

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Terry Steinheiser at 7:00 p.m. on November 6, 2013 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser and Jack Kaltenbaugh. Vice-Chairman, Scott Longdon, was not present. Also attending were Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr. and Secretary Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Engineer Bill Braun and Treasurer Lee Kradel did not attend. Fifteen people signed in on the public sign in record on file. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW MINUTES

Steinheiser made a motion to approve supervisor meeting minutes of November 6, 2013. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Brenda Davis reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$377,996.12 but after total deposits of \$60,071.33 and checks in the amount of \$103,617.26 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$334,450.19. The Escrow account beginning balance was \$22,866.00 but after deposits in the amount of \$4,850.00 and checks in the amount of \$4,962.75, the ending balance is \$22,753.25. Brenda Davis said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$61,196.14 but with interest of \$3.11, the ending balance is \$61,199.25. Ms. Davis stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$264,031.18 but with interest of \$34.02 and a check in the amount of \$5,129.24, the ending balance is \$258,935.96. Steinheiser motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD

NONE

BIDS

Kaltenbaugh stated the bids for shot gravel were tabled last month because the lowest bidder, Glacial Sand, had not provided a sample. Kaltenbaugh stated Longdon has since received a sample and was pleased with the product. Steinheiser made a motion to accept Glacial Sand's bid of \$13.85/ton based on the quality and lowest price. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD

Jay Thomas, resident of Fox Drive, showed the supervisors a map of his road and a private adjoining drive called Doe Drive and said he had gone to the County to see if Doe Drive could be closed but they sent him to the Township for a decision. Mr. Thomas explained that Doe Drive is grown up but people still drive through to access other residences. Steinheiser said he doesn't think a private drive can be closed unless it hasn't been used by anyone for over 50 years and since it is private, the Township doesn't have the right to close it. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. told Mr. Thomas that anyone in the whole Woodland development (not only the adjoining lots to Doe Drive) have a private right-of-way to go through Doe Drive. Mr. Thomas was not pleased with the answer but thanked the board for their time.

Pam Kormick, resident of Eagle Mill Road, brought in a petition with 40 signatures who are requesting the supervisors have the following restrictions on Eagle Mill Road enforced:

1. Truck restriction for trucks over 10 Ton Weight Limit
2. Speed Limit Enforcement

In the petition, the residents also want the supervisors to answer the below questions concerning Permitted Truck Traffic:

1. Why are trucks being permitted
2. Who holds the permit
3. Permitted trucks speed should be reduced to 15 mph with additional signing
4. Permitted trucks should be restricted from using "Brake Retarders - I.E. Jake Brakes" with installation of signs. Brake Retarders cause unnecessary noise pollution especially at night.
5. Permitted trucks should be restricted from hauling between 8 PM to 8 AM.

Steinheiser told Ms. Kormick he appreciated her getting the signatures but feels she needs to take these to the State Police because the Township Supervisors can not enforce her concerns. Kaltenbaugh noted that most of these trucks are for local delivery and are not required to have permits. Kaltenbaugh said "Mark Thomas Trucking" is hauling grain for Ragan's right now but won't last long. Kaltenbaugh also agreed that the Jake Brake is not necessary but unless the police catch and enforce, he doesn't know how to stop it. Steinheiser asked Ms. Kormick to leave a copy of the petition on file at the Township. Ms. Kormick handed a copy to Brenda Davis. Steinheiser encouraged Ms. Kormick to take her petition to the State Police so they can hopefully rectify the situation. Ms. Kormick thanked the board for their time.

OLD BUSINESS

* NONE *

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PLANS

Ryan Jones, representing Mountain Gathering, explained he is requesting preliminary and final approval of a lot line revision for Roy Gilliland. Mr. Jones stated Mr. Gilliland currently has 10 ft right-of-way but wanted 50 ft and Mountain Gathering is willing to sell the 40 ft additional property to Mr. Gilliland. Mr. Jones showed the supervisors the plan and the supervisors felt this is good for Mr. Gilliland to now have the required 50 ft right-of-way for future use. Steinheiser said the plan has already been recommended by our Planning Commission and Engineer Bill Braun's comment letter recommended it to be approved. Steinheiser made a motion to grant preliminary and final approval to Mountain Gathering (Roy Gilliland's) lot line revision. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

ENGINEER REPORT

Steinheiser stated Brett Schultz from Weaver Master Builders is requesting Sonoma Valley's letter of credit be reduced by \$223,375.00 for a revised amount of \$854,432.84. Steinheiser stated a letter was received from Bill Braun stating he had inspected the requested reductions and agreed with Brett Schultz request. Steinheiser made a motion to reduce Sonoma Valley's letter of credit by \$223,375.00 for a revised amount of \$854,432.84. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes. Evelyn Hockenberry asked Steinheiser if the Township would still retain the \$854,432.84? Steinheiser said, "yes".

SOLICITOR REPORT

Andrew Menchyk, Jr. stated an agreement was made by the Township and XTO Energy allowing XTO Energy to have a temporary holding tank at a gas well location and stated a motion needs made to ratify the agreement. Steinheiser said the holding tank is not permanent and is being monitored by our SEO, Dave Ice. Kaltenbaugh said several port-a-johns used to be set up instead of holding tanks. Steinheiser stated Dave Ice will inspect each month to make sure they are in compliance. Steinheiser made a motion to adopt and ratify the October 16, 2013 XTO Energy holding tank agreement. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Secondly, Mr. Menchyk, Jr. mentioned the board possibly adopting a "Temporary Holding Tank" ordinance. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said it would give the Township more control and regulation over holding tanks. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. also stated these temporary holding tanks would only be for commercial use. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said a sample ordinance and 22 paragraph holding tank agreement was prepared and presