

Connoquenessing Township's "Close of Business" Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Terry Steinheiser at 8:00 a.m. on December 31, 2013 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser and Scott Longdon. Jack Kaltenbaugh was not present. Also attending were Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr., Treasurer Lee Kradel and Secretary Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Engineer Bill Braun did not attend. Four people signed in on the public sign in record on file. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW MINUTES

Steinheiser made a motion to approve supervisor meeting minutes of December 4, 2013. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel opened by stating this report only shows activity since our December 4, 2013 supervisors meeting. Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$342,615.44 but after total deposits of \$59,446.75 and checks in the amount of \$41,421.03 are approved the ending balance will be \$360,641.16. The Escrow account beginning balance was \$26,544.47 but after deposits in the amount of \$11,377.78 and checks in the amount of \$1,125.50, the ending balance is \$36,796.75. Lee Kradel stated the Highway Aide balance remained the same at \$61,201.54 and the Act 13 Impact Fee fund balance remained the same at \$258,956.70. Steinheiser motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD

NONE

REQUEST TO BE HEARD

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PLANS

Longdon stated the Planning Commission denied the Voelker Paving plan at their last meeting. In addition, Voelker Paving's last extension that was accepted is up on January 1, 2014 so the board needs to either approve or deny the plan today. Longdon said Voelker Paving has granted the Township another 100 day extension as of today. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated Voelker Paving has been granting us extensions since March of 2013 and we either have to accept another extension, approve or deny the plan. Longdon stated he has talked to both Mr. Swartz and Tim Spangler on stating they need to show progress. Longdon said if the plan is denied, enforcement needs to be taken which will include locking the doors. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated it has been a lack of diligence on Voelker Paving's part. Steinheiser agreed by stating they have had adequate time. After discussion, the board decided to accept another 45 day extension from them instead

of the requested 100 days. In addition, the board asked Mr. Menchyk, Jr. to send a letter to both parties and include a breakdown of Bill Braun's comments that need completed and state they have 45 days to have the plan finalized. Longdon said if the plan is just denied today it would only set them back further because they would have to start all over again. London made a motion to have Mr. Menchyk, Jr. send both Tim Spangler and Bob Swartz a certified letter with Bill Braun's requirements and state they have 45 days before the supervisors will act. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said he would send a draft copy to the supervisors for their final approval. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Patrick Hammonds, representative for the Koebler Plan, requested preliminary & final approval of their lot line revision. Steinheiser and Longdon previously reviewed and stated it was recommended by the Township Planning Commission and the Butler County Planning Commission had no comments. Longdon stated they are also requesting a motion that a modification be granted for providing contours on the above referenced plan. Steinheiser made a motion granting a modification for providing contours on the plan. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser then made a motion to approve the Koebler Plan including the modification for preliminary and final approval. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

SOLICITOR REPORT

NONE

ENGINEER REPORT

Steinheiser stated Brett Schultz from Weaver Master Builders is requesting Sonoma Valley's letter of credit be reduced by \$128,900.00 for a revised amount of \$725,532.84. Steinheiser said a letter was received from Bill Braun stating he did the inspection and agrees to the reduced amount. Steinheiser made a motion to reduce Sonoma Valley's letter of credit by \$128,900.00 to a revised amount of \$725,532.84. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Longdon stated the road crew is keeping busy plowing this month and replacing signs that were knocked down. Longdon stated they have been cleaning catch basins and doing general maintenance on the equipment. The road superintendent report for December 2013 is in packets.

SEO REPORT

NONE

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

Steinheiser stated there were two building permits applied for this month. They were:

Eric Pawlowicz - Eagle Mill Rd. - barn

Dale Lyons - Welsh Rd. - shed

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Andrew Menchyk, Jr. stated it is unfortunate that Ron Kaltenbaugh is not able to fulfill his duties on the Planning Commission and said if the board chooses to remove him, the board would need to send a letter to him giving him 15 days advance notice of this action. Steinheiser told

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. that he would like the letter to state if Ron Kaltenbaugh ever became able to fulfill his duties, the board would gladly take him back. Steinheiser wants the letter to be very generous. Longdon totally agreed with Steinheiser. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. Said Mr. Kaltenbaugh currently has a court appointed guardian. Steinheiser made a motion to have Mr. Menchyk, Jr. write the letter. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes. Secondly, Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated he received a call from Planning Chairperson, Sandi Cox, in regards to having two positions open now and asking if a new person could take the open four year term or only allowed to fulfill Ron Kaltenbaugh's term through December 2014. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. told the board a new person could be appointed to the 4 year term but should have someone to fill Mr. Kaltenbaugh's term when it comes available in February. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated there is a lack of interest in serving. The board jokingly told Lee Kradel to get working on applicants.

Steinheiser motioned to refund escrow for land development to Troy Towsey in the amount of \$428.00. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser motioned to refund escrow for land development and sewage testing to Robert Hilliard in the amount of \$410.00. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser said the below, which was on the agenda, is for information:

Rec'd letter from Rex Energy dated December 13, 2013 to notify us that Permit Applications for Drilling or Altering a Well are being submitted to the PA DEP for the Dorsch Unit's 2H and 4H natural gas wells located in Lancaster Township. A copy is on file at the Township.

Received "notification of surface landowner/water purveyor of well drilling operation or alteration" from DEP for 1 well in Butler Township. The well pad is the Hinch-Smith Unit 10HB. Information is on file at Township office.

Received "notification of surface landowner/water purveyor of well drilling operation or alteration" from DEP for 1 well in Forward Township. The well pad is the Hixon Unit 6HB. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated December 17, 2013 from Rex Energy to notify the Township that Permit Applications for Drilling or Altering a Well are being submitted to the PA DEP for the Flinner Unit's 1H, 2H and 3H natural gas wells located in Muddy Creek Township. Information is on file at Township Office.

Received letter dated December 18, 2013 from Morris Knowles & Associates on behalf of XTO Energy to inform that they are applying for coverage under the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP-2) for earth disturbance associated with Oil & Gas Exploration, Production, Processing or Treatment Operations or Transmission Facilities from the PA DEP. Project location is Ragan Road. Comments are requested to the DEP within 30 days. Information is on file at Township Office.

Received letter dated December 20, 2013 from Gannett Fleming notifying us of Mountain Gathering's intention to submit a General Permit application to the PA DEP for authorization under PAG-10 (discharges from Hydrostatic Testing of Tanks and Pipelines). (AK Steel to

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

Steinheiser motioned to adjourn at 8:22 a.m. to an executive session to discuss Western Pennsylvania, LLC litigation. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes. Steinheiser stated the board would not return.