

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors "Close of Business" meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Steinheiser at 6:00 p.m. on December 29, 2020 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser, Edward Rupert and Ricky Kradel. Also attending was Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr., Treasurer/Asst. Secretary Lee Kradel and Secretary/Asst. Treasurer Brenda Davis to take the minutes. Engineer Bill Braun did not attend. Four people signed in on the public sign in record on file. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

REVIEW MINUTES

Rupert motioned to accept the supervisors meeting minutes of December 2, 2020. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$254,625.40 but after total deposits of \$50,329.76 and checks in the amount of \$49,059.43 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$255,895.73. The Escrow account beginning balance was \$25,841.07 but after deposits of \$1,190.00 and checks in the amount of \$1,316.75, the ending balance is \$25,714.32. Lee Kradel stated the the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$47,751.90 with interest of \$2.03 leaving an ending balance of \$47,753.93. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee beginning balance was \$402,987.58 but with interest of \$85.57, the ending balance is \$403,073.15. The Act 13 CD beginning balance was \$526,470.37 but with interest of \$597.15, the ending balance is \$527,067.52 leaving the total of \$930,140.67 in the Act 13 Impact Fee fund. Kradel motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Rupert motioned to adopt 2021 budget as resolution #1-21, in the total amount of \$1,107,339.00 which is the total of the General Fund and Liquid Fuels. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD - Three minute limit pertaining to agenda Brendan Linton stated he would like to hold his comment until after Dan Cox and Matt McConnell speak because they may address his questions. Steinheiser stated he could comment after them.

Matt McConnell asked what the Local Services Tax (LST) amount is? Rupert stated \$52.00 but only \$47.00 comes to the township and the \$5.00 goes to the School District.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD - three minute limit

Dan Cox was present on behalf of the Connoquenessing Valley Regional Emergency Management Agency (CVREMA) . He presented the equipment that the Agency has purchased including radios, batteries and laptop. He explained the changes that have been made to the Agency's budget for 2021, although it has no effect on the township's budget since it has already been adopted. Dan Cox stated he knows the Township is considering leaving the CVREMA because of the cost share between the municipalities for Administrative and Capital purchases because it is based on per capita and the township has to pay about 64% compared to Evans City Borough at 28% and Connoquenessing Borough is at 8% Mr. Cox stated the CVREMA would like to work these issues out and asked if Mr. Menchyk, Jr. could assist. Mr. Cox stated that the Borough does donate a secretary and office space and the Evans City Borough donated a \$30,000 generator/trailer to the CVREMA this year so they are helping. Kradel asked several questions related to the laptop,/batteries/radios which Mr. Cox answered. Kradel's main concern was putting money into equipment that may not be used. Mr. Cox assured him that the equipment is necessary. Mr. Cox hoped that the township would reconsider their decision to drop out of the agency.

Brendan Linton stated the display that Mr. Cox brought is very expensive and the EMA does not really have a choice, they are required to have this equipment. Mr. Linton said he would caution the Township from withdrawing from a Regional EMA because of cost. Matt McConnell from the Connoquenessing Volunteer Fire Company was present to ask about the township's proposal to fund their new fire truck and new building. Funding will be explained under Emergency Management.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PLANS

Rupert motioned to approve the Estate of Randolph M. Bricker and Walter S. & Barbara J. Bricker Subdivision Plan as final since all contingencies have been met from the October 7, 2020 supervisors approval. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.

ENGINEER

NONE

SOLICITOR

Andrew Menchyk, Jr. noted that the DCED has approved the Debt Ordinance and Guaranty Agreement for the Sewer Authority so now he can move forward with getting the loan processed. .

ROADMASTER

NONE

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Rupert motioned to approve invoice for December 2020 in the amount of \$170.57. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

SEO REPORT

NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

Rupert made a motion to fund the fire company with 75% of our received Local Services Tax including the amounts the township pays for insurance for the fire company. This funding will be payable in April based on the previous year's receipts. It will be paid until the new fire house is constructed and paid for. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes. Kradel stated he is in 100% agreement with this but would have liked more money given to the fire company but hopefully the board will revisit this discussion for next year. Rupert motioned to gift \$100,000 from Act 13 fund to the fire company. Kradel asked if it should be used only for the fire house? After discussing, the board agreed not to state how the funds needed to be used. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes.

Lastly, Kradel would like to see the fire company come up with one good fundraiser and run it for 5 years. McConnell agreed and stated they have done fundraisers forever but sometimes there is not enough manpower.

Dan Cox mentioned the fundraiser at Missing Links this year which helped since the Farm Show was canceled.

Mary Grace Ruediger who is on the Connoquenessing Borough council and part of the fire company mentioned Leslie Farms had a community day that helped support the fire company. They have had yard sales and the fire company also has their annual Halloween Parade fundraiser.

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

Steinheiser stated there were five permits applied for since December 2, 2020 supervisor meeting.

They were:

56-20 - Brennan Group - Fassinger Rd. - new home - 12/4/20
 57-20- Shawn Benson - Meadow Dr. - mobile home - 12/14/20
 58-20 - Anthony Huerbin - Little Creek Rd. - ramp - 12/14/20
 59-20 - Micah Karns - Boy Scout Rd. - garage - 12/18/20
 60-20 - Megan Ross - Canterbury Ln. - modular - 12/23/20

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Steinheiser motioned to ratify changing the 2021 organizational meeting planned for 5:30 p.m. on January 4, 2021 and followed by the first Supervisors meeting of 2021 to start at 4:00 p.m. January 4, 2021. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes

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

Elected Auditors meeting will be held January 5, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Received letter from GAI Consultants dated December 14, 2020 on behalf of ETC Northeast Pipeline stating they plan on submitting a modification application to the PADEP for the Constellation Pipeline Project. Information is on file at the Township office.

Received letter from RETTEW dated December 22, 2020 to notify that ETC Northeast Pipeline, LLC intends to submit a Pennsylvania Code, Title 25, Chapter 105 General Permit Registration Package to the Butler County Conservation District for the Constellation Site Stabilization Project No. 095342054.

Information is on file at the Township office.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Rupert motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.