

Connoquenessing Township's "Close of Business" Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Terry Steinheiser at 6:00 p.m. on December 27, 2012 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser, Scott Longdon and Jack Kaltenbaugh. Treasurer Lee Kradel and Secretary Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr. and Engineer Bill Braun did not attend. Two residents signed in on the public sign in record on file. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW MINUTES

Steinheiser made a motion to approve the December 5, 2012 minutes. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$315,881.90 but after total deposits of \$47,331.29 and checks of \$40,096.10 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$323,117.09. Lee Kradel said the Escrow account beginning balance is \$56,389.00 but with deposits of \$930.00 and checks of \$31,689.00 being approved tonight leaves an ending balance of \$25,630.00. Lee Kradel stated the balance in the Highway Aide account remained at \$25,869.71. Lee Kradel said the Act 13 beginning balance is \$205,486.68 but with interest of \$4.50 the ending balance is \$205,491.18. Longdon made a motion to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Secondly, Lee Kradel noted the final total budget number was changed to reflect the totals of the General, Liquid Fuels and Act 13 Funds for a total of \$1,162,408.22. Lee asked the board if they think the Act 13 monies should be included in this number since they were already accounted for in the 2012 budget and are not monies we are receiving in 2013 for the budget. Lee Kradel said the 2013 Act 13 monies won't be distributed until July. After discussing, the board felt only the General Fund and Liquid Fuel revenues anticipated should be in the total budget. Lee Kradel will reduce the total budget number on the 2013 budget by \$205,486.68 for a total budget of \$956,921.54. Steinheiser motioned to adopt the 2013 budget with the change to the total budget number. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD

* NONE *

PLAN

* NONE *

SOLICITOR

* NONE *

ENGINEER

Bill Braun was not present but supplied a letter to the Township in regards to Sonoma Valley requesting a reduction of their "letter of credit" in the amount of \$109,590.00. Bill Braun's letter recommended reducing their amount because they had fulfilled the requirements. After the board discussed, Longdon motioned to reduce Sonoma Valley's "letter of credit" by \$109,590.00. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Lee Kradel explained XTO requested a lane name off Powdermill Road at the Rutledge gas operation because there will be a well pad, compressor station and water impoundment and 911 suggests each of them have their own address. Lee Kradel stated the lane is off Powdermill Road in Connoquenessing Township but Forward Township has to issue the addresses because the lane is in Forward Township. Longdon motioned to accept the lane name of "Rutledge Lane". Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser mentioned Larry Spangler is requesting to name a lane "Kuharic Lane" where he just purchased a residence. Lee Kradel stated 911 does suggest when a lane has two or more residences, it should have a name. Brenda Davis stated the other resident on the lane is upset because they have two business' at the location and changing all the addresses and stationary will cost money. They suggest getting reflective street number markers

at the end of the lane and each driveway and keep the address on Eagle Mill Road. Steinheiser stated Mr. Spangler is only thinking safety. Kaltenbaugh thought maybe the lane should be named for the property owner at the end of the lane. Longdon thought reflective signs at the end of the road and driveway numbers go a lot further than a new name on the end of a road from an emergency response perspective. After the board's different opinions, Steinheiser tabled the discussion and told Lee Kradel and Longdon to research to see if the road should be named after the residence that is furthest back or if markers can be placed at the end of the lane. Longdon stated 911 can suggest a lane needs named but the ultimate decision lies with the municipality. Tom Pawlowicz mentioned his sister-in-law's business off Eagle Mill Road and asked Steinheiser if he could suggest to her to name her lane since there are two residences on the lane. Steinheiser told Mr. Pawlowicz he tabled the discussion in order to get the answers.

OLD BUSINESS

* NONE *

REQUEST TO BE HEARD

* NONE *

ROADMASTER

Longdon mentioned the road crew has been working on the new storage building, plowing snow and doing maintenance on equipment. Longdon also stated the revised Excess Maintenance Agreement has been finalized and in use. Longdon stated having this agreement helps the Township have ties with the gas companies since contact names are now required in the agreement.

SEO

Steinheiser told Kaltenbaugh and Longdon there were a couple resumes in the office for SEO which they could look over in order to decide who they want appointed at the Organization Meeting on January 7th.

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Steinheiser made a motion to release SFTF escrow to Mr. Pitell in the amount of \$50.00. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

Rec'd "notification of surface landowner/water purveyor of well drilling operation or alteration from DEP for 1 well in Forward Township. The well pad is the Hixon Unit 3H. Information is on file at Township office.

Rec'd letter from Rex Energy dated December 5, 2012 notifying the Township that Permit applications for Drilling or Altering a Well are being submitted to the PA DEP for the Baillie Trust Units 1H, 2H, 3H and 4H natural gas wells. The wells are located in Jackson Township. Information is on file at Township office.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Steinheiser made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m. Longdon, seconded.