

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

Steinheiser stated the three minute "comment" and "request to be heard" sections would be strictly limited tonight and that the supervisors may have to call several Executive Sessions during the meeting.

REVIEW MINUTES

Longdon motioned to accept the "supervisors meeting" minutes of June 4, 2014. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$372,628.41 but after total deposits of \$66,330.01 and checks of \$57,595.19 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$381,363.23. The Escrow account beginning balance was \$36,227.00 but after deposits in the amount of \$1,700.00 and checks in the amount of \$1,110.00, the ending balance is \$36,817.00. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$215,127.12 but with interest of \$11.60, the ending balance is \$215,138.72. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$259,085.85 but with interest of \$22.00, the ending balance is \$259,107.85. Lee Kradel noted the Act 13 monies in the amount of \$174,573.37 were received but not deposited. Steinheiser motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD

* NONE *

BIDS

Steinheiser stated the bids for Super Pave were opened this morning and there were three bidders. Glenn O. Hawbaker bid \$236,584.25; Wiest bid \$158,636.25 and Protech bid \$184,574.97. Kroll motioned to award the Super Pave bid to Wiest. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes. Mr. Braun questioned if the three bidders all attended the required pre-bid meeting? Steinheiser said, "yes".

Brenda Davis stated no bids were submitted for the Seal Coat.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Steinheiser stated PA American Water is requesting a letter of support for proposed main water extensions in Connoquenessing Township. Longdon stated he talked to Lou Zimmerman from the Fire Company and agrees hydrants should be 500 ft. apart, therefore asking to include the request of 14 hydrants installed on Whitestown Rd. (Lower Harmony) stretch and 2 on Dick Rd between Rt. 422 and Lutherlyn in the letter of support. The board agreed. Ms. Davis will prepare letter for Mr. Steinheiser to sign.

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated we received an Ag Security proposal from Don Reedy and must publicly acknowledge receipt of this at the public meeting.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD - 3 minute time limit

Mr. Chas Tanner updated on his survey of the residents in the Woodlands that stated they had good water and poor water. He said about 200 residents live there and 1/2 stated they would tap in if water became available. He requested the Township to notify the PA American Water Company with his findings. Steinheiser stated the Woodlands needs to establish an association to address these issues.

Mrs. Evelyn Hockenberry read a letter in reference to 4 septic tank structures located at 178 Double Road that are within 2 to 3 feet of the boundary lines of 174 Double Rd. Mrs. Hockenberry stated our ordinance requires structures to be 15 ft. from the side setback and 25 ft. from back setback. Mrs. Hockenberry said the DEP told her the Township is responsible for meeting the requirements of our ordinance, therefore she is requesting the supervisors to

take action in rectifying. Mr. Kroll stated the plan had to be approved by the DEP or they wouldn't have issued the permit. Longdon stated the plan could be looked at again but it must have been approved by the supervisors even if modification setbacks were granted or it wouldn't be there. Mrs. Hockenberry disagreed. The board stated they would look into her submitted information.

Mr. Doug Johnston requested an update on the swimming pool at 407 Fawn Drive. Steinheiser stated there are questions that need discussed with the solicitor and entire board so an executive session may be called tonight to discuss.

Mr. Bob Elliott and Vaughn Hartman were on the agenda but did not attend.

Mr. Jason Vesel said he was at the Planning Commission meeting requesting approval on having a 50 ft. right-of-way or easement to an acre parcel from his grandma. Mr. Vesel would own 25 ft. but the grandma would give him a right of way for the other 25 ft. He wanted an answer if this would be approved before paying to get the property surveyed and the plan drawn up. After much discussion, the board told him that he must own the 50 ft. road frontage. In addition, the board told him they can not give him an okay on anything until the plan is presented to the Planning Commission.

Linda Clark was present to discuss the stormwater runoff problem on White Oak Drive. She read a letter and submitted it and pictures to the supervisors. She stated since the Township closed off a catch basin on White Oak Dr., the water runoff from the roads are flooding her neighbors yards and basements and they need help to resolve. Steinheiser stated the board and solicitor will discuss.

Martha Robb had the same complaint on White Oak Drive where the drain (catch basin) was removed recently and caused the stormwater problem. She stated the drain has been there for over 50 years and very effective in preventing flooding. Mrs. Robb questioned why the Township would take out this drain? No reply.

Mr. Ben Maser was present but did not comment.

Darnelle Martin, resident at 407 Fawn Drive, who was told to move her swimming pool presented pictures of her property with measurements of the setbacks and explained that her only setback issue is from Fawn Dr., not Mr. Johnston's property. She showed how her corner lot is not big enough to meet our setbacks. She also stated she had never met Leyne Lokhaiser so she doesn't know where he measured from. Steinheiser asked Mr. Menchyk, Jr. if private roads had the same setbacks and if this was a good time for an executive session to discuss?

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Steinheiser called an Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss the Darnelle Martin issue.

