

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Terry Steinheiser at 7:01 p.m. on January 6, 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. Five people signed in on the public sign in record on file. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW MINUTES

Reviewed minutes of December 31, 2013 "close of business" meeting. Steinheiser motioned to accept the December 31, 2013 minutes. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel stated the financial report only reflects activity since the December 31, 2013 "close of business" meeting. Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$360,641.16 but after total deposits of \$2,171.75 and checks of \$6,407.03 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$356,405.88. The Escrow account beginning balance was \$36,796.75 but after checks in the amount of \$752.50 tonight, the ending balance is \$36,044.25. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$61,201.54 but with interest of \$2.53, the ending balance is \$61,204.07. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$258,956.70 but with interest of \$22.70, the ending balance is \$258,979.40. Steinheiser motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes. Lee Kradel said the auditors from Maher Duessel will be in the week of February 3, 2014 to audit the 2013 books.

COMMENT PERIOD

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Steinheiser stated an invoice for \$834.00 to join the Butler County COG was received and stated last year we did not join because we didn't feel the benefit of joining outweighed the cost. Longdon and Kroll agreed it's not worth it. Steinheiser motioned to decline from joining the Butler County COG. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD

Evelyn Hockenberry was on the agenda but did not attend.

PLANS

NONE

ENGINEER REPORT

Steinheiser stated Patrick Boylan from Boylan Funeral Home is requesting their letter of credit be reduced by \$119,921.94 for a revised amount of \$61,700.00. Bill Braun stated he went to inspect and agrees with this reduction. Mr. Braun told the board they still need to get their buffer done. Steinheiser made a motion to reduce Boylan Funeral Home's letter of credit by \$119,921.94 for a revised amount of \$61,700.00. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Andrew Menchyk, Jr. said he has revised the "Temporary Holding Tank" ordinance since last meeting to make sure the ordinance states they are only temporary in nature and can only be used for commercial use. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated the applicant will have to apply for a permit, enter into a contract and put security in place for inspections with the Township. In addition, Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated holding tanks are only permitted for an 18 month period. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. also pointed out to the board sections of the ordinance requiring annual inspections (which is required by the PA State Code) and requiring pumping receipts monthly being submitted to the Township and SEO. Bill Braun said he has seen in the past where an existing failed system has been given a permit for a temporary holding tank but the old system was never closed off. Bill Braun thought it should be stated in the ordinance requiring them to close off the old system before being permitted a holding tank. Steinheiser said holding tanks are only for commercial use, not a way to replace a sewage system. Steinheiser told Bill Braun he had a

good point but this ordinance is mainly being put in place for Gas Wells and doesn't see where his comment is needed. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. told the board that even if a commercial business's sewage system is failing and they come to the Township to acquire a permit for a temporary holding tank, the Township can still deny and tell them to find another way to correct. Steinheiser stated he feels comfortable with this ordinance even though loopholes may be found. Steinheiser motioned to advertise the "Temporary Holding Tank" ordinance so the board can act on it at the February supervisors meeting. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Steinheiser motioned to approve invoice in the amount of \$106.08. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.
Report in the packets.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Longdon stated the road superintendent's report for December 2013 was presented at the December 31, 2013 "close of business" meeting. Longdon said it has been a pleasure working with the road crew and stated they are all exceptional workers.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Steinheiser stated there were no building permits applied for since the December 31, 2013 meeting.

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

Tom Pawlowicz said the 2013 tax year is closed and 2014 taxes will be mailed out in February.

SEO REPORT

Two final inspections were completed: They were:
Shane Fleegeer
Nancy Sabadish

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Steinheiser made a motion to release Nancy Sabadish's sewage escrow in the amount of \$50.00. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser made a motion to release Gene Koebler's lot line revision escrow in the amount of \$527.50. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser said the Township received a "Municipal Agreement" from the Butler County Humane Society. Steinheiser motioned to sign the agreement and approve Dog Officer, Eugene Henry, to sign on Township's behalf. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser motioned to pay PSATS invoice in the amount of \$1,287.00. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser motioned to pay the \$35.00 BCATO dues for 2014. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser motioned to approve to pay for eligible officials to attend the PSATS convention in Hershey in April of 2014. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Steinheiser motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.