

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Steinheiser at 6:00 p.m. on June 1, 2022 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser, Larry Spangler and Ricky Kradel. Also attending were Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr., Treasurer/Asst. Secretary Lee Kradel and Secretary/Asst. Treasurer Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Engineer Bill Braun was excused. Twelve people 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 May 4, 2022. Kradel motioned to accept the May 4, 2022 supervisors meeting minutes. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$171,459.83 but after deposits of \$180,440.41 and checks in the amount of \$73,581.55 are approved tonight, the ending balance will be \$278,318.69. Lee Kradel stated the beginning Escrow account balance is \$57,846.50 but with no deposits and checks in the amount of \$150.00 being approved tonight, the ending balance will be \$57,696.50. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance is \$240,723.85 with interest of \$10.55, leaving the ending balance at \$240,734.40. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance was \$242,812.61 but with interest of \$117.08, the ending balance is \$242,929.69. Lee Kradel said the Act 13 CD balance remained at \$729,944.51 but with interest in the amount of \$553.96, the ending balance is \$730,478.47 for a grand total of \$973,408.16. Lee Kradel stated the American Relief Plan had a beginning balance of \$203,472.62 but with interest in the amount of \$98.11 the ending balance is \$203,570.73. Spangler motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.

**COMMENT PERIOD** - Three minute limit pertaining to agenda

\*NONE\*

**REQUEST TO BE HEARD** - three minute limit

Evelyn Hockenberry was on agenda but withdrew because her comment was resolved.

Kradel mentioned the Flag Lowering Ceremony that was held at the Township building on May 30, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Kradel stated it turned out better than expected and was a great day. He thanked the below for all their help: Connoquenessing Volunteer Fire Company which included Lou Zimmerman, Matt McConnell and several firefighters, The Shriners Legion of Honor for the flag ceremony, Lambert Rosenbaum for the prayer, Nikki Collins from State Representative Marci Mustello's office for speaking, Evelyn Hockenberry for dedicating her deceased husband's flag to the Township. Kradel stated it will only be put up in nice weather in order to preserve it. Mrs. Hockenberry said, "thank you", Don Domhoff's family for the refreshments which he stated the ceremony was in honor of Don Domhoff's service and helping the Township years ago getting the flag pole and plaque to honor Abie Abraham and all veterans, Laura Mason and Matt McConnell for getting it out on Facebook pages and Pauline Winchell who announced the ceremony at the Mt. Nebo church. Kradel thanked the office personnel Brenda Davis and Lee Kradel for their hard work and the road crew for preparing the grounds for the ceremony and thanked all the veterans and others that showed up and made the day special. Steinheiser stated he could not attend because of a Shriner parade and knowing Don Domhoff who was also a Shriner would understand. Steinheiser stated he did call Flo Domhoff "Don's wife" to let her know. Spangler stated the turn out was good and considering the hot sun, he would like to see the Township look into grants that could provide a pavilion or small park for the kids for the community to utilize. Kradel and Steinheiser agreed that this would be good to look into.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Kradel updated on the Act 537 sewer design plan from last sewer meeting. Kradel stated HRG (second opinion engineer) is working on 7 reduced scope plan options which will be provided to the Sewer Authority Board within the next 2 months. Secondly, HRG met with Forward Township to discuss possibly teaming up and having a sewage plant in their Township and we'd join them but the timing was not right for them and they didn't seem interested. Kradel stated Lambert Rosenbaum is applying to the Butler County Infrastructure Bank for \$4,000,000. Mr. Rosenbaum stated that money would be coming from the PennVest side of their funding.

Kradel stated Steinheiser put him in charge of working on the Township flag discussed last month and stated he noticed a "Graphic Arts" truck coming from Wise Business Forms so he called Mac McNeely, the general manager and asked if they would help design/print our Township Flag. Mr. McNeely assigned two people, Galen Piovesan and Robin Blose who met with Kradel and are working on the design. Kradel stated he would like the flag to be our Township seal. Kradel said usually there are 4 segments on a seal which he already considered 2 being an oil well and farming. Kradel asked the public to contact the office girls with any ideas. Evelyn Hockenberry suggested the airport and Calvin Wonderly suggested a sheath of wheat.

Steinheiser stated the tabled discussion in reference to adopting the "America250PA Resolution" to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States in 2026 and Pennsylvania's leading role in commemorating this event is up for discussion again. Steinheiser stated this is a request from the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS). After discussing, Kradel motioned to adopt resolution #7-22 to support America250PA. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Township received plans from GAI Consultants on behalf of PennDot for the realignment of Double/Stevenson Roads and asked the Township for any comments. Brenda Davis stated she and Lee Kradel thought this may need to go to Planning Commission. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated regardless to that the property has now been condemned and being taken by Eminent Domain. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated the property passes to PennDot the day of the filing May 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated the Township can now file preliminary objections which must be filed within 20 days of the date of filing which would be by June 20, 2022. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated even if we don't file objections by June 20<sup>th</sup>, we are still entitled to just compensation which PennDot has calculated to be \$49,000. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated if the Township does not feel this is fair we can get our own real estate appraiser and present his/her findings. Steinheiser stated the Township has been battling with the State over the taking of our land but now they are just going to take it and there is nothing we can do. Steinheiser stated PennDot will not put a traffic signal in either even after offering them the \$49,000 to use towards it. Kradel feels the property should be appraised. Kradel stated PennDot previously stated they would pay for this appraisal. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. told the board they have time to do this. Lee Kradel asked if PennDot needs to do a subdivision showing the part of property they are taking from the Township. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated, "no". Roy Gilliland asked if we are getting the traffic light. Steinheiser said, "no" PennDot says it doesn't warrant a light. Steinheiser stated he and many others have worked diligently for 12 years to get this corridor straightened out but PennDot has shut us down. Steinheiser stated there have not been enough casualties at the intersection for PennDot to warrant a light. Steinheiser said, "that is a shame". Carol Christner asked if GAI did a traffic study on behalf of PennDot at this intersection. Steinheiser said, "yes". Steinheiser told the public that PennDot wants a crosswalk/pedestrian crossings at Kriess and Eagle Mill Roads which will cost the Township money and he asked what their count was on people crossing there. Steinheiser said they said one (1). Steinheiser said this doesn't make sense. The board agreed there is no use in filing preliminary objections because it will just cost the Township money and they won't win. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated no motion needed made. The board stated they will move forward with getting other appraisals. Kradel stated he would like a letter sent to the Secretary of PennDot to let her know how

