

Connoquenessing Township’s Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Steinheiser at 7:00 p.m. on June 6, 2018 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. Seventeen people signed in on the public sign in record on file.

REVIEW MINUTES

Reviewed minutes of May 2, 2018. A resident questioned a word on page 2 under "Engineers Report" that was incorrectly typed "with transpire" instead of "will transpire". Rupert, noting this correction, motioned to accept the minutes of May 2, 2018. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser stated the Planning meeting minutes for March 21, 2018 are in packets and the Planning meeting for April 2018 was canceled

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$468,267.17 but after deposits of \$221,977.48 and checks in the amount of \$98,031.38 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$592,213.27. Lee Kradel stated the Escrow account beginning balance is \$53,225.58 but after deposits of \$900.00 and checks in the amount of \$901.00 are approved tonight, the ending balance is \$53,224.58. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$230,526.11 but with interest of \$9.79, the ending balance is \$230,535.90. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$165,595.50 but with interest of \$14.06, the ending balance is \$165,609.56 but Ms. Kradel added the Act 13 CD account balance of \$503,155.65 and interest in the amount of \$1,533.59 for a total of \$504,689.24 in the CD account and a grand total in the Act 13 account of \$670,298.80. Kroll motioned to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Rupert mentioned Nextier offering a new checking account with a higher interest rate. Lee Kradel stated the interest rate will run with the Federal fund rate minus .40 basis points which is paying currently 1.35%. Kradel said a new account will need opened and stated there are no fees involved. Steinheiser asked if a minimum is required to keep in the account? Ms. Kradel said, \$2,500.00. Rupert motioned to close the existing Act 13 checking account and transfer the funds to new checking account with higher interest rate. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser stated the Township needs to update our QuickBooks to Premier 2018. Lee Kradel stated we currently have the 2015 version and as of May 31, 2018 is no longer supported by Intuit. Ms. Kradel said once this is approved and installed, our computer person will reinstall our payroll program which was just updated last month. Kroll motioned to update QuickBooks to Premier 2018 at a cost of \$359.99. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD - Three minute limit pertaining to agenda

Evelyn Hockenberry asked who all the names listed with a Payroll description on the Financial Report are? Steinheiser stated two are temporary summer help and one is the new cleaning lady. Ms. Hockenberry asked if the two summer help were college students? Mr. Steinheiser said "yes" and said they were the same two from last year and are trained and have their flagger certifications.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD - three minute limit

Janet Salusky stated she has called the Township for the last 3 months about the berm/ditch draining in front of her house at 359 Eagle Mill Rd. and gets no response. Ms. Salusky said she gets all the runoff from the trailer park and the drain is totally clogged which backs up into her yard. Ms. Salusky provided pictures. Kroll stated he could clean out the ditch but not the culvert. Kroll said he would investigate.

Charlotte Grimme was not present until later in the meeting.

BIDS

Following are the sealed bids that were publicly opened and read aloud by Brenda Davis for the letting of June 6, 2018:

PAVING

The bidders and amounts are below:

	Wiest	Shields	Youngblood Paving
579 ton	\$71.46	\$58.98	68.00
6,498 ton	\$71.46	\$69.50	74.00

SEALCOAT

The bidders and amounts are below:

	Young Blood Paving	Russell Standard
Bituminous Surface Treatment	\$3.10	\$3.223
Single Bituminous Seal Coat	\$1.27	\$1.347

LIMESTONE

The bidders and amounts are below:

Tons	Material	IA Construction Price per ton	McClymonds Price per ton	Allegheny Mineral Price per ton
3,000	2A	\$29.30	\$19.59	\$18.70
100	1	\$29.80	\$20.59	\$22.70
250	2B	\$29.30	\$20.49	\$19.75
500	3	n/a	\$20.59	\$19.75

RIP RAP

The bidders and amounts are below:

Tons	Material	IA Construction Price per ton	McClymonds Price per ton	Allegheny Mineral Price per ton
200	#4	\$32.00	\$21.09	\$19.95
200	#6	\$41.00	\$39.09	\$33.20
100	#7	\$43.00	\$39.09	\$33.20

DUST OIL

The bidders and amounts are below:

Gallons	Material	Russell Standard Price per gallon	Suit-Kote Price per gallon
8,000	CRS-2	\$2.08	\$1.79

All above bidders enclosed their bid bonds which were reviewed and approved by Andrew Menchyk, Jr.

