

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors' meeting was called to order by Chairman, Terry Steinheiser at 7:00 p.m. on November 5, 2014 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser, Scott Longdon and Ray Kroll. Also present were Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr. and Engineer Bill Braun. Treasurer Lee Kradel was present to take the minutes. Secretary Brenda Davis did not attend. Ten people signed in on the public sign-in record on file. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW MINUTES

On a motion by Steinheiser, seconded by Longdon, the minutes from the October 1 Agricultural Security hearing for Donald Reedy and the October 1 Supervisors' meeting were approved. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported that the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$376,118.52 but after deposits of \$36,821.50 and checks being approved tonight of \$123,258.56 the ending balance will be \$289,681.46. The Escrow beginning balance is \$21,174.00 but after deposits of \$9,340.00 and checks being approved tonight of \$2,415.00 the ending balance will be \$28,099.00. The Highway Aid/Liquid Fuels Account beginning balance is \$50,044.68 and after interest of \$2.42 the ending balance will be \$50,047.10. The Act 13 Account beginning balance is \$403,868.11 with interest of \$34.30 the ending balance will be \$403,902.41. Steinheiser motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Longdon seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Prospect Borough has approached the township and asked if our road crew could plow and lay anti-skid material on a portion of Kennedy Road (.4 mile). Kroll stated that our trucks already plow there because that's where they have to turn around and he said the material would cost approximately \$5.20 each time. He said the Borough will enlarge the turning area and is in the process of having an agreement drafted. Longdon asked if the agreement would address any liability issues. Kroll said yes. A motion was made by Kroll to enter into an agreement with Prospect Borough to plow 0.4 mile of Kennedy Road in Prospect Borough. Motion was seconded by Steinheiser with provision that the agreement be approved by our solicitor. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser mentioned possibly opening the meeting with a prayer after the flag ceremony. Scott Longdon stated that Mr. Pawlowicz brought this up at a meeting a few months ago following a Supreme Court ruling stating that it was not in violation of the Constitution to have a prayer at a public meeting. Longdon would like to implement prayer as part of the meeting procedures. He stated "this is what our country was founded on". Steinheiser asked for comments on this. Tom Pawlowicz recalled when prayer was a part of the meeting in the past and he stated when it was stopped, it seemed like the township fell apart. Christine Klink agreed that prayer was a good idea. Bob Cichra commented that maybe just a moment of silence for private prayer would be better. Longdon requested that prayer be added to the next meeting. Steinheiser asked other supervisors if all in favor of implementing prayer, they said yes. Steinheiser asked Longdon to set it up.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD

Evelyn Hockenberry submitted a document for the supervisors to review and asked that they respond to it by the next meeting.

Doug Johnston was on the agenda but did not attend.

Dave Hazlet from Municipal Code Association was present to ask the supervisors to consider appointing the Sewage Association as the Township SEO at our organizational meeting in January. Mr. Hazlett provided brochures and fee schedules for the supervisors to review.

PLANS

Butler Sports Arena granted the township another 90-day extension for acting on their plan.

Doug Sedwick presented the “Brian Pitell Lot Line Revision” plan consisting of two line revisions, one larger piece of property and another small piece near the driveway. Longdon felt the plan was a subdivision and that the neighboring property owner would need to request the lot line revision. Mr. Braun agreed that in the past all property owners have signed the plan. There were comments on the Butler County Planning Commission Letter that were not addressed by Mr. Sedwick. Specifically, the adjoining property owner, who is a party to the lot line revision, has not signed off on the plan and the addresses and old and new acreages of properties are not shown. Mr. Menchyk agreed with the BCPC. After much discussion, it was decided that the plan must be revised. There was no action taken and Mr. Sedwick granted a 90-day extension.

ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Braun was pleased to announce that the Township has received an ARLE (Automated Red Light Enforcement) grant in the amount of \$36,100.00 for the coordination of the traffic lights on Route 68. It would include the lights at Brandywine, Eagle Mill, Whitestown and the Butler Township light at Meridian Road.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Menchyk stated that he has been advised by our Secretary that Golden L Mobile Home Park has not yet complied with the requirements of our Mobile Home Park ordinance to apply for their annual operating permit. Two letters have been sent but they have not responded. Longdon made a motion to authorize Mr. Menchyk to send a violation letter to the owner of the Golden L Mobile Home Park, seconded by Kroll. Roll call, yes. Mr. Menchyk reminded the supervisors that there is currently a judgment against Golden L in the Township’s favor in the amount of \$61,242.86 due to past litigation. He said he would like to send interrogatories to Ms. Bennett to see if she may have any personal assets that can be used toward the judgment. The board would like to have more time to think about this.

Mr. Menchyk announced that the litigation between the township and Western Pennsylvania Company has been withdrawn by Western PA Company and dismissed with no liability to the Township. Mr. Menchyk thanked the supervisors for their help and support throughout the litigation.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Motion made by Kroll, seconded by Longdon to pay Code Enforcement invoice of \$276.40. Roll call, yes.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Kroll reported that there is a generator in the garage that does not function properly. He asked the board if he can look into a new generator that would allow the building to function (especially the garage doors and fuel pump) in the event of an emergency. Longdon agreed that we should have a generator here in

case the building is needed for a command post or temporary shelter. Supervisors agreed the generator should be inspected by an electrician to determine if it can be used safely or if a new generator is needed. In addition, Kroll reported that a portable generator is needed so that the road crew can operate electrical equipment such as saws on the job or can be used to open garage doors. Supervisors agreed that a portable generator can be purchased. Kroll stated the portable generator would cost \$2200-\$2300 for a 6500 watt generator.

