

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors held a "Special Meeting" which was called to order by Vice-Chairman Larry Spangler at 3:30 p.m. on November 20, 2023 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Larry Spangler and Ricky Kradel. Terry Steinheiser did not attend. Also attending was Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr., Engineer Bill Braun and Secretary/Asst. Treasurer Brenda Davis to take the minutes. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence. Seven people signed in on the public sign in record on file.

**COMMENT PERIOD** (three minute limit pertaining to agenda)

Chris Klink stated she did not know what the LSA Grant or Resolution #6-23 is and asked if it would be explained during the meeting. Spangler stated, "yes".

**NEW BUSINESS**

Spangler stated the special meeting was called quickly due to the LSA grant application needing submitted by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated he prepared resolution #6-23 for a grant application for the planning, construction and design of a new municipal building. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated Mr. Braun will be compiling the information for the LSA application. Bill Braun stated the grant is a state grant offered by the DCED and between \$25,000 - \$1,000,000 with no match required but very competitive. The grants are for municipalities, counties, authorities and hopefully within a year they will be granted. Mr. Braun stated a new municipal building has been discussed over the years and a draft design prepared so it was decided to apply for this. Mr. Braun stated the new building would be closer to Rt. 68 and the current building used for all maintenance. Spangler asked Mr. Braun if Township should request \$1,000,000. Mr. Braun said, "yes" even if the total isn't awarded. Kradel stated the current building is overcrowded and voting will be coming here so we need to act. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated the application fee is only \$100.00 so very little expense to try.

Chris Klink asked if it could be used for something else? Kradel stated only what the Township applies for. Mrs. Klink stated the Township needs a sewer system. Kradel stated the Sewer Authority would have to apply for that. Bill Braun stated his estimate will probably be \$1.2 million so a willingness of the Township to put up a % of matching funds could increase the chance of being selected. Kradel stated the building was built early 70's. Bill Braun said the new facility will not be a Taj Mahal but have an assembly area, restrooms, conference room, sewer authority office, storage room and be ADA compliant. Mr. Braun stated the secretary will be behind glass when public enter the foyer.

Carol Christner asked what happens if costs skyrocket and the township after submitting the cost estimate escalates to where the township can't match enough does the Township lose the grant or can it be switched to use for something else. Kradel stated the estimate Mr. Braun puts in is not going to be off too much for the township to match what is needed. Mr. Braun stated it has never happened giving the money back but if another covid outbreak happens, it could.

Kradel motioned to approve Resolution #6-23. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel motioned the Township to commit to funding of the LSA grant. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated a specific dollar amount is not needed at this time. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel motioned to request support letters from our legislators. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kathy Double asked how much the Township is committing? Spangler stated that will be determined when grant is received.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Spangler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.