

Connoquenessing Township’s Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Larry Spangler at 6:00 p.m. on March 1, 2023 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Larry Spangler and Ricky Kradel. Terry Steinheiser did not attend. Also attending were Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr., Engineer Bill Braun, Treasurer/Asst. Secretary Lee Kradel and Secretary/Asst. Treasurer Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Forty-one 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 February 1, 2023. Kradel motioned to accept the February 1, 2023 supervisors meeting minutes. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.

**Executive Session Announcement**

Spangler announced the two executive sessions that took place between supervisor meetings. The supervisors and solicitor met on February 8, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and the supervisors and solicitor met on February 22, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss personnel.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$294,277.03 but after deposits of \$99,090.77 and checks in the amount of \$142,467.88 are approved tonight, the ending balance will be \$250,899.92. Lee Kradel stated the beginning Escrow account balance is \$19,138.25 but after deposits of \$1,250.00 and checks in the amount of \$1,125.00 being approved tonight, the ending balance will be \$19,263.25. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance is \$34,199.04 with interest of \$1.31 and the annual allocation in the amount of \$208,007.52, leaving the ending balance at \$242,207.87. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance was \$482,057.05 but with interest of \$1,294.29, the ending balance is \$483,351.34. Lee Kradel said the Act 13 CD beginning balance is \$735,268.81 but with interest of \$4,262.54 the ending balance is \$739,531.35 for a grand total of \$1,222,882.69. Lee Kradel stated the American Relief Plan had a beginning balance of \$412,684.35 but with interest in the amount of \$1,108.03 the ending balance is \$413,792.38. Kradel motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

\*NONE\*

**BIDS**

Following are the sealed bids that were publicly opened and read aloud by Brenda Davis for the letting of March 1, 2023:

**PAVING**

The bidders and amounts are below:

	<b>Youngblood</b>	<b>Shields Paving</b>	<b>Wiest Asphalt</b>	<b>Hawbaker</b>
1,381 ton (superpave)	\$80.74	\$66.00	\$74.39	\$82.20
8,015 s.y. (milling asphalt)	\$1.79	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$2.10
<b>TOTAL COST:</b>	<b>\$125,848.79</b>	<b>\$99,161.00</b>	<b>\$112,751.34</b>	<b>\$130,349.70</b>

## SEALCOAT

The bidders and amounts are below:

	<b>Youngblood</b>	<b>Midland</b>	<b>Russell Standard</b>
38,008 s.y.	\$3.72	\$5.02	\$3.79
Total Cost:	\$141,389.76	\$190,800.16	\$144,050.32

All above bidders enclosed their bid bonds which were approved by Andrew Menchyk, Jr. Kradel motioned to award Shields Paving with the paving bid in the amount of \$66.00/ton and milling of asphalt in amount of \$1.00 for a total of \$99,161.00. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes. Kradel motioned to award Youngblood Paving the sealcoat bid in the amount of \$141,389.76. Spangler seconded and stated both lowest bidders were awarded. Roll call, yes.

### **REQUEST TO BE HEARD** (three minute limit)

Cindy Slater, Judge of Elections, stated the Township's population growth warrants a second polling place. Mrs. Slater stated election bureau would like to add the township building as a second location. Mrs. Slater asked the supervisors to consider this request. Supervisors voiced safety concerns at the Route 68/ Double/ Stevenson Roads intersection. Mrs. Slater stated to reach out to election bureau or herself with any other questions.

Angela Fleeger stated there was a meeting held at the township building on January 31st and the CTSA board stated what took place at their meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Fleeger stated "social media" issues were discussed. Lambert Rosenbaum stated the CTSA called the meeting to talk to Dave Bocci, operator of Brandywine sewer plant, to solicit information on whether other sewer plants could help with the township sewage issue. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated this meeting would be fact finding just like the previous one when township met with the DEP, it is not a violation of the "Sunshine Act".

Lambert Rosenbaum requested the supervisors give the CTSA the authority to work on the Act 537 Plan, hire their own engineer and use the \$664,000 grant money the way they see fit. Mr. Rosenbaum stated the First Commonwealth bank loan is due March 15<sup>th</sup> and needs restructured. Mr. Rosenbaum stated CTSA is requesting township to reimburse HRG bills they previously paid and to move forward to appoint Laura Mason on the CTSA board. Mr. Rosenbaum asked if the CTSA board could use the township building on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. for an informational meeting with Ryan Hayes from PAWC. Ken Dambaugh stated the CTSA board approved signing the new loan documents to the bank contingent on receiving the needed guaranty agreement from the township supervisors. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. told Mr. Rosenbaum that the CSTA could sign on their end and he would follow up with the bank to do the Township part. No action was taken.