Kroll motioned to award the Dust Oil bid to Suit-Kote at the rate of \$1.79/per gallon. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to award the Limestone and Rip Rap bids to Allegheny Mineral. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to award the Seal Coat bid to Youngblood Paving at \$3.10 Bituminous Surface Treatment and \$1.27 Single Bituminous Seal Coat to be used on Crab Run Rd. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll stated all bidders for paving did bid using the G mix, virgin materials and doing a one pass. However, Kroll motioned to table the paving bids because he is not sure if all roads would be done because he is still waiting to see if Rex Energy would be paving the Whitestown Rd. section that was included in this bid. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

PRE-APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Tim Hutchison, resident at 160 Cupps Rd., was present requesting a modification of 10' side setback line from 25' (corner lot) to 15' to build a new garage. Mr. Hutchison also said he would like to have another driveway off of Hidden Meadows Drive to access his new garage. Kroll asked what the hardship is that Mr. Hutchison can't conform to the 25' setback? Mr. Hutchinson

just said that Hidden Meadows Plan did sign a letter that they were okay with the garage being 15' away from the property line. Kroll said all utility companies would need notified before allowing another driveway entrance. Mr. Hutchison said it would be no problem because it would be the same as the present driveway he has right now. Kroll had a problem with him building a 40' x 50' building and referring it on his drawing as a shed. Kroll couldn't agree to him needing a 15' setback instead of 25'. Mr. Hutchison said he has a shed now that the Township approved in 2014 with a 11' setback so this new proposed garage will be further away. Kroll felt a Land Development Plan should be submitted to show all the buildings, show how the Stormwater would be handled and where the driveways would be. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. read from the Subdivision & Land Development section of our Ordinance book that Mr. Hutchison would have to put in writing what the peculiar conditions pertaining to the land in question warrants a modification. Kroll said he needed a land development to show the buildings, pond, set backs and small storm water application completed. Rupert wanted a letter stating this was not for commercial use because setbacks would change. Steinheiser tabled the discussion until a driveway application is submitted, a hardship is established for the modification and the stormwater plan is received.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Rupert motioned to approve retaining PA State Association of Boroughs as our Website provider at an annual rate of \$419.00. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

PLANS

Cheryl Hughes from Land Surveyors was present to present the Fred R. Guiher, Shawn P. & Laura Coyle & Thomas W. & Sandra J. Ihlenfeld Lot Line Revision Plan. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. asked if there were maintenance and easement agreements for the two existing driveways. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. showed the board that the driveways were still shown on the plan so either language needed put on the plan stating they would not be used or maintenance and easement agreements would need completed. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated he could supply Ms. Hughes with the proper language to put on the Plan. Rupert motioned to grant modification to waive the requirement for providing contours per Article 7, chapter 245-14 articles 5 & 6. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes. Steinheiser motioned to approve the Fred R. Guiher, Shawn P. & Laura Coyle & Thomas W. & Sandra J. Ihlenfeld Lot Line Revision Plan for preliminary and final approval contingent on modification of the plan to include the language supplied by the Solicitor concerning the two private drives. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Braun stated he has left 4 new Act 537 Update Plans here at the Township for public review and comments. Mr. Braun stated they revisited 5 alternative locations which included Brandywine, Dick Rd., Welsh Rd., BASA and Shannon Rd. Mr. Braun stated the service area would mainly be the same however all Kriess Rd. will be picked up and Connoquenessing School Rd. would be added. The recommended plant site now is Welsh Rd. A resident questioned why the Township can't go in with the West Butler County Authority sewage who covers the condos on Benbrook Road in Butler Township? The board stated that would be Butler Area Sewer Authority and those avenues of joining with them is not cost effective.

Mrs. Grimme said "Thank You " to the board for all their efforts and getting the location of the sewage plant moved to a new location. Steinheiser told her this is not a guarantee and will depend on the DEP's approval of the new Welsh Road location. A resident asked "why doesn't the DEP attend these meetings"? The board said you have to submit the information to the DEP, they will not come. Mr. Dale Lyons said he thought the cheapest way was going on Dick Rd. location (Grimme's) but now the board is contradicting that statement. Steinheiser said this new location is picking up more EDU's which makes it comparable in cost. Mr. Dale Lyons asked what property was being considered? Rupert said it is owned by M & T Properties. Mr. Lyons asked if they were notified? Rupert said it has been attempted.

Mr. Craig Buck from Winterwood said he has had a sewage issue for years and can't sell his house and he has been told nothing can be done until public sewage comes through. He said Dave Ice can not issue him a repair permit and he needs a solution. Kroll explained to Mr. Buck that once the Act 537 plan is approved, the DEP will allow Mr. Ice to issue these repair permits. Steinheiser said this is why it is so important to get this Act 537 plan into the DEP.

Evelyn Hockenberry asked what the Industrial Park businesses will do that are currently hooked to BASA? Bill Braun said they will have to connect to our system.