BUILDING PERMITS

Steinheiser reported the following building permit applications have been received for the month:

#65-14 VOID

#66-14 Darnele Martin – swimming pool, Spring Valley Road

#67-14 Dean Dunn, Jr. – Shelter, Little Creek Road

#68-14 Sonoma Valley – Quad unit, Silver Oak Drive

#69-14 Sonoma Valley – Quad unit, Silver Oak Drive

#70-14 Sonoma Valley – Quad unit, Silver Oak Drive

#71-14 Sonoma Valley – Quad unit, Silver Oak Drive

#72-14 John Kaltenbaugh – Garage, Shannon Road

#73-14 Stephen Lesney, Jr. – Pole building, Lesney Lane

#74-14 Vineyards @ Brandywine – House, Silver Oak Drive

#75-14 Vineyards @ Brandywine – House, Silver Oak Drive

#76-14 Brenda Davis – Addition, Prospect Road

#77-14 Lutherlyn – Garage, Chapel Hill Lane

TAX COLLECTOR

Mr. Pawlowicz questioned how many new hydrants are being placed on Dick Road and Woodlands Road? Longdon stated the information is available in the office.

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Final inspection - Hillis Kaltenbaugh, Shannon Road

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Longdon reported that Butler County reported issues with the 911 system where no calls were being received, however the issue was resolved and an alternate number was provided during the time of the problem.

MOTIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Motion made by Steinheiser, seconded by Longdon to pay PSAB annual dues of \$225.00 to continue Webpage service. Roll call, yes.

Motion made by Steinheiser, seconded by Kroll to ratify missing a motion to release David Cottington sewage escrow at last month's meeting in the amount of \$225.00. Roll call, yes.

Motion by Steinheiser, seconded by Longdon to advertise proposed 2015 budget. Roll call, yes.

Motion by Steinheiser, seconded by Kroll to advertise to appoint a certified public accountant to audit Township financial records for 2014. Roll call, yes.

Motion by Steinheiser, seconded by Longdon to advertise end of year meeting. Roll call, yes.

Motion by Steinheiser, seconded by Kroll to advertise the organizational meeting which will be held January 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m, Roll call, yes

Motion by Steinheiser, seconded by Longdon to advertise first supervisors meeting in January will be January 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Roll call, yes.

Motion by Steinheiser, seconded by Kroll to advertise elected auditors meeting which will be January 6, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Roll call, yes.

Township officials received invitation from PennDot to attend their annual winter informational meeting to be held on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at South Butler Fire Hall.

Received thank you note from Connoquenessing Volunteer Fire Company and Halloween Parade Committee for our \$200.00 donation to the annual Halloween Parade.

Received letter dated October 2, 2014 from Interstate Gas Marketing notifying they are applying for permits for the proposed Pennington #5 & 6 wells located in Center Township. Information is on file in township office.

Received letter dated October 7, 2014 from GAI Consultants to inform that they on behalf of EM Energy plans to submit a modification application to the PA DEP for the Constellation Pipeline Project in Connoquenessing, Center, Butler, Concord, Jackson, Oakland, and Forward Townships. Information is on file in the township office.

Received letter dated October 7, 2014 from Rex Energy to notify that Permit Applications for Drilling or Altering a well are being submitted to the PA DEP for the Renick Units 2H, 4H, Renick 3468-3HS IV and Renick 3468-5HM natural gas wells located in Center Township. Information is on file in the township office.

Received copy of a letter dated October 10, 2014 from PA DEP to Mountain Gathering LLC in reference to the Guiher to Patton & Kyne Lateral Gas Pipelines stating they reviewed their Notice of Intent (NOI) for coverage under the PAG-10 NPDES General Permit for hydrostatic test discharges from tanks and pipelines and has determined that they are eligible for coverage under the statewide General Permit. Information is on file in township office.

Received copy of letter dated October 15, 2014 from PA DEP to XTO Energy, Inc. in reference to the Patton B Unit No. 7H stating they received their Final Report pertaining to the subject property and submitted in accordance with the Land Recycling and Environmental Remediation Standards Act (Act 2). Information is on file in the township office.

Received letter dated October 21, 2014 from The Markosky engineering Group to inform that MarkWest will be applying for coverage under the PA DEP General Permit #5 (Utility Line Stream Crossing), General Permit #8 (Temporary Road Crossing), and an Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit 2 (ESCGP-2) for the Krendale to Bloom Pipeline. Information is on file in the township office.

Received letter dated October 21, 2014 from Rex Energy that Permit Applications for Drilling or Altering a Well are being submitted to the PA DEP for the Harvey Units 1H, 3H and 5H natural gas well located in Penn Township. Information is on file in the township office.

Received letter dated October 24, 2014 from Rex Energy to notify that Permit Applications for Drilling or Altering a Well are being submitted to the PA DEP for the TCDR Units 2H and 4H gas wells located in Jackson Township. Information is on file in the township office.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. on a motion by Longdon, seconded by Kroll. Roll call, yes.