

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Steinheiser at 7:00 p.m. on October 4, 2017 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser, Ed Rupert and Ray Kroll. Also attending were Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr., Engineer Bill Braun, Treasurer/Asst. Secretary Lee Kradel and Secretary/Asst. Treasurer Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. Eleven people signed in on the public sign in record on file.

### **REVIEW MINUTES**

Reviewed minutes of September 6, 2017. Steinheiser motioned to accept the minutes of September 6, 2017. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

### **PLANNING MINUTES - in supervisors packets for information**

July 19, 2017

August 16, 2017 (canceled)

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$556,139.63 but after deposits of \$79,992.56 and checks in the amount of \$124,326.00 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$511,806.19. Lee Kradel stated the Escrow account beginning balance is \$51,388.83 but after deposits of \$600.00 and checks in the amount of \$400.00 are approved tonight, the ending balance is \$51,588.83. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$25,549.45 but with interest of \$.87, and a check in the amount of \$11,421.99, the ending balance is \$14,128.33. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$195,398.04 but with interest of \$15.52, the ending balance is \$195,413.56. Lee stated a CD in the amount of \$500,000 of Act 13 funds brings the total Act 13 fund balance to \$695,413.56. Kroll motioned to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

### **COMMENT PERIOD - three minute limit pertaining to agenda**

\*NONE\*

### **BIDS**

There were no bids for Anti-Skid submitted. Kroll stated the Township had just ordered 1,000 tons of anti-skid and 800 tons of salt and has 4,000 tons of anti-skid and salt mixed and ready to go for the winter. Kroll said the Township is in good shape.

### **REQUEST TO BE HEARD - three minute limit**

Roy Gilliland thanked the board for what has been done to correct his easement problem but said the jury is still out since there hasn't been any rain. Mr. Gilliland said if it does not work, he will be back. Secondly, Mr. Gilliland thanked the board for opening the meetings with a prayer. Mr. Gilliland said Kroll had showed pictures last month of his problem and stated there was no erosion problem, however Mr. Gilliland said Kroll doesn't always present factual information to the other board members and asked how they can make good decisions? Bill Braun said from the edge of the rip rap there are several minor erosion ditches. Steinheiser told Mr. Gilliland to watch to see if the new remedy is helping and keep the board updated. Mr. Gilliland said Kroll continues to fight the problem. Kroll said he is not fighting. Kroll said he has listened to Bill Braun's suggestions and spent money and time addressing this problem. Mr. Gilliland told Kroll he doesn't tell the truth. Kroll said, "unbelievable". Steinheiser stopped the discussion.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

\*NONE\*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Rupert motioned to adopt resolution #5-17 to allow the Chairman, Terry Steinheiser, to sign the Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Program Project Funding Agreement. This agreement was dropped off by Dick Knapco of PennDot to be signed and returned. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser brought to the public's attention a dangerous sink hole on Dick Rd. by 685 Dick Rd. He stated this is a State Highway but feels they should be contacted. Steinheiser stated the road crew has said their truck is dragging in

the area and looks dangerous. Charlotte Grimme stated she drives the road regularly and said her car has touched the road. After discussing, Steinheiser asked Brenda Davis to find a contact name at PennDot to address the Township's concerns and then prepare a letter for a supervisor to sign.

### **PRE-APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

Lee Bartolicius from KRK Lawn Care stated he recently purchased property at 192 Reiber Rd. and was approached by gas drillers asking if they could set up camper trailers on his lot? He said he has run public water to the property and a septic tank is already there and he has run connections from the sites into the sewage system. Mr. Bartolicius stated he had heard from the Township that this may not be allowed so he was here tonight to see how to proceed. Rupert stated there is an 18 month "holding tank ordinance" for commercial properties. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated the Township doesn't have a "man-camp" ordinance in place so either the mobile home or campground ordinance would need followed. Mr. Bartolicius asked if he could put in one trailer? Kroll stated the sewage system first needs checked by our Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO) then one travel trailer can be put on the lot. The board told Mr. Bartolicius he could apply for a permit at the Township building.