Rupert motioned to advertise the Act 537 Plan write up supplied by Senate Engineering which states the plan is available for a 30 day review and comments. Rupert stated the comments will be addressed and included in the Act 537 plan that is submitted to the DEP. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes. Bill Braun stated the deadline for comments will be July 11, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. Mrs. Grimme asked when the Public meeting will be held? Rupert said there will not be a Public meeting, just receiving comments that will be addressed. Mrs. Grimme asked if she should still comment on the Plan since its about another location? Bill Braun told her she should still comment. Lee Kradel asked if comments from the past plan will be included? Bill Braun said "no". Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated anyone that wants to make comments needs to put new comments in.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Kroll motioned to approve General Code eCode360 annual maintenance in the amount of \$1,195.00. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. provided to the board a final draft of Resolution #3 which will address the Temporary Holding Tank application and escrow fees that were discussed at the last several supervisor meetings. After discussing, the board tabled adopting the Resolution in order to have more time to review.

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. discussed the Floodplain Ordinance that was motioned to advertise at last month's meeting and stated this is a State mandated ordinance. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated it was advertised in the Butler Eagle and ready to adopt. Rupert asked Mr. Menchyk, Jr. if the board decides to adopt tonight if another advertisement would need put in to inform the residents of possible Floodplain map changes related to their properties? Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said just adopting the Floodplain Ordinance is giving notice in itself. Rupert motioned to adopt Floodplain Ordinance. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Sandi Cox, code enforcement officer, was present and discussed a complaint she received about a pool at 1100 Evans City Rd. overcome by frogs and mosquitos and worried some children may fall in. Mrs. Cox stated she did place a lock on the gate but suggests getting the pool drained immediately. Mrs. Cox said you need someone who is insured and legally allowed to dispose of the waste water. Mrs. Cox said there is scattered junk laying around the house but the property is being mowed. Steinheiser motioned to allow Mrs. Cox to get three quotes from businesses that can drain the pool and gave her permission to get it drained. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to approve invoice for May 2018 in the amount of \$217.37. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

Mrs. Cox also mentioned a letter sent to Mr. Randy Toth about his property was not picked up and stated his property needs cleaned up. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. told Mrs. Cox to send him a copy of the last letter she sent and he will move forward and file a complaint about him and cite him at the Magistrate's office.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Kroll mentioned Brandywine Roads are still not done by Brett Schultz since the Township had written a letter to them and given 30 days to resolve. Kroll said he will move forward and get the job done.

Kroll also mentioned the coring on Brandywine roads was done by ACA and he will instruct them to make a report on their findings.

Kroll said Whitestown Rd. is worse now than when he had discussed settling with Rex Energy and stated he just recently talked to Rex Energy and they said they would mill and binder the road and let the Township top it. Kroll said that is why he may hold off on paving Whitestown Rd. this year and just have it milled and bindered.

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

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

- 12-18 - Dennis Lynn, Jr. - Shannon Rd. - mobile home - 5/2/18
- 13-18 - Charles T. Brandon - Whitestown Rd. - picnic shelter - 5/3/18
- 14-18 - Robert Hilliard - Santa Rita Ln - garage - 5/3/18
- 15-18 - Nathan Scheller - Whitestown Rd. - dormer - 5/7/18
- 16-18 - Art Ruperto - Tanager Ct. - garage - 5/16/18
- 17-18 - Russel Kelley - Spring Valley Rd. - addition - 5/22/18
- 18-18 - Butler Farm Show - Evans City Rd. - picnic shelter - 5/25/18
- 19-18 - Anthony Huerbin - Little Creek Rd. - garage - 5/29/18
- 20-18 - Malcolm Dunker - Silver Oak Dr. - shed - 6/1/18

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

NONE

SEO REPORT

NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

NONE

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION**Steinheiser said the below, which was on the agenda, is for information:**

2nd Annual First Responders' Appreciation Night will be held on Saturday June 30, 2018 at Kelly Automotive Park, 100 Pullman Park Place, Butler, starting at 6:15 p.m. Two free tickets are available for each Butler County First Responder. Information is posted on bulletin board at Township Office.

Received memo dated May 18, 2018 from PSATS asking townships to help promote and encourage participation in the "Associations Youth Awards Contest". Youth groups can pick up forms/information at Township. Entries must be submitted by July 2, 2018.

Received invoice from Connoquenessing Borough for Recycling/Cleanup Day held on May 12, 2018. The Township's share was \$581.10 and reported on the Financial Report.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Steinheiser motioned to adjourn to an executive session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss litigation and real estate matters. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.