: Lamar Glatfelter, James Bailey and Charles Wehrly. Others present were: Rick Sechrist, Solicitor John Herrold, Irvin Rappoldt, Mahlon Stambaugh, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Wright, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Wayland, Mr. Francis Sponheimer, Mrs. Bonnie Sponheimer, the Sponheimer's daughter, Noah Shearer, Mr. Wright's son-in-law and Barb Krebs from the Dispatch.

Chairman Glatfelter opened the meeting with the Pledge.

The minutes were approved as written.

Kenneth Wright supplied pictures for the township's inspection. These pictures showed Bonnie Sponheimer's kennels to be within 4 feet of the Wright's property line. Mr. Wright had the property surveyed by Joe Shaw, surveyor, sometime during the week of January 10. When the property was surveyed it was determined the kennels are within 4 feet of the property line.

Mr. Kenneth Wright also stated that Mrs. Sponheimer is throwing the dog manure and junk into his woods. Mrs. Sponheimer had a tree service cut down trees from Mr. Wright's property and Mrs. Sponheimer used the wood for firewood. Also, the debris from the tree cutting was thrown into Mr. Wright's woods. Mr. Wright talked to the gentleman from the tree service and that gentleman confirmed Mrs. Sponheimer hired him to cut the trees.

Mrs. Sponheimer also put up more fence posts on Mr. Wright's property but she did take them down after Mr. Wright contacted her. Mr. Wright brought a tape of the Sponheimer's dogs barking - he wanted the supervisors to understand the noise the dogs make. He also stated that there are two autos sitting at the edge of the property and one is two feet over the line. Mr. Wright indicated that the set backs are 10 feet from the property line.

Solicitor Herrold asked, "When were the kennels built?" Mr. Wright said between 1985 and 1987. Mrs. Sponheimer was asked the same question and she would not respond. Supervisor Glatfelter said the township can do something about the kennels and their location. Solicitor Herrold commented that the township could not do anything about the tree cutting. Supervisor Glatfelter asked Mr. Rappoldt, Zoning Officer, to check out the dog kennels. Mr. Rappoldt will meet with Mr. Wright on Thursday, January 14 at 10:00 A.M.

Mrs. Wayland asked if there is a law about throwing leaves into the road. Supervisors Wehrly and Glatfelter said they could check into this. Mrs. Wayland indicated the Sponheimers had thrown large quantities of leaves into the road and her husband cleaned them up. Supervisor Glatfelter said if it happens again, Mr. Rappoldt will check it out.

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Mr. Wright suggested the Zoning Officer should be out there checking the area. Mr. Rappoldt said he was out there twice in the last month.

Mrs. Wayland discussed the four dogs coming onto her property last summer. She had a copy of the State Dog Laws. Solicitor Herrold told her to check with her attorney on this matter. He also stated there is a limitation in what the township can do. It cannot use public funds to defend private rights. Residents can seek legal counsel to defend their rights.

Irvin Rappoldt, Zoning Officer, gave his report concerning building permits issued in December. He was asked to check out if Bradley Metzger had a permit to build the deck around his house. Also, if Marshall Graves' driveway meets specifications. Would he check to see if the Cecil's had a permit to put the addition on their house.

Mahlon Stambaugh, Sewage Enforcement Officer, had nothing to report. He discussed the possibility of having regular office hours at the township building. The supervisors discussed this matter at the organizational meeting.

Solicitor Herrold indicated that resolution #92-3 adopted in December was filed with the Clerk of Courts. Also, the newspaper received the information on the adoption of the amended zoning ordinance concerning hardship cases. It will appear in the newspaper on January 19 and 26. The public hearing to adopt the amended ordinance will be held Wednesday, February 10 at 7:30 P.M.

Noah Shearer is opening a Bait and Tackle Shop and Harrisburg will not issue him a license until he has a street address. They will not issue a license to a P.O. Box number. Supervisor Wehrly and Supervisor Glatfelter checked the township map and the road is Glenville Road. It was suggested that he could contact the Department of Highways to confirm the name of the road.

Solicitor Herrold suggested a letter be sent to Page Reed and Ronald Smith. This letter should inform them of the resolution to purchase a license to store black powder and low and high explosives; and ask them to comply with the ordinance and apply for a license.

The bills were presented to the Board. Lamar Glatfelter made a motion to pay the bills and it was seconded by Charles Wehrly. This motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M. on motion by Charles Wehrly and seconded by James Bailey.

- Respectfully submitted,

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For Goldie Day, Secretary