

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Terry Steinheiser at 7:00 p.m. on January 7, 2013 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser, Scott Longdon and Jack Kaltenbaugh. Also attending was Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr., Engineer Bill Braun, Treasurer Lee Kradel and Secretary Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Seventeen residents signed in on the public sign in record on file. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW MINUTES

Reviewed minutes of December 27, 2012 "close of business" meeting. Steinheiser motioned to accept the December 27, 2012 minutes. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes. Evelyn Hockenberry questioned Steinheiser if the storage building being built at the Township needs a permit? Steinheiser did not know but said he would call Dave Hazlet, building inspector, and advise.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel stated the financial report only reflects activity since the December 27, 2012 "close of business" meeting. Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$323,117.09 but after total deposits of \$9,794.50 and checks of \$31,771.39 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$301,140.20. The Escrow account beginning balance was \$25,630.00 but after a check in the amount of \$50.00 tonight and a deposit of \$700.00, the ending balance is \$26,280.00. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$25,869.71 but with interest of \$.35, the ending balance is \$25,870.06. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$205,491.18 but with interest of \$34.91, the ending balance is \$205,526.09. Steinheiser motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes. Evelyn Hockenberry asked if the check to Banner & Sechler, our Alternate Solicitor, was the last payment? Steinheiser said "yes", the litigation is closed.

COMMENT PERIOD

Jim Smith, resident of the Woodlands, asked who he needs to see to get some of the Act 13 impact fee money to help the Woodlands Water problems. Mr. Smith states their water is poison and has not received any help from the Township. Mr. Smith said all he has heard is a possible water line being run in 18 months which is too long and that the residents would have to help pay for it. Steinheiser said there is no immediate answer for rectification. Steinheiser said he has talked with the County Commissioners, PA American Water and Brian Ellis' office but there is no easy fix. Mr. Smith said he feels the Woodland residents should receive the impact monies to buy water. He told the board, "you try living on 20 gallons of water a week for a family and pets." Longdon told Mr. Smith the board is diligently trying to find a long term solution, not just a bandage. Longdon said the state regulates what the Act 13 funds can be spent on and isn't sure if the monies can be spent for this. Mr. Smith asked for the list. Longdon said it's on the computer under "Act 13" fund. Mrs. Janet McIntyre asked if money could be sent to White Oak Church so they could buy more water for the Woodlands? Steinheiser stated the money just came in and it has to be used in one of 13 ways and reported to the PUC on how it will be spent by April 15th. Steinheiser told Mrs. McIntyre he isn't sure if the Township can just buy water for them. Longdon told Mr. Smith that Rex Energy results from the DEP have cleared them of any wrongdoing but if he truly feels they have caused this, the residents need to get together and go against them. Mr. Smith began to talk about the many water tests that have proved their water is bad but Steinheiser told him the meeting needed to continue.

Dennis Higgins, another resident of the Woodlands, brought a bottle of his contaminated water to show the board. Mr. Higgins stated he has a wife, two children and a dog and his current water buffalo is being taken away because he doesn't have the money to pay for it. Mr. Higgins stated he got sick because of the water and hasn't been able to work and can't receive unemployment. Mr. Higgins stated his kids don't want to go to school because they don't have enough water to stay clean. Mr. Higgins said he hasn't had water for four days. Mr. Higgins asked for someone to pay for his water buffalo tomorrow before it is taken. Mr. Higgins stated it is \$250/month. Mr. Higgins said his garbage has been discontinued, the UPS man won't deliver and pleaded for \$125 he needs by tomorrow so he won't lose his water buffalo. Mr. Higgins said he has exhausted all his resources for getting money and needs the Township to help. Mr. Higgins asked if the board could call his water supplier and try to buy some time for him. Mr. Higgins said he feels if some of the politicians lived in the Woodlands, help would

get there much faster. Steinheiser stated he would discuss with the board and possibly call an executive session to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. & Mrs. Blaine were here to question the possible address change of their lane to Kuharic Lane. The Blaines stated the hardship of stationery costs and business address changes and said Larry Spangler, who was not present, and was the one who previously submitted the request has decided, based on their hardship, not to apply for the road name change. Longdon stated he reviewed the 911 guidelines and the way he interpreted it was that in order to name a lane you have to have a minimum of two homes on the lane; however, it doesn't require every lane with two houses to have a lane name. Longdon said from an emergency response opinion, marking the end of the lane with a reflective sign and having house numbers at the end of each driveway aids emergency personnel better than a lane name. After further discussion, the board did not approve Kuharic Lane and instructed the Blaines to work with Mr. Spangler to install the reflective sign at the end of the lane and install address numbers at the end of their driveways.