### **PLANS**

Jonathan Garczewski from Gateway Engineers was present to present the Baglier Mazda new Stormwater Management measures for the back of their property. Mr. Garczewski stated they just expanded their parking area in the back with new gravel and showed the board the new Stormwater Management Plan. Mr. Garczewski also said Baglier Mazda plans on taking the grass out in front by Rt. 68 and is going to use the existing Stormwater facility for this extra runoff. Mr. Garczewski said the plan has all been presented to our engineer Bill Braun. Bill Braun stated it has been through our Planning Commission and they had requested an infiltration sample which Gateway Engineers has done. Bill Braun stated his only recommendation is a Stormwater O & M agreement needs executed between Baglier Mazda and the Township. Bill Braun stated Baglier Mazda is only proposing to use existing gravel right now but our ordinance required the plan to be based on future paving so that is what Gateway Engineers did. Kroll asked Bill Braun if parking the cars out front on the new gravel area will interfere with the site distance of the entrance? Bill Braun stated the gravel area will actually be further back than where they park cars now. Lee Kradel asked if a bond is needed? Bill Braun said, "no" it is not a Land Development. Steinheiser motioned to accept Baglier Mazda's Stormwater Management Plan contingent on receiving an executed O & M agreement. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

### **ENGINEER REPORT**

Bill Braun stated Senate Engineering has added 3 additional alternatives related to the Act 537 plan. Bill Braun said the first (1) alternative was to send all sewage to BASA, (2) expand the Brandywine facility, (3) Dick Rd. location, (4) Shannon Rd. location, but stated the 3 new ones are a different location on Shannon Rd., (6) Welsh road location or (7) use the current Evans City sewage plant. Bill Braun stated the major differences between the first four and last three is that (1) a lot of gravity lines were eliminated down the creek and brought them up forcing a few more pump stations and (2) moved the Kriess pump station more to the South to get more customers. Bill Braun said the construction cost does increase but now are able to pick up more EDU's. Bill Braun said he left all 7 alternative plans on the table for the board and public to review and give him comments. Mr. Braun said Senate Engineering still recommends either the Dick Rd. location (alternative 3) or the new Shannon Rd. (alternative 5). Mr. Braun stated Alternative 5 increases the EDU's and the user rate only goes up \$2.00 a month. Bill Braun said the next steps will be to gather the board's and public's comments, then have the plan revised for a 30 day public comment period and then final preparation for the DEP. Steinheiser stated the board had already met with Senate Engineering to discuss the different alternatives and the board liked both the Dick Rd. and new Shannon Rd. locations. He said the Shannon Rd. location would cost about 2-1/2 to 3 million more but he said the sewage treatment facility will be more remote and he feels this will affect less residents. Rupert stated there are just drawings of the 7 alternatives to review, no written plans. Mrs. Grimme thanked the board for looking at other alternatives but reiterated that she and her husband still feel the same that they will fight eminent domain. Steinheiser stated the plans are here for public review.

### **SOLICITOR REPORT**

Andrew Menchyk, Jr. stated he received a quote from General Code to update our Township code. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated the quote is in the amount between \$455 and \$540 which would include codifying Ord. No 92, updating the online e360 and they would send us page update packets to replace in our code books. Rupert and Steinheiser said there may be additional changes in the future. Steinheiser said he would like to call an executive session at the

end of the meeting to discuss Real Estate properties that could possibly affect a change to the code. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. told Steinheiser new ordinances take time and would be a 2018 project. Steinheiser suggested tabling the update at this time.

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated Golden L has been sent two notices from Township for payment of their yearly Mobile Home Occupancy Permit fee and has not paid as of this date. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated he would send them 2 letters, one certified and one through regular mail.

