

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Ed Rupert at 7:00 p.m. on January 4, 2016 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Ed Rupert and Ray Kroll. Terry Steinheiser was not present. 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. Four 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 December 30, 2015 "close of business" meeting. Rupert motioned to accept the December 30, 2015 minutes. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$261,158.13 but after interest of \$10.09 received on December 31, 2015 and checks in the amount of \$22,407.59 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$238,760.63. Lee Kradel stated the Escrow account remained at \$22,166.75. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$66,162.26 but with interest of \$2.74, the ending balance is \$66,165.00. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$439,594.67 but with interest of \$38.24, the ending balance is \$439,632.91. Rupert motioned to accept the financial report. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Rupert stated the Township received a resignation letter dated December 31, 2015 from Scott Longdon for the position of Emergency Management Coordinator effective January 1, 2016. Kroll motioned to accept Scott Longdon's resignation. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. mentioned, in reference to the "financial report section", that Rupert can now be added to the bank account to sign checks. Kroll also noted that the motion to accept the financial report should have included approving to pay the bills. Therefore, Rupert motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes. Kroll motioned to add Rupert to the Nextier account. Rupert, abstained and then seconded. Roll call, yes.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD

NONE

PLANS

Dave Lucci representing America First Enterprises requested final approval on their "self storage units" land development plan. Mr. Lucci stated they had received preliminary approval at last month's meeting but was required to come back when the infiltration results were in. Mr. Lucci stated the results are in and were approved by our engineer, Bill Braun. Mr. Braun agreed and stated this plan can receive final approval with two contingencies of 1. The Stormwater Management Operations and Maintenance Agreement must be executed and 2. Improvement bond in the amount of \$191,937.35 is in place. Kroll asked if this was an existing lot and if all the setbacks are being met? Mr. Lucci said "yes" to both questions. In addition, Mr. Lucci stated the HOP from PennDot has been received. Kroll motioned to approve the America First Enterprises "self storage units" plan as final contingent on the Stormwater Management Operations and Maintenance Agreement must be executed and the Improvement bond in the amount of \$191,937.35 is in place. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Braun stated PennDot had more comments on the ARLE Grant and Trans Associates has addressed them and resubmitted last week. Rupert asked if the lights would be staggered or all change at the same time? Mr. Braun stated they will be set to keep traffic moving.

Mr. Braun stated the letter was received from the DCNR on our Botanical study that was required to move forward with our Act 537 Plan stating there were no "potentially" endangered plant findings so Mr. Braun stated we should be able to advertise for Public comment next week. Mr. Braun stated each comment will have to be addressed. Kroll told Mr. Braun to copy Tomissa from DEP with our status.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. brought up the "Animal Nuisance Ordinance" that was tabled at the last meeting for further review. Rupert had concerns since this Township is a rural community and doesn't want any farmers animal noises being in violation. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. understood and said it would be the Township who enforces the ordinance, therefore using common sense we would refrain

from citing a farmer for animal noises. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated this ordinance is to stop violators like the geese and ducks on school property and animals going onto other peoples property and causing destruction. After discussing, Rupert wanted more time to review the ordinance. The ordinance was tabled.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

NONE

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Kroll mentioned the small red dump truck broke down this morning. Kroll stated the salt building is full and road crew is ready for winter.

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

NONE

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

Tom Pawlowicz stated the 2015 tax year is done and the 2016 tax cards come out the first of March.

SEO REPORT

NONE

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Kroll motioned to pay Connoquenessing Borough for Township's share of 2016 Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurance Premium in the amount of \$13,364.10. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to pay PSATS invoice for membership in the amount of \$1,320.00. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to pay the BCATO dues for 2016 in the amount of \$35.00. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to approve to pay for eligible officials to attend the PSATS convention in Hershey in April of 2016. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Kroll motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.