

Connoquenessing Township’s Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Steinheiser at 6:00 p.m. on April 1, 2020 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser, Ed Rupert and Ricky Kradel. Also attending was Secretary/Asst. Treasurer Brenda Davis to take the minutes. Due to the Coronavirus Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr., Engineer Bill Braun and Treasurer/Asst. Secretary Lee Kradel did not attend. One person 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 March 4, 2020. Rupert motioned to accept the minutes of March 4, 2020. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Brenda Davis reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$314,003.90 but after deposits of \$59,170.77 and checks in the amount of \$58,654.51 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$314,520.16. Brenda Davis stated the Escrow account beginning balance is \$54,228.15 but with deposits in the amount of \$110.00 and \$0.00 checks leaving an ending balance of \$54,338.15. Brenda Davis said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$217,349.98 but with no other transactions, the ending balance is \$217,349.98. Brenda Davis stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$192,918.26 but with no other transactions, the ending balance is \$192,918.26. Brenda Davis stated the Act 13 CD remained at \$522,554.64 for an Act 13 grand total of \$715,472.90. Kradel motioned to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser motioned that the supervisors would not respond to any public comment or requests to be heard during the meeting. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Rupert motioned to approve Quickbooks annual payroll update in the amount of \$650.00. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD (three minutes pertaining to agenda)

NONE

BIDS

Following are the sealed bids that were publicly opened and read aloud by Brenda Davis for the letting of April 1, 2020:

PAVING

The bidders and amounts are below:

	Wiest	Shields	Youngblood Paving
5,146 ton	\$58.65	\$58.23	\$60.77

All above bidders enclosed their bid bonds which will be sent to Andrew Menchyk, Jr. to review and approve. Rupert motioned to table the bids until Mr. Menchyk, Jr. can review their bid bonds and Kradel can review the bids. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel motioned to advertise for limestone and dustoil at the quantities we had last year. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

Rupert motioned to ratify installing the push buttons on poles at Rt. 68/Kriess Rd./Eagle Mill Rd. intersection and approving the \$1,700.00 payment. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.

Rupert stated the discussion last month to purchase a boom mower was tabled until this meeting and he suggests at this time not to purchase the boom mower. Kradel agreed. Rupert stated this is just for the record that the board agrees not to purchase at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Rupert stated the County and several municipalities are currently declaring a FEMA disaster because of the Coronavirus but he feels that Connoquenessing Township at this time does not need to. Rupert stated declaring an emergency only last 7 days and then the Township can bill back FEMA to recoup the monies. Rupert stated since the Township doesn't have any hospitals he doesn't foresee any expenses. However, Rupert said if the need arises the board of supervisors can call a special meeting to declare the emergency. Steinheiser agreed with Rupert's decision.

Kradel motioned to approve paying the invoice received from Connoquenessing Borough for an additional amount the Borough was charged due to an audit of their Fire Company Workers Compensation insurance in the amount of \$764.72. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD (Three minute limit)

Rupert stated Jim Eck, resident, who was not present, is ripping down his old residential garage and replacing it with a new residential one. Rupert stated his old garage already encroached on the property lines because of Mr. Eck's lack of property. Mr. Rupert also stated Mr. Eck has a sludge pond on the side that can not be disturbed and can't move the garage forward because of the slope of his property. Rupert stated Mr. Eck is requesting a modification of 6 ft. off the property line on the front side corner and 11.5 ft. off the rear property line. Rupert stated Mr. Eck also has written consent from the surrounding property owner Mr. Colteryahn which states he permits the garage to be built that close to his property and that he can not sell Mr. Eck any property because all his property is in Pennsylvania Farmland Preservation. Rupert stated Mr. Eck does have a hardship and made a motion to waive the Township's 15 ft. side and 25 ft. rear setbacks and grant Mr. Eck the 6 ft. off the front side property line and 11.5 ft. off the rear property line. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.

Brendan Linton wanted to thank the board for their change in direction of approving the push buttons at Rt. 68/Eagle Mill Rd. and Kriess Rd. intersection that was not approved at the last meeting. Mr. Linton stated since the weather is getting nicer he has seen so many more walkers and bikers at this intersection and told the board this issue of getting ADA crossings is not going to go away. Mr. Linton said waiting 2 years as previously stated to get them could be problematic. Mr. Linton said the Township is very blessed to have Public Transportation, currently funded through June of 2021, because as our Township grows this could bring workers here which would increase our tax base and increase revenue to our businesses.

PLANS

NONE

ENGINEER REPORT

NONE

SOLICITOR REPORT

NONE

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Rupert motioned to approve March invoice in the amount of \$131.55. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in the packets.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Steinheiser said just for the record that the Temporary Road Superintendent is back to regular wages.

Kradel motioned to authorize Senate Engineering to begin the work on the failed culvert on Whitestown Rd. Ext. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel motioned to have the ability to hire two temporary part-time helpers. Rupert seconded. Roll call, Kradel, yes. Rupert, yes. Steinheiser, yes but not until all regular workers are back to full time.

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

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

8-20 - Philip & Laura Mason - Kriess Rd. - inground pool - 3/4/20

9-20 - Thomas Barnett - Oak Ln - new mobile home - 3/10/20

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

NONE

SEO REPORT

NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

NONE

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Connoquenessing Township, Connoquenessing Borough, Evans City Borough and Forward Township will have their joint annual "Clean-up/Recycling Day" on May 9, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A list of items being accepted and fees will be posted at the Township office in the near future.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Rupert motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.