Lastly, Mr. Menchyk, Jr. showed the board the revised agreement between Statewide Tax Recovery, Inc. (Statewide) and the Township for Statewide to start collecting our delinquent per capita taxes. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated Mr. Rupert had wanted some changes in the agreement which were discussed at last month's meeting and they are now included above the signature line on page 3. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated Statewide had no issue with these changes. After the board reviewed, Rupert made a motion to approve and execute the collection agreement with Statewide Tax Recovery, Inc. and granting the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Township. Rupert stated this is the \$5.00 per capita tax. In addition, Mr. Rupert said the Township office will send one final notice for payment to approximately 200 residents, who have not paid, before they are turned over to Statewide. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes. Roy Gilliland asked Mr. Menchyk, Jr. if the Township has to pay him to send out letters on their behalf? Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said, "yes". Mr. Gilliland feels that the person getting the letter from the Township should have the cost of mailing it added onto them, not the Township. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated that usually only happens if they are cited through the courts. Mr. Gilliland said he was only trying to save the taxpayers money.

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

\*NONE\*

#### **ROAD MASTERS REPORT**

Kroll motioned to release MarkWest's Upper Harmony and Whitestown Roads bonds. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **BUILDING PERMIT REPORT**

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

- 50-17 - Marlin Berry - Welsh Rd. - house - 8/30/17
- 51-17 - James Beck - Prospect Rd. - pole building - 9/14/17
- 52-17 - Stanley Dodds - Whipporwill Rd. - garage - 9/24/17
- 53-17 - Sonoma Valley - Silver Oak Dr. - house - 9/27/17
- 54-17 - Tung Nguyen - Mirage Ct. - roof over deck - 10/2/17

Rupert asked Brenda Davis if a letter was ever received by Marlin Berry's mother stating she was okay with his front setback? Ms. Davis said, "yes".

#### **TAX COLLECTOR REPORT**

\*NONE\*

#### **SEO REPORT**

Rupert stated Dave Ice did an inspection at 776 Dick Rd. based on a complaint at last month's meeting that there was digging and possible sewage piped to the creek. Rupert stated Dave Ice told him he went there and inspected and also talked to the owner and they said they were only putting in french drains and had hit the side of the leech bed but repaired it. The owner assured Dave Ice there was no sewage to the creek. Rupert said Dave Ice said he has to take the owner's word unless the supervisors direct him to take a dye test. No action was taken.

#### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT**

\*NONE\*

#### **MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

Steinheiser stated the BCATO 2017 Fall Convention will be held at the Slippery Rock Municipal Center on October 24, 2017. Registration is at 6:00 P.M. Rupert motioned to approve and pay for all Township Officials to attend for \$20.00/each. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Rupert pointed out that a letter dated September 20, 2017 from Thousand Hills, LLC located at 318 Woodlands Rd. was received notifying the Township that they intend to apply to the PA DEP for a new Air Quality State Only Operating Permit for their facility which will be a crematory that cremates large animals. Rupert stated any comments need to be made to the PA DEP within 30 days of the letter. Bill Braun had submitted a comment pertaining to future buildings or stormwater but did not need submitted to the DEP. The board did not have any comments. Evelyn Hockenberry asked where this is located? Brenda Davis gave her directions. Information is on file at Township office.

Lee Kradel stated that the Foreign Fire Tax monies from the State were received and listed on the Financial Report and the whole amount has been sent to the Connoquenessing Fire Dept. Lee Kradel also stated the Municipal Pension State Aid was received and listed on the Financial Report.

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

Rolling Valley and Domhoff Mobile Home Parks have been inspected and their operating permits were issued.

Connoquenessing Volunteer Fire Dept. will hold their Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 29, 2017. Line up is 1:30 p.m. - Parade begins at 2:00 p.m. In addition, Connoquenessing Township will hold their -Trick-or-Treat on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Received letter dated August 28, 2017 from Rex Energy to notify that Permit Applications for Drilling or Altering a Well are being submitted to the PA DEP for the Hofer Unit's 2H, 4H, 6H and 8H natural gas wells located in Penn Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated September 11, 2017 from XTO Energy stating they are applying for a well permit for the proposed Bristol B Unit 5H well located in Butler Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated September 26, 2017 from XTO stating they are in the process of applying for a well permit for the proposed Lesney Unit 5H well. Information is on file at Township office.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Steinheiser adjourned the meeting to an executive session at 7:59 p.m. to discuss real estate issues. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.