

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Steinheiser at 6:00 p.m. on June 7, 2023 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser, Larry Spangler and Ricky Kradel. 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. Twenty-four people signed in on the public sign in record on file. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

ANNOUNCE WHO IS RECORDING MEETING

Steinheiser asked who was recording the meeting. Three replied which included Angela Fleegeer, Brendan Linton and Eddie Trizzino.

REVIEW MINUTES

Reviewed minutes of May 3, 2023. Kradel motioned to accept the May 3, 2023 supervisors meeting minutes. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steinheiser stated there was an executive session at 5:30 p.m. preceding the meeting today to discuss potential litigation.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$299,806.43 but after deposits of \$212,492.97 and checks in the amount of \$111,236.17 are approved tonight, the ending balance will be \$401,063.23. Lee Kradel stated the beginning Escrow account balance is \$17,577.00 with no deposits but checks in the amount of \$223.00 being approved tonight, the ending balance will be \$17,354.00.

Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance is \$242,227.45 with interest of \$10.95, leaving the ending balance at \$242,238.40. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance was \$486,207.31 but with interest of \$1,641.78, the ending balance is \$487,849.09. Lee Kradel said the Act 13 CD beginning balance is \$739,531.35 but with interest of \$4,147.45 the total is \$743,678.80 for a grand total of \$1,231,527.89. Lee Kradel stated the American Relief Plan had a beginning balance of \$416,237.35 but with interest in the amount of \$1,405.51 the ending balance is \$417,642.86. 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

BIDS

Brenda Davis opened the two bids received for the Rotary Mower. The first one was from U.S. Municipal in the amount of \$65,913.00. The second was from Stephenson Equipment at \$67,900.00. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated the bids need to be reviewed to see if they conform to the bid spec sheet. Kradel tabled the bids for further review.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

Matt McConnell stated he met with the Connoquenessing Borough Planning Commission to show them the building and site plans of the new fire station and requested pre-approval. Mr. McConnell showed the design plan layout done by Ashlar Engineering which will have 2 floors and went over the different rooms and garages (drive-through bays) it will contain. Mr. McConnell stated Gateway Engineering is currently working on the site plan and feels confident PennDot will give them an HOP for Rt. 68. Dave Cottingham, President of Fire Company, updated on the grant funding they currently applied for to use for the building has made it through the 1st round. Mr. Cottingham stated the funds being awarded (with a % of match) could be awarded up to 1.5 million.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD - three minute limit

Angela Fleegeer mentioned the Act 13 funds the Township has in the general Act 13 account is around \$486,000 and with the Act 13 CD, the total amount is around \$1.2 million. Mrs. Fleegeer stated the Act 13 funds have 13 eligible uses and the two mentioned at the top of the list are (1) construction, maintenance and repair of roads and (2) water, stormwater and sewer systems. Mrs. Fleegeer feels the Act 13 monies should be used for purchasing the mower and leave the Covid monies for what they were intended for. Mrs. Fleegeer has a concern that the Township residents will have to pay back the Covid funds if they are not used properly.

Brendan Linton stated speaking on behalf of himself, he feels the later discussion of a Solar Farm Ordinance needs immediate attention. Mr. Linton stated if they start the process like the billboards did before the Township had an Ordinance in place there is no way to stop them. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated the Planning Commission turned the ordinance recommendations over to him for a final review and the addition of a wind energy section and feels it should come back to the supervisors next month before advertising. No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Steinheiser stated the Township supervisors received a "Notice of Violation" certified mail letter from the DEP dated June 2, 2023. Steinheiser read the entire letter. Steinheiser stated the Township has 15 days from date of letter to respond. Roy Gilliland stated the Township has talked to DEP and they know we are working on a revised plan. Spangler stated that meeting was back in December. Steinheiser stated a copy of the letter is available to anyone.