Bill Long wanted to save his comments until Terry Steinheiser was present.

Charlane Rimer asked the supervisors to vote Laura Mason to a full term on the CTSA board because it's been tabled long enough.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Act 537 sewer design plan update - Mr. Rosenbaum once again asked the board to give the authority to the CTSA board and utilize their services to proceed with an updated Act 537 Plan. Susan Coen felt the supervisors are just stalling. Carol Christner commented that any issue with Laura Mason as to why she has not been appointed to a full term needs resolved.

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. presented three samples of Solar Farm ordinances that the board had asked him to look at. One is zoning, two is land development and the third was a stand alone ordinance and said if the board wants to move forward with ordinance to let him know so he can tailor it to our Township. Bill Braun stated it would fall under the SALDO ordinance. Kradel feels the Township needs this. Spangler suggested sending to Planning Commission for their input. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated no motion needed made to proceed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Spangler stated the All Saints Parish is having their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 5k and 1-mile fun run again on July 28, 2023. Spangler stated it will be the same as last year. Kradel motioned to give permission to All Saints Parish to close down Buttercup Rd. for this run. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes. Kradel told Brenda to contact them and give Bill Chuba's name as contact to furnish our road cones, etc.

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated a mobile home as been abandoned in a trailer park and the park's owner Jones Estates has obtained ownership through the local magistrate and is requesting the back taxes be waived and issue them a demolition permit to remove the mobile home. Lee Kradel asked if they would need to ask the school district and county to waive their delinquent taxes. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated, "yes" we can only relinquish Township taxes. Kradel motioned to issue demolition permit for mobile home at 600 Oak Lane Renfrew, PA and waive all Connoquenessing Township delinquent taxes. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.

### **PLANS**

\*NONE\*

### **ENGINEER REPORT**

Kradel asked Mr. Braun when he expects to hear about the LSA grant we applied for to fix Lower Harmony Rd. culvert. Mr. Braun stated hopefully the end of March.

### **SOLICITOR REPORT**

\*NONE\*

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Kradel motioned to approve February invoice in the amount of \$145.16. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in the packets.

### **ROAD MASTERS REPORT**

Kradel requested removing 8 trees on Crab Run Rd. before tar & chipping. Kradel received a quote from Ralph Graham to remove and stated Township has used him in the past. Kradel motioned to accept Ralph Graham's quote of \$4,200.00 to remove the 8 trees. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel stated it's time to order salt for next year. Kradel said 700 tons was ordered last year. Lee Kradel stated 60% of 700 tons (420) must be ordered but 140% can be ordered at the same rate. Kradel motioned to order 700 tons from the 2023-2024 Costars salt contract. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel stated maintenance was done on the plow and white Pete and the pickups salt hopper needed its bearings and shafts replaced. Kradel stated all equipment was washed and only out 2 days on snow issues. Kradel stated 2A was put down in front of the trailer parks mailboxes on Double Rd. and also on the sink hole on Camp Fatima Rd. Kradel stated the new road crew employee Lucas Langer has started and so far so good.

Road superintendent report was in packets.

**BUILDING PERMIT REPORT**

Spangler stated there was one building permit applied for this month.

It was:

2-23 - Jared Lowery - Timberlee Dr. - addition - 2/14/23

**TAX COLLECTOR REPORT**

\*NONE\*

**SEO REPORT**

Spangler stated Robert Cotherman had his final sewer inspection done for a new home.

**EMERGENCY MGMT REPORT**

Matt McConnell, Connoquenessing Volunteer Fire Company Representative, stated the design and engineering of the new fire building is proceeding. Mr. McConnell stated 15 junior firefighters attended their training last night which is remarkable. Mr. Cottingham, President of Fire Company, who is looking for grants, loans, etc. asked the board if they ever considered charging impact fees to developers so this would help with infrastructure costs, sewer, water, fire safety, etc. Kradel said the Planning Commission is currently reviewing our ordinances and impact fees are being considered. Brendan Linton, chairman of Planning Commission, stated the impact fees they are discussing are related to transportation but can also be directed towards public safety. Kradel said Planning Commission is just starting on this.

**MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

\*NONE\*

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Kradel motioned to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. to an executive session to discuss personnel and code enforcement matters. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.