The board returned from Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. and told Darnelle Martin there are legal issues present and they would like to send Leyne Lokhaiser out to meet with her to get exact measurements in order to have an answer by next meeting.

Mr. Bob Ivill asked if there was a study on Eagle Mill Rd. as to the volume (traffic count) over the bridge? Mr. Braun said, "no", only a weight limit study. Longdon told Mr. Ivill he had contacted the owner of the farm who Mr. Ivill states is a commercial business and found that the owner has 1500 acres and 200 loads of grain a day he hauls for himself. In addition, Longdon stated this is considered a local delivery. Longdon also stated he talked to State Police and was told any resident can call the station and ask for them to start checking the speed and weight limits of the trucks using the road, it doesn't have to come from a Township official. Mr. Ivill said he's been at meetings for months and is still waiting for answers.

Mrs. Howryla, resident on Whitestown Rd., was present stating the bad storm caused the hillside to cave in and caused her basement to flood and cover her yard with debris. She stated our road crew had previously cut a ditch out on the hill to divert water off the roads and feels this caused the flooding to her property. She stated she has lived there for 18 years and never a water problem. Longdon stated these were extraordinary strong storms. Kroll said the road crew has been over and started putting in riprap and will continue to work on the ditching. Mrs. Howryla's real question tonight was what the Township is going to do because she can't get her place fixed until the

issue of the stormwater coming onto her property is resolved. Kroll stated the road crew is trying to get Eagle Mill Road open and then will be over to work on Whitestown Rd.

Mrs. Christine Klink, resident on Reiber Rd., stated Reiber Rd. was done very well last year but the road crew did not finish about 125 ft. of pipe needed to run water to the creek and asked when this will be corrected. Mrs. Klink said this caused a problem to her driveway and mailbox during this past storm. Longdon said it will be re-evaluated and addressed.

PLANS

John Thomas presented his subdivision plan for a four acre parcel. Steinheiser motioned to approve his request for a modification be granted for providing contours on the plan. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes. Steinheiser motioned to approve the John Thomas subdivision plan for preliminary & final approval contingent on his Sewage Planning Module being accepted by the DEP. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Braun stated the application for the ARLE Grant has been submitted but won't hear if granted until fall. Mr. Braun told the board the more state representatives the Township can get to send support letters on this project, the better.

Mr. Braun stated he will be meeting with Mike Zimmerman from the DEP to discuss our proposed Act 537 plan.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Longdon motioned to adopt our codification ordinance #89 prepared by General Code. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated it will take effect in 5 days.

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. discussed the Weight Limit Ordinance. Longdon motioned to advertise. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. mentioned an illegal subdivision that was brought to the Township's attention by the County which needs corrected. Steinheiser motioned to have Mr. Menchyk, Jr. send a letter to the (Durschinger's) to rectify. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Longdon motioned to approve invoice in the amount of \$306.32. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Kroll stated roads to be paved are about 90% ready and road crew has been busy addressing problems around the Township caused by the storm. Kroll stated delivery of the new Peterbilt is anticipated for September. Kroll plans on talking to Vogel Disposal about running their container boxes on Whitestown Road. Longdon stated there is a chance of recouping some money from PEMA over this storm damage.

No road superintendent's report was submitted for month of June.

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

Steinheiser stated there were eighteen building permits applied for this month. They were:

- Tim Hutchison - Cupps Rd.- garage addition
- Randall Mallette - Sherman Ln. - shed
- Lutherlyn - Lutherlyn Ln. - restroom building
- Lutherlyn - Lutherlyn Ln. - art gallery
- Schaming Estate - Evans City Rd. - repair garage
- Louis Westerman - Upper Harmony Rd. - shed
- Sonoma Valley - Silver Oak Dr. - 8 quad units
- Donald Reedy - Shannon Rd. - replacement garage
- Nicole Steighner - Holt Ln - inground swimming pool
- Madeline O'Lare - Double Rd. - mobile home
- R.E. Erdley & Sons - Shannon Mills Dr. - house

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

NONE

SEO REPORT

Steinheiser stated the final inspection was done at 311 Connoquenessing Drive.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

NONE

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Longdon motioned to release \$150.00 sewage escrow to David Schaum. Kroll, seconded.
Roll call, yes.

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

Received letter dated June 3, 2014 from Rex Energy to notify that Permit Applications for Drilling or Altering a Well are being submitted to the PA DEP for the Bloom Unit's 2H, 4H and 6H natural gas wells located in Connoquenessing Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated June 9, 2014 from Rex Energy to notify that Permit Applications for Drilling or Altering a Well are being submitted to the PA DEP for the Bicehouse Unit's 1H and 3H natural gas wells located in Lancaster Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated June 19, 2014 from CEC to inform that Rex Energy is applying to the PA DEP for a modification to an existing ESCGP-2 Permit for the Bricker Well Pad Project. Any comments need sent to the DEP within 30 days. Information is on file at Township office.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Longdon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Steinheiser called an Executive Session to discuss stormwater issues but stated the board would not return.
Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.