Steinheiser asked Ken Dambaugh if he had any CTSA updates. Dambaugh stated he would after hearing this DEP letter read earlier. Dambaugh stated they agreed to have quarterly reports. Kradel stated he and Spangler want monthly reports, not quarterly like Steinheiser agreed to. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated CTSA needs to give him their input for the response letter that needs to go to the DEP within 10 days. Mr. Dambaugh thinks 15 days is unreasonable time to answer the DEP and asked if Mr. Menchyk, Jr. can ask for an extension so we can give a proper response. Kradel told Mr. Dambaugh he did not see taking sewage to Saxonburg in their newest plan. Mr. Dambaugh said it is not feasible/costly. Steinheiser stated the board requested 4 scenarios and Saxonburg was one of them. Mr. Dambaugh stated he would ask Gibson-Thomas to run the numbers and report back to the board. Mr. Dambaugh stated he was surprised by the letter from DEP because the CTSA has been working closely with them.

Spangler motioned to pay invoice from Connoquenessing Borough in the amount of \$144.00 for additional insurance expense from Connoquenessing Volunteer Fire Company adding a 2018 Ford Explorer to their fleet. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel motioned to ratify health insurance renewal and HRA. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel motioned to issue demolition permit for mobile home at 306 St. James St., Renfrew, PA without taxes being paid. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.

PLANS

Steinheiser stated the David Schultz Subdivision Plan # 2 sewage planning module was approved by DEP letter dated May 4, 2023, therefore all contingencies have been met.

ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Braun stated the bid packets for Lower Harmony culvert project are ready to go and will be advertised in the Butler Eagle. Mr. Braun stated Lane Products will be supplying the material but he hasn't received a time frame for receiving. Mr. Braun said if it takes too long, paving could be delayed until next year. Spangler stated Lindy Paving runs all year long so some kind of product could be put down. The board told Mr. Braun to advertise now.

SOLICITOR REPORT

NONE

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Spangler motioned to approve invoice for May 2023 in the amount of \$345.40. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Kradel stated road crew has been busy replacing a culvert on Crab Run Rd. and preparing Whitestown Rd. Ext. for paving. Mr. Kradel stated the other roads that were bindered last year are also getting prepared for tar and chipping.

Road superintendent report for May 2023 in packets.

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

Steinheiser stated there were twelve building permits applied for this month.

They were:

- 15-23 - Richard Amigh - Silver Oak Dr. - new home - 5/19/23
- 16-23 - Jones Estates - St. James St. - demolish m. home - 5/22/23
- 17-23 - Jones Estates - Oak Ln. - new mobile home - 5/22/23
- 18-23 - Jones Estates - Meadow Dr. - new mobile home - 5/22/23
- 19-23 - Jones Estates - St. James St. - new mobile home - 5/22/23
- 20-23 - Joseph Corrado - Reiber Rd. - new home - 5/23/23
- 21-23 - Derek Davis - Whipporwill Rd. - animal shelter - 5/24/23
- 22-23 - Charlotte Wright - Boy Scout Rd. - shed - 5/25/23
- 23-23 - Charlotte Wright - Boy Scout Rd. - carport - 5/25/23
- 24-23 - Kenneth Kucel - Evans City Rd. - patio roof - 5/26/23
- 25-23 - Kevin Ozimek - Prospect Rd. - house alterations - 6-1-23
- 26-23 - Kenneth Sivley - Fassinger Rd. - patio enlargement - 6/5/23

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

NONE

SEO REPORT

NONE

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Spangler motioned to refund \$50.00 sewage escrow to Darryl "Butch" Master on behalf of 114 Walters Ln. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser stated the below was on the agenda for information.

Received invoice from Connoquenessing Borough for Recycling/Cleanup Day held on May 13, 2023. The Township's share was \$1,136.88 and reported on the Financial Report.

Received letter from XTO dated May 5, 2023 stating they are requesting Well Permits Renewals for the four Patton well permits in Prospect Borough/Connoquenessing Township. Information is on file at Township office.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Kradel motioned to adjourn to an executive session at 6:32 p.m. to discuss possible litigation and stated the board would not return.