

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Terry Steinheiser at 7:00 p.m. on April 2, 2014 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser, Scott Longdon and Ray Kroll. Also attending was Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr., Engineer Bill Braun, Treasurer Lee Kradel and Secretary Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Ten people signed in on the public sign in record on file. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW MINUTES

Reviewed minutes of March 5, 2014 supervisors meeting. Steinheiser motioned to accept the March 5, 2014 minutes. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$298,020.66 but after total deposits of \$61,743.79 and checks in the amount of \$67,506.70 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$292,257.75. The Escrow account beginning balance was \$40,424.25 but after checks in the amount of \$1,741.50 and deposits in the amount of \$700.00, the ending balance is \$39,382.75. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$215,093.65 but with interest in the amount of \$11.01, the ending balance is \$215,104.66. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$259,021.27 but with interest of \$22.00, the ending balance is \$259,043.27. Steinheiser motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to release Ray Schnur's tax refund due to appeal assessment in the amount of \$119.20. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser stated the budget update is in the packets for information.

COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Olsen from Olsen Engineering mentioned his firm can assist the board to create an ordinance regulating where unconventional wells can be drilled. He discussed Act 13 and the opportunity to look into zoning. He stated his firm is not a law firm, therefore our solicitor would still be involved. Steinheiser thanked Mr. Olsen for the information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Steinheiser called an executive session to discuss the Western Pennsylvania litigation. The board returned and Steinheiser stated they discussed a solution for the Western Pennsylvania litigation and also discussed a personnel issue.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD

Mr. Bob Ivill was on the agenda but did not attend.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed upgrading Lee Kradel's computer in the amount of \$479.99. Ms. Kradel also requested Microsoft Office to be installed for an additional \$180.00 instead of the free Kingsoft Office because of the functions. Ms. Kradel stated the main reason for the new computer is because she currently has Windows XP which is no longer supported by Microsoft. Longdon motioned to purchase the new computer and Microsoft Office for a total approximate amount of \$659.99. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMPLAINT

Steinheiser read a written complaint concerning garbage at 783 Dick Road. Steinheiser motioned to send code enforcement officer. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

PLANS

Ron Olsen was present to request preliminary & final approval on the McDonald Plumbing plan. After discussion, Steinheiser motioned to approve the buffer modification request of placing the buffer at the edge of the commercial use instead of along the perimeter of the property line with the stipulation of using the Type C buffer yard. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes. Secondly, Steinheiser motioned to approve the plan for preliminary & final contingent on an improvement bond in the amount of \$30,674.99 being secured and the recording of the Stormwater Operation & Maintenance (O&M) agreement. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

ENGINEER REPORT

Bill Braun stated Brett Schultz from Weaver Master Builders is requesting Sonoma Valley's letter of credit be reduced by \$85,093.50 for a revised amount of \$510,221.84 and agrees with the reduction. Steinheiser motioned to approve reducing Sonoma Valley's letter of credit to \$510,221.84. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated the last draft of the codification was submitted March 24th and should receive final publication in a month or so.

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated a letter was mailed to Darnel Martin giving her until May 31, 2014 to remove her swimming pool. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated it was mailed regular mail and certified, certified was returned. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated he will mail her another certified.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Steinheiser motioned to approve invoice in the amount of \$120.16. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Kroll stated the men have been plowing, salting, pothole patching, cleaning catch basins, mowing and equipment maintenance. Kroll stated in May the streets will be swept, brush cut, etc. Kroll stated MarkWest and Rex Energy will start to repair the roads.

Kroll mentioned the purchase of the new truck tabled at last meeting. Andrew Menchyk, Jr. stated he has prepared a resolution to authorize for the acquisition of the truck and attachments. Andrew Menchyk, Jr. stated the truck will be purchased from Hunters and the attachments through Walsh Equipment which are both CoStars members. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated after signing, the truck could take 3-5 months for delivery. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated another resolution will need completed later to approve the financing. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated by passing the resolution, it gives authority to the Roadmaster to sign the purchasing documents on the Township's behalf. Kroll motioned to pass resolution # 2-14 to purchase a Peterbilt truck from Hunter Truck Sales and attachments from Walsh Equipment. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Road superintendent's report for month of March was in the packets.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Steinheiser stated there were three building permits applied for in the month of March.

They were: Reed Soergel - Prospect Road - addition to barn - Ag Security
 Tim Huff - Dick Road - carport
 Terry Steinheiser - Double Road - equipment building - Ag Security

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

Pawlowicz stated money is coming in at the discount. Pawlowicz mentioned again about getting support from the supervisors on collecting more per capita taxes. Longdon said Mr. Pawlowicz was previously told that the board needs a list of possible rental properties compiled first.

SEO REPORT

NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

NONE

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Steinheiser motioned to pay for all Township officials to attend the Butler County Association of Township Officials 99th Annual Spring Convention on May 15, 2014 at the Butler Country Club at a cost of \$22.00/each and stated the Township office will be closed. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

Connoquenessing Township, Connoquenessing Borough and Forward Township will have their joint annual "Clean-up/Recycling Day" on May 10, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A list of items being accepted and fees will be posted at the Township office in the near future.

Received letter dated March 17, 2014 from Apex TITAN, Inc. to inform us that they, on behalf of Mountain Gathering, is submitting a PA DEP GP-5 General Permit Application for the Forward Compressor Station to Region 6. Any comments need addressed within 30 days of this notice to the DEP. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated March 18, 2014 from Morris Knowles & Associates in reference to the Kyne Well Pad to inform us that they are applying for coverage under the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP-2) for Earth Disturbance Associated with Oil & Gas Exploration, Production, Processing or Treatment Operations or Transmission Facilities from the PA DEP. Any comments need addressed within 30 days of this notice to the DEP. Information is on file at Township office.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Steinheiser motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.