

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Scott Longdon at 7:00 p.m. on May 7, 2014 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Scott Longdon and Ray Kroll. Terry Steinheiser did not attend. Also attending was Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr., Engineer Bill Braun, Treasurer Lee Kradel and Secretary Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Eleven people signed in on the public sign in record on file. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **REVIEW MINUTES**

Reviewed minutes of April 2, 2014 supervisors meeting. Kroll motioned to accept the April 2, 2014 minutes. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$292,257.75 but after total deposits of \$124,628.07 and checks in the amount of \$78,453.23 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$338,432.59. The Escrow account beginning balance was \$39,382.75 but after checks in the amount of \$900.25 and deposits in the amount of \$785.00, the ending balance is \$39,267.50. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$215,104.66 but with interest in the amount of \$11.23, the ending balance is \$215,115.89. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$259,043.27 but with interest of \$21.29, the ending balance is \$259,064.56. Longdon motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **COMMENT PERIOD - three minute limit**

Tom Pawlowicz said other government sectors have voted to start their meetings with a prayer and asked the board if they would consider it? Longdon stated it has not been discussed.

#### **BIDS**

Kroll motioned to advertise for road paving projects. He stated he will meet with Dick Knapko from PennDot to finalize the bid/contract documents. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes. Kroll stated he is currently looking at top coating Westerman Estates and Stevenson Road and binding Camp Fatima and a small portion of Boy Scout Roads.

Kroll motioned to advertise for a total of 3,500 tons of 2A, 2B and #3 limestone and various sizes of riprap. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to advertise for 2 types of dustoil. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to advertise for 500 tons each of 2B and 3 gravel. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll suggested hiring a college student part-time to assist with flagging, landscaping, etc. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. will review the collective bargaining agreement and advise Mr. Kroll of its requirements. Kroll motioned to hire part time college student for summer and pay to be based on Mr. Menchyk, Jr.'s recommendation. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll stated the road crew will be working in Westerman Estates and on gravel roads.

Kroll motioned to solicit phone bids for fuel instead of advertising. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **REQUEST TO BE HEARD - three minute limit**

Mr. Bob Ivill questioned if the Township has moved forward with enforcing the 10 ton weight limit on Eagle Mill Road? The board stated they are still in the process of completing road studies in order to post all Township roads.

Mr. Chas Tanner told the board he is currently taking a survey with Woodland residents to see if they have good, bad or "don't know" water and secondly if they would tap into public water if it came available. Mr. Tanner also stated he is trying to obtain research done by Duquense University. Mr. Tanner said he will be back when the information is gathered.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

\*NONE\*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

\*NONE\*

#### **PLANS**

\*NONE\*

#### **ENGINEER REPORT**

Mr. Braun stated Weaver Master Builders has completed the binder at the Sonoma Valley development and Senate Engineer's inspector has been on site. Mr. Braun stated Weaver will be requesting another reduction at next month's meeting.

Bill Braun stated 70% of the road weight study is complete.

Mr. Braun stated there was a meeting to discuss Act 537 alternatives and a draft letter will be submitted to DEP in June for their guidance.

In closing, Bill Braun stated DEP is still offering a 50% reimbursement on fees spent on sewage enforcement and the Dirt & Gravel grants are up from \$3,000,000 to \$30,000,000.

### **SOLICITOR REPORT**

Longdon motioned to advertise the new code ordinance to adopt. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Longdon motioned to advertise for a special meeting to be held before the regular supervisors meeting on June 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Airport Ordinance in the new code ordinance. Kroll, seconded.

Roll call, yes. Evelyn Hockenberry asked if the Airport "Board of Adjustment" members needed to be present? Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated, "no".

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. mentioned there has been no payment from SFTF owner at 782 Dick Road after previous notices and asked the board if they wanted another certified letter sent or file at the magistrate? The board told Mr. Menchyk, Jr. to proceed to the magistrate and file the action.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Kroll motioned to approve invoice in the amount of \$273.92. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

### **ROAD MASTERS REPORT**

Discussed earlier under "Bid Section". Road superintendent's report for month of April was in the packets.

### **BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

Longdon stated there were twelve building permits applied for in the month of April.

They were: Tom Huff - Dick Rd. - garage lean to  
 Sonoma Valley - Silver Oak Dr. - 8 quad units  
 Norma Berry - Welsh Rd. - garage  
 Reed Soergel - Prospect Rd. - garage addition  
 Joseph Johnston - Smith Rd. - replacement garage

### **TAX COLLECTOR REPORT**

Tom Pawlowicz said tax collections are now in the face period and payments will be slow until the middle of June.

### **SEO REPORT**

\*NONE\*

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT**

Longdon mentioned a flyer from PA American Water stating they will be flushing hydrants. Longdon also said he has a meeting with the fire dept. on the 20<sup>th</sup> related to emergency preparedness. In addition, Longdon stated two new fire hydrants are being placed on Dick Road.

### **MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

Recycling Day will be held at Forward Township on May 10, 2014 between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Information is posted on outside bulletin board.

Township Office will be closed on May 15, 2014 for officials to attend the Butler County Association of Township Officials (BCATO) convention.

Received "notification of surface landowner/water purveyor of well drilling operation or alteration" from DEP for 1 well in Franklin Township. The well pad is the Cratty B Unit 1H. Information is on file at Township office.

Received "notification of surface landowner/water purveyor of well drilling operation or alteration" from DEP for 3 wells in Connoquenessing Township. The well pads are Kyne Units 1H, 2H & 3H. Information for both are on file at Township office.

Rec'd letter dated April 25, 2014 from GAI Consultants, Inc. (GAI) on behalf of EM Energy Pipeline (EM Energy) plans for submit applications to the PA DEP for the Constellation Pipeline Project. Any comments need sent to the PADEP within 30 days of the letter. Information is on file in Township office.

Rec'd letter dated April 28, 2014 to notify that Permit Applications for Drilling or Altering a Well are being submitted to the PA DEP by Rex Energy for the Michael Unit's 1H, 3HB, 5H, 7HR, 9HB, 11H, 13HB and 15H natural gas wells located in Connoquenessing Township. Information for all are on file at Township office.

Before closing, Evelyn Hockenberry submitted letters relating to the ongoing complaint of the SFTF at 178 Double Road and asked the board to review. Longdon stated the board would review.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Kroll motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.