unhappy the Township is with our district. Kradel motioned to have Mr. Menchyk, Jr. draft the letter to PennDot secretary. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.

Lee Kradel stated the UPMC Health insurance and HRA renewals are due July 1, 2022 but needed completed by June 1, 2022 so a motion needs made to ratify the approval. Spangler motioned to ratify approving the UPMC insurance and HRA for July 1, 2022. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated the Township discussed in depth the possibly of paying the interest on behalf of the Sewer Authority in the event they get the \$4,000,000 loan from the Butler County Infrastructure Bank at last month's meeting. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated the interest only payments would be for 4 years, paid annually, or until such time that the Sewer Authority has income to pay them. Kradel motioned to approve Resolution #6-22 that states the Township agrees to pay interest on behalf of Sewer Authority. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.

### **PLANS**

Steinheiser stated the Anita Gilliland Sewage Planning Module which was approved at last month's meeting was submitted to the DEP but returned to Gateway Engineers (her engineer) to correct errors and resubmit documents with new dates. Steinheiser stated new dates need put on the checklist form, transmittal letter and the Planning Commission "Component 4A " part needs redated by the Planning Chairman. In addition, Resolution #4-22 approved last month needs rescinded and a new Resolution #5-22 which is identical is needed to approve with today's date. Steinheiser motioned to rescind Resolution #4-22. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes. Steinheiser motioned to replace Resolution #4-22 with Resolution #5-22. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.

### **ENGINEER REPORT**

\*NONE\*

### **SOLICITOR REPORT**

Andrew Menchyk, Jr. stated there are no new updates with the Armstrong Franchise Agreement. The board stated they only agree to a 5-year contract and asked Mr. Menchyk, Jr. to contact the Armstrong representative to get this settled.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Kradel motioned to approve invoice for May 2022 in the amount of \$181.91. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

### **ROAD MASTERS REPORT**

Kradel stated the road crew has been prepping for paving on Eagle Mill Rd. Kradel said Shields Paving is expected to pave mid to late June.

Roy Gilliland told Kradel to thank the road crew mower for waiting until the Easter Lillies died before mowing the bank.

Road superintendent report for May 2022 in packets.

### **BUILDING PERMIT REPORT**

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

- 15-22 - Mike Forbes - Rosehaven Dr. - inground pool - 5/6/22
- 16-22 - Randy Miller - Timberlee Dr. - porch - 5/9/22
- 17-22 - Ron Krenitsky - Eagle Mill Rd. - shed - 5/9/22
- 18-22 - Jones Estates - Eagle Mill Rd. - new mobile home - 5/12/22
- 19-22 - Jones Estates - Rolling Valley Ln. - new mobile home - 5/12/22
- 20-22 - Jones Estates - Rolling Valley Ln. - new mobile home - 5/12/22
- 21-22 - Jones Estates - Rolling Valley Ln. - new mobile home - 5/12/22
- 22-22 - Jones Estates - Rosewood Ln. - new mobile home - 5/12/22
- 23-22 - Jones Estates - Meadow Dr. - new mobile home - 5/12/22
- 24-22 - Jones Estates - Daisy Ln. - new mobile home - 5/12/22
- 25-22 - Jones Estates - Daisy Ln. - new mobile home - 5/12/22
- 26-22 - Jones Estates - St. James St. - new mobile home - 5/12/22
- 27-22 - Jones Estates - Rosewood Ln. - new mobile home - 5/12/22
- 28-22 - Kelly Kane - Boy Scout Rd. - deck - 5/13/22
- 29-22 - Chris & Kelly Sumansky - Hoffman Ln - garage - 5/18/22

### **TAX COLLECTOR REPORT**

\*NONE\*

### **SEO REPORT**

Steinheiser stated final inspections were done for Robert Hilliard - Dick Rd. and Matthew Bricker - Bricker Ln.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT**

Connoquenessing Volunteer Fire Company representative Matt McConnell stated extrication (mock rescues) have been completed. Mr. McConnell said 12 of his firemen had 54 hours into completing the class. Steinheiser thanked them for their services and Kradel thanked them for coming to our supervisor meetings.

### **MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Steinheiser stated the below was on the agenda for information.**

Received invoice from Connoquenessing Borough for Recycling/Cleanup Day held on May 7, 2022. The Township's share was \$841.44 and reported on the Financial Report.

Received letter dated May 19, 2022 from XTO Energy to notify they will be requesting Well Permits Renewals for 4 Well Permits (Patton C 2H, Patton C 3H, Patton C 4H and Patton C 5H . Information is on file at Township office.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Spangler motioned to adjourn to an executive session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining agreement and condemnation of Township land and stated the board would not return. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.