NEW BUSINESS

Steinheiser stated an invoice for \$834.00 to join the Butler County COG was received and asked for comments. Longdon said he does not feel the benefit of joining out weighs the cost. Longdon, however, stated it would be a good way to belong to an organized government to get other ideas. Kaltenbaugh commented he feels you can get limestone cheaper elsewhere. Bill Braun said belonging to the COG could save on our advertising expense. After discussion, the board agreed to not join the COG.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD

NONE

PLANS

Leo Rosenbauer, S.D. Graff Surveying, was present to represent the Shane Fleegeer lot line revision plan. Mr. Rosenbauer said the plan was already recommended by the Planning Commission and also received a letter of approval from the Butler County Planning Commission. Basically, Mr. Rosenbauer said it is a lot line revision on Doctor Lane. Mr. Rosenbauer stated a maintenance agreement for the road was required and has been approved by the Township solicitor, signed by the majority of residents on the lane and recorded at the County. Secondly, Mr. Rosenbauer stated the appropriate sewage testing has been done by the Township SEO, Dave Ice, and they have applied to the DEP for an exemption from Sewage Planning. Another comment was the lot line revision was not creating any more lots coming onto Doctor Lane. Mr. Rosenbauer clarified it states in the maintenance agreement that Doctor Lane is private and no one is requesting it to be adopted by the Township. Steinheiser made a motion to approve the Fleegeer lot line revision as final once the exemption from Sewage Planning is received from the DEP. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Longdon went back to Mr. Smith and the public and said it is everyone's right to speak at a public meeting but to be fair to the board, you need to request to be on the "Request to be Heard" section so the board can gather documents so they are prepared. Mr. Smith said to put him on all future Township meeting agendas to talk about the Woodlands Water problem.

ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Braun mentioned he is planning to inspect the Voll Compressor Station to see if it has been completed.

Secondly, Mr. Braun mentioned the letter received from DEP in reference to the Winterwood Drive Sewer Extension and suggested having a workshop meeting to discuss. Steinheiser agreed that the sewage issues in the Township need addressed.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Steinheiser questioned Mr. Menchyk, Jr. about whether a non- building lot needs both Primary and Alternate Sewage testing. Steinheiser and Kaltenbaugh feel sewage should not be required until something is built, therefore

wanting to change our current ordinance requirement. Mr. Braun said he feels the DEP requires this. Steinheiser asked Mr. Menchyk, Jr. and Mr. Braun to look into and advise.

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. presented copies of the revised "Sign Ordinance" that has been in process for months and asked the board if they are ready to advertise it in preparation of adoption. The board stated they would like to read the new draft. Steinheiser tabled the sign ordinance until next meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

No report or invoice for this month.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Longdon stated the road superintendent's report for December 2012 states the crew is continuing to build the storage building, salting and plowing the roads and keeping up with truck maintenance.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Steinheiser stated there were six building permits applied for this month. They were:
 Donna Zang – equipment storage building – Stevenson Road (Ag security)
 Sonoma Valley – 4 applications for a quad unit – Sonoma Valley Drive

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

Tom Pawlowicz said the 2012 tax year is closed and will be submitted to the County Controller on Friday. Mr. Pawlowicz said he will attend the first meeting of the year for the BCTCC on January 22, 2013.

SEO REPORT

Steinheiser stated some SFTF residents are not paying their fees for inspections. Steinheiser stated they got their system and agreed to the fees when approved but now are not paying. Steinheiser told Mr. Menchyk, Jr. he feels this needs enforced. Mrs. Blaine said she understands because this can be costly because she has to get results by her own independent lab to meet the DEP deadline and then the Township comes in later and charges her again for the same testing. After discussing further, the board stated the testing should be done by our SEO for legitimacy but if the DEP would accept Dave Ice's results then the Blaines could use his and not have to pay their independent lab too. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. will send certified letters to the non-responding SFTF residents.

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

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. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser motioned to pay PSATS invoice in the amount of \$1,282.00. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser motioned to pay the \$35.00 BCATO dues for 2013. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser motioned to approve to pay for eligible officials to attend the PSATS convention in Hershey in April of 2013. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser called an Executive Session at 8:12 p.m.

Steinheiser, Mr. Menchyk, Jr. and the board returned from the Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. Steinheiser stated the meeting was to discuss what the legal liability of the Township is in respect to the Woodlands Water problems. Steinheiser stated there was no solution to report from the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Steinheiser motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.