

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Terry Steinheiser at 7:00 p.m. on February 6, 2019 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser and Ray Kroll. Ed Rupert did not attend. Also attending were Attorney Kyrie Lokhaiser on behalf of Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr., Engineer Bill Braun, Treasurer/Asst. Secretary Lee Kradel and Secretary/Asst. Treasurer Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Twelve people signed in on the public sign in record on file. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

Steinheiser asked the public for a moment of silence for the loss of Dorothy Onufer and Wendy Shalbot who were dedicated servants of Connoquenessing Township.

REVIEW MINUTES

Reviewed minutes of January 7, 2019 "organizational" and "supervisors" meetings. Kroll motioned to accept the January 7, 2019 "organizational" meeting minutes. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes. Kroll motioned to accept the January 7, 2019 "supervisors" meeting minutes. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$416,119.59 but after deposits of \$113,787.59 and checks in the amount of \$82,242.76 are approved tonight, the ending balance will be \$447,664.42. Lee Kradel stated the beginning Escrow account is \$50,565.08 but after a deposit of \$1,000.00 and a check in the amount of \$480.00 being approved tonight, the ending balance will be \$51,085.08. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance is \$581.43 with interest of \$.02, leaving the ending balance at \$581.45. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance was \$246,599.85 but with interest of \$439.83, the ending balance is \$247,039.68. Lee Kradel said the Act 13 CD remained at \$509,150.59 for a grand total of \$756,190.27. Steinheiser motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

The agenda stated that Maher Duessel will be in the week from Feb. 12-15, 2019 to audit the books for 2018.

COMMENT PERIOD (Three minute limit pertaining to agenda)

Joey Hamilton, resident on Buttercup School Rd., thanked the board for their continued help in getting the lights turned down at the new #1 Cochran dealership but said the lights are still lighting up their development and stated when there is fog it seems worse. Mr. Braun stated he has talked with the representative at #1 Cochran and they were going to do lighting tests to make sure they abide by our ordinance and also submit a buffer plan to the Township to have more trees installed in the spring. Steinheiser asked Mr. Braun to contact #1 Cochran again to see if they can dim them more at a certain time in the evening.

OLD BUSINESS

Steinheiser stated three motions needed made: 1. to adopt Ordinance No. 95-19 to permit residential and commercial holding tanks to abate a nuisance or other public health hazard, 2. to accept holding tank agreement and 3. to adopt Resolution #3-19 for fees associated with the holding tank. Lee Kradel and Brenda Davis told Steinheiser they feel the Ordinance is okay to adopt but the agreement and resolution needs a little tailoring. Steinheiser tabled all the above until all issues are resolved.

NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed the signing of the Small Flow Treatment Facility (SFTF) Planning Module and Agreement for the Love Property (Moraine Grove Veterinary Clinic). Bill Braun stated he had reviewed and stated one page was missing from the module but would be easily fixed and feels it is okay to approve contingent on that. Kyrie Lokhaiser told the board that Mr. Menchyk, Jr. would like to review the agreement before the board and Moraine Grove Veterinary Clinic sign. Steinheiser motioned to approve signing the Small Flow Treatment Facility (SFTF) Planning Module and Agreement contingent on the proper paperwork being inserted and Mr. Menchyk, Jr.'s review and approval of the agreement. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes. Secondly, Steinheiser motioned to adopt Resolution #2-19 approving this SFTF. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD (Three minute limit)

Brad Wist was on the agenda but did not attend.

PLANS

Tom Huff was present to represent his Subdivision Plan. Bill Braun stated the plan went through the Planning Commission and all his comments have been addressed. Mr. Braun mentioned they are requesting a modification for contours and said Dave Ice, sewage enforcement officer, has signed and approved their 10-acre sewage exemption application. Kroll motioned to grant modification for providing contours on the plan since it is a simple one lot subdivision. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes. Kroll motioned to approve the 10-acre sewage exemption application and approved the Thomas D. & Pamela J. Huff Subdivision Plan for preliminary and final approval. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes. Mr. Huff stated he would leave the mylar here to sign.

