

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Edward Rupert at 7:00 p.m. on March 7, 2018 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Ed Rupert and Ray Kroll. Terry Steinheiser did not attend. 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. Fourteen people signed in on the public sign in record on file. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

REVIEW MINUTES

Reviewed minutes of February 7, 2018 supervisor meeting. Kroll motioned to accept the February 7, 2018 with corrections being made under the "Plan" section to delete all lines in between the sentence starting "Mrs. Klink until the sentence where Kroll motioned to approve the "Installation & Maintenance" agreement. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Rupert stated the Planning Meeting minutes for the month of January are in supervisor packets.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$482,094.35 but after deposits of \$88,299.36 and checks in the amount of \$107,639.81 are approved tonight, the ending balance will be \$462,753.90. Lee Kradel stated the beginning Escrow account balance is \$56,032.08 but after deposits of \$1,500.00 and checks in the amount of \$4,171.50 being approved tonight, the ending balance will be \$53,360.58. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance is \$14,130.73 with interest of \$.54 and our annual disbursement in the amount of \$216,375.58, the ending balance is \$230,506.85. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance was \$165,555.13 but with interest of \$12.70, the ending balance is \$165,567.83. Lee Kradel said the additional Act 13 CD in the amount of \$501,575.34 received \$1,580.31 interest for a grand total of \$668,723.48. Kroll motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD Three minute limit pertaining to agenda

NONE

BIDS

Rupert asked Brenda Davis to open the bids for "Traffic Signal Maintenance". Brenda Davis stated Traffic Systems and Services emailed a proposal and Bruce & Merrilees mailed in a sealed proposal. Kroll questioned if Right Electric submitted a new bid after the advertisement was placed? Brenda Davis said "no". Rupert motioned to table the awarding of the proposals until they could be reviewed. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Rupert stated it was discussed at last meeting if the new tax collector can appoint Kara Gold as her "Deputy Tax Collector"? After tabling to have Mr. Menchyk, Jr. look into, Rupert stated this is permitted and since the County has approved her a motion needs made to accept her. Rupert motioned to ratify Kara Gold as the Township's "Deputy Tax Collector" effective January 2, 2018. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Rupert stated Ann Isaacs requested her fee to do tax certifications be increased from \$25.00 per parcel to \$30.00. Rupert stated since this is her first year collecting and she can only certify one year of taxes he does not feel an increase is warranted. Kroll agreed and no action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

REQUEST TO BE HEARD (Three minute limit)

Ike Kelly, resident on Buttercup Rd., was present and presented pictures of the water runoff on Buttercup Road. Mr. Kelly stated it is coming from the Farm Show grounds and feels their retention pond is in the wrong location and the pipe under the road is too high. Mr. Kelly said this has been an ongoing issue for years. Kroll said he will have Bill Braun come out and look.

Paul & Karen McDowell were on the agenda but did not attend.

PLANS

Rupert stated Resolution #1-18 accepted at last month's meeting was already used and needed changed to use #2-18. Kroll motioned to ratify Resolution # 1-18 made at February 7, 2018 meeting to Resolution #2-18. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

ENGINEER REPORT

Bill Braun stated Senate Engineering has talked to Mrs. Grimme and her attorney lately about the placement of the Sewage System and Mrs. Grimme stated she is planning on putting her land into a conservancy to prohibit development. Mr. Braun told Mrs. Grimme to get it done in the immediate future because the Township is moving forward with the Act 537 Plan. Bill Braun stated Welsh Road looks like the most feasible location if the restrictions are placed on the Grimme property. Bill Braun said he

spoke recently to Mike Zimmerman from the DEP and relayed this same information and told him the Township is working towards getting the plan to the DEP within the next 1-1/2 months.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated he did receive the signed copy of the Cochran R. E. LP "Installation & Maintenance Agreement" for the Zero Discharge Sewage System that was approved at last month's meeting and said the supervisors can now execute the agreement. Rupert stated no motion was needed because this was approved at last month's meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Kroll motioned to approve February invoice in the amount of \$90.99/report in the packets. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Kroll motioned to release road bonds to Stonehenge on Eagle Mill, Whitestown and Little Creek Roads upon satisfaction of signed agreement prepared by Mr. Menchyk, Jr. between the Township and Stonehenge. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll stated he asked Bill Braun to come out tomorrow to look at a pond issue on Eagle Mill Rd. and a flooding problem on Bloom Hill.

Kroll motioned to advertise for two (2) full time summer college students and one (1) temporary part-time summer help. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Lastly, Kroll motioned to advertise for a cleaning person for the Township building for once a week between 2-4 hours. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

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

2-18 - Christine Muzzana - Kriess Rd. - storage building - 2-13-18

3-18 - Christine Muzzana - Kriess Rd. - storage building - 2-13-18

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

NONE

SEO REPORT

NONE

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Rupert motioned to refund XTO's Holding Tank escrow in the amount of \$2,800.00. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes. Kroll feels this fee (ordinance) for temporary holding tanks is excessive and needs looked at because gas companies are only putting in above ground tanks and only being on site for 6 days. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said he would look at the ordinance and advise.

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

Received letter from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) to inform that, on behalf of R.E. Gas Development, they are applying to the PA DEP for a Chapter 105 General Permit Registration for temporary stream and wetland impacts associated with the Shipley to Bloom Temporary Waterline Project located in Connoquenessing Borough and Connoquenessing Township. Information is on file at Township office.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Kroll motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.