

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Steinheiser at 7:00 p.m. on December 6, 2018 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser, Ed Rupert and Ray Kroll. Also attending was Attorney Kyrie Lokhaiser (on behalf of Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr.), Treasurer/Asst. Secretary Lee Kradel and Secretary/Asst. Treasurer Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Engineer, Bill Braun, did not attend. 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 November 12, 2018. Rupert motioned to accept the minutes of November 12, 2018. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$455,401.84 but after deposits of \$91,935.55 and checks in the amount of \$105,091.42 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$442,245.97. Lee Kradel stated the Escrow account beginning balance is \$45,111.08 but after deposits of \$4,510.00 and checks in the amount of \$1,054.00 are approved tonight, the ending balance is \$48,567.08. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$581.39 but with interest of \$.02, the ending balance is \$581.41. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$263,060.45 but with interest in the amount of \$400.00 and a check in the amount of \$17,276.40, the ending balance is \$246,184.05. Lee stated the Act 13 CD had a beginning balance of \$506,279.36 but had interest of \$2,871.23 for a total of \$509,150.59 which makes a grand total of \$755,334.64. Kroll motioned to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD - three minute limit pertaining to agenda Calvin Wonderly noted that the meeting room light is still flashing and questioned when it will be fixed? The board said they are working on it but it's hard to find good service.

Joey Hamilton from Buttercup School Rd. questioned the board about last months' request to have our Engineer Bill Braun look into the bright lights shining at the #1 Cochran dealership? Steinheiser said Bill Braun is aware but has not had a chance to get over there yet. Ms. Hamilton also asked about the big pile of dirt at #1 Cochran? Kroll stated it should be leveled and seeded and told her he would have Bill Braun also look into that when he goes out. Cliff Pickerd from Buttercup School Rd. also said he saw #1 Cochran putting concrete tanks in the ground and asked if they were permitted to do so? Rupert said, "yes" they received their sewage permit from the DEP.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD - three minute limit

Amy Gonzalez, a PennEnergy representative, was present to introduce herself. Ms. Gonzalez said she is the Stakeholder Relations Manager which is liaison between the municipality and PennEnergy. Ms. Gonzalez said they have purchased Rex Energy and are taking over the Bricker and Bloom Well Pads. Steinheiser asked where PennEnergy is located? Ms. Gonzalez said they are Pittsburgh based with offices in Robinson and Cranberry Townships. Ms. Gonzalez said they have 87 producing wells currently. Kroll said they are a good company.

Charlotte Grimme said she read past minutes where these gas companies are taking bogging amounts of water from the Little Connoquenessing Creek and wondered how the creek could still remain viable? Steinheiser stated the DEP regulates how much water can be refracted from any waterway. Kroll said the PennEnergy permits are all getting their water from PA American Water. Bob Cichra disagreed and stated Bricker Well Pad will draw from the Little Connoquenessing Creek. Mr. Cichra said it will be interesting to see where the water comes from. Brenda Davis said that many of the general information comments she puts at the end of the agenda are duplicates because PennEnergy is replacing Rex Energy's notifications, therefore the withdrawal of water is overstated.

OLD BUSINESS

Rupert discussed the verification light request on the back of the Connoquenessing School signal from last month. Rupert stated after discussing with PennDot they were unaware of the term "verification light" but our traffic signal contractor gave us a quote of \$375.00 and Rupert feels if PennDot allows the Township to put one up he feels it would be advantageous to do so for safety. Kroll motioned to purchase the verification light at the cost of \$375.00 contingent on getting the approval from PennDot. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser said we received letter, dated November 20, 2018, from Brandyone, Vineyards & Sonoma Valley requesting the release of their 18-month maintenance bonds for the roads. Kroll stated he feels we can release some but the crack sealing they did this summer is not satisfactory and the inlets still need fixed. Kroll told the board he would like to have Bill Braun come up with an amount to retain for an additional 18 months. Kroll motioned to table the discussion until the December 27, 2018 meeting. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes. Calvin Wonderly questioned the core samples that were tested to see if Shields needed to re-pave? Kroll stated the core samples met our Ordinance requirements.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PLANS

Steinheiser stated Patrick Boylan is requesting a waiver to eliminate the buffer between the Funeral Home and the residential property beside him that he purchased. Steinheiser did not agree to waive the buffer requirements unless Mr. Boylan would do a lot line revision plan to combine both the properties into a commercial property. Kroll said the buffer is not only for the residential property Mr. Boylan owns but also the other neighbors and agrees with Steinheiser that the buffer should be required. Rupert agreed. Rupert motioned to deny Mr. Boylan's request to eliminate the buffer. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Dan Reamer was present to request his Lot Line Revision Plan that was approved on September 5, 2018 be tabled because of the required maintenance agreement on the driveway needs the verbiage changed before all parties agree to sign and his mortgage company is requiring additional information and won't be able to get the plan recorded within the 90 day requirement from September 5th. Rupert asked if Butler Township signed the mylar yet? Mr. Reamer didn't think so. Steinheiser said our Township didn't sign it. Kroll asked Mr. Reamer to put this request to table his plan in writing. Evelyn Hockenberry told the board they need to set a date it will be tabled to. After discussing, Rupert motioned to table for a 90 day period upon receipt of Mr. Reamer's letter. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser stated #1 Cochran has received their sewage permit to install a "zero discharge recycling system" from the PA DEP.

ENGINEER REPORT

NONE

SOLICITOR REPORT

Steinheiser stated the Golden L Mobile Home Park paid their Occupancy Permit fee.

Steinheiser asked Lee Kradel to explain updating our Township Code through General Code. Lee Kradel stated updating the code would codify our last four ordinances into the Code and also update any new legislation. Steinheiser stated the cost will be between \$1,635-\$1,995 and feels it is a good time to update. Attorney Kyrie Lokhaiser said Mr. Menchyk, Jr. would like the board to table this because the Temporary Holding Tank Ordinance is being revised and will also need codified so the board should wait to update. Kroll motioned to table updating the code at this time. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Rupert motioned to approve invoice for November 2018 in the amount of \$267.85. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Kroll mentioned the Township had held back 10% of Shields Paving payment until repairs were done. Kroll stated the repairs were done last Monday but are not acceptable. Kroll said a letter needs sent to Shields letting them know the repairs were not done properly and have Bill Braun come up with a cost of how much it will cost if the township has to get another contractor to repair. Kroll said the other issue is our solicitors firm also is the solicitor for Shields Paving so the Township may need to acquire different counsel. Attorney Lokhaiser told Kroll they could represent us if both parties agree to waive the conflict. Rupert motioned to have Bill Braun go inspect the repairs and then send Shields Paving a letter stating his findings. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll stated the Highlift has 18,000 hours on it with the original tires. Kroll stated the tires still have 6 months on them but being proactive he has received two quotes for new tires. Kroll stated Good Brothers has Bridgestones for \$3,545.00 each and Skander Tire has Michelin (currently on the highlift) for \$3,845.00 each. Kroll said there are only 6 Bridgestones in the U.S. and wants to make sure we get the tires ordered before one tire is punctured and the Township is stuck. Rupert wants to make sure Kroll gets the most current dated tires. Steinheiser feels since we have 6 months on the tires, we should hold off and keep getting pricing. Kroll motioned to table this until he does more research. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes.

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

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

50-18 - Tom & Karen Pappas - Pineview Cir - addition - 11-13-18

51-18 - Joyce Mackerly - Meadow Dr. - mobile home - 11-27-18

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

Kroll motioned to approve invoice for office expenses in the amount of \$152.86. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

SEO REPORT

NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

Rupert stated the Township declared an emergency during our past ice storm and the Connoquenessing Fire Hall was a warming center for anyone in need.

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Rupert motioned to refund Brent Benoit Lot Consolidation Plan escrow in the amount of \$285.00. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

End of year meeting has been set for December 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Woodland Meadows and Rolling Valley Estate Mobile Home Parks have been inspected and operating permits were issued.

Received letter dated October 24, 2018 from Gannett Fleming on behalf of Mountain Gathering attaching a Notice of Termination (NOT) submitted to the PA DEP for approval to terminate coverage of ESCGP permit number ESX16-019-0031. This permit was issued for authorization to commence earth disturbance activities associated with the Isaacs to Lesney Gas Pipeline in Connoquenessing Township. Information is on file at the Township office.

Received letter dated November 13, 2018 from XTO Energy to notify they are applying for a well permit for the proposed Coretsky A 1H well located in Prospect Borough. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated November 13, 2018 from XTO Energy to notify they are applying for a well permit for the proposed Coretsky B 4H well located in Prospect Borough. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated November 13, 2018 from XTO Energy to notify they are applying for a well permit for the proposed Coretsky B 5H well located in Prospect Borough. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated November 13, 2018 from XTO Energy to notify they are applying for a well permit for the proposed Patton C 2H well located in Prospect Borough. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated November 13, 2018 from XTO Energy to notify they are applying for a well permit for the proposed Patton C 3H well located in Prospect Borough. Information is on file at Township office.

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Received letter dated November 13, 2018 from XTO Energy to notify they are applying for a well permit for the proposed Patton C 5H well located in Prospect Borough. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated November 19, 2018 from Gannett Fleming on behalf of XTO Energy Inc. that they are submitting the attached Notice of Termination (NOT) to the PA DEP for approval to terminate coverage of ESCGP permit number ESX17-019-002. This permit was issued by the PADEP for authorization to commence earth disturbance activities associated with the Lesney to Isaacs Temporary Waterline in Connoquenessing Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated November 19, 2018 from Gannett Fleming on behalf of XTO Energy Inc. that they are submitting the attached Notice of Termination (NOT) to the PA DEP for approval to terminate coverage of ESCGP permit number ESG16-019-0019. This permit was issued by the PADEP for authorization to commence earth disturbance activities associated with the Lesney Well Pad in Connoquenessing Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated November 21, 2018 from Moody on behalf of PennEnergy that they intend to withdraw approximately 374,400 gallons of water per day from the PAWC - Butler - Whitestown Road Bloom Meter Vault. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated November 21, 2018 from Moody on behalf of PennEnergy that they intend to withdraw approximately 1,497,600 gallons of water per day from the PAWC - Butler - Shannon Tap Meter Vault. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated November 21, 2018 from Moody on behalf of PennEnergy that they intend to withdraw approximately 1,497,600 gallons of water per day from the PAWC - Butler - Harmony Road Brennan Tap. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated November 21, 2018 from Moody on behalf of PennEnergy that they intend to withdraw approximately 1,497,600 gallons of water per day from the PAWC - Route 68 Meter Vault on Evans City Rd. (Bloom #2 Meter Vault). Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated November 27, 2018 from XTO Energy stating they are in the process of applying for a well permit for the proposed Kyne Unit 4H well located in Connoquenessing Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated November 27, 2018 from XTO Energy stating they are in the process of applying for a well permit for the proposed Kyne Unit 5H well located in Connoquenessing Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated November 27, 2018 from XTO Energy stating they are in the process of applying for a well permit for the proposed Guiher Unit 6H well located in Connoquenessing Township. Information is on file at Township office.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Steinheiser motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.