Mike Ogin from Gateway Engineers was present to represent Care Chiropractic Center. Mr. Ogin said in the year 2000, Care Chiropractic was approved to have a building expansion of 2,000 square feet but never built it and now is requesting the board to re-approve this addition. Kroll stated he reviewed their Stormwater plan that was approved in 2000 and the Stormwater pond was built to cover this expansion. Mr. Ogin said our Stormwater ordinance has changed but with the new ordinance this expansion which is under the 2,500 sq. ft. would not even require a Stormwater plan. Mr. Ogin said one thing he did notice when reviewing the old approved plan is that they were approved for a 70 ft. front setback instead of the required 80 ft. setback. Kroll said this would have been done to allow more parking in the back. Bill Braun agreed that the new Stormwater ordinance would allow them to not do a new Stormwater Plan because the impervious area is under 2,500 sq. ft. Kroll made a motion to grant a modification of 10 ft. front setback from 80' to 70' and accepts plan as presented. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes.

Ken McDonald is requesting to build an additional 15' building out the back of the Butler Dog Training Association so they can be AKC compliant to do their training. Mr. McDonald said the original building was 4,000 sq. ft. and wants to put a 600 sq. ft. building behind it that will extend 15 ft. Mr. McDonald said he is still meeting all the setbacks. Bill Braun reviewed the plan to see if his current Stormwater plan was sufficient. Mr. Braun said the section he is adding is already paved so he is not adding any new impervious area therefore all he would need is a building permit. The board told him to apply for a building permit.

ENGINEER REPORT

Bill Braun stated all administrative and technical issues the DEP questioned about our Act 537 Plan have been addressed and ready to send back. Mr. Braun stated he had Brenda Davis prepare a submission letter from the Township to be sent back with the plan. Mr. Braun mentioned the DEP asked for actual dates listed instead of time frames so he responded by saying the plan would be approved by the DEP in May 2019, a new authority will be formed by November 2019, complete final design by April 2021, secure right-of-ways by April of 2022, start construction in August 2022 and start connections by September of 2024 which is roughly a five year time period. Mr. Braun said any changes to the plan were minor and nothing for the public to be concerned about. Steinheiser thanked Mr. Cichra for his help getting through this and said he is greatly respected.

SOLICITOR REPORT

NONE

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Kroll motioned to approve Sandi Cox's invoice for January in the amount of \$149.84. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Kroll asked Lee Kradel to submit the same order of 1,000 tons on this years Salt Contract.

Kroll stated the new rate for snow removal on Crab Run Rd. for Prospect Borough is \$19.73/trip.

Kroll motioned to release HMI Lumber road bond on Lower Harmony Rd. in the amount of \$17,500.00. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes.

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

Steinheiser stated there was one building permit applied for this month. It was :
1-19 - Aaron Kniess - Lower Harmony Rd. - new home - 1/21/19

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

NONE

SEO REPORT

NONE

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Received letter dated January 3, 2019 from the Butler Area Public Library thanking the Township for our 2018 donation of \$800.00.

Received letter dated January 10, 2019 from Gannett Fleming stating XTO Energy proposes to construct a temporary water pipeline (Kyne Vault to Guiher Impoundment) located in Connoquenessing Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated January 29, 2019 from XTO Energy stating they are in the process of applying for a well permit modification for the permitted Coretsky A 2H well located in Prospect Borough. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated January 29, 2019 from XTO Energy stating they are in the process of applying for a well permit modification for the permitted Coretsky B 3H well located in Prospect Borough. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated January 29, 2019 from XTO Energy stating they are in the process of applying for a well permit modification for the permitted Coretsky B 5H well located in Prospect Borough. Information is on file at Township office.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Steinheiser motioned to adjourn to an executive session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss ongoing litigation issues and stated the board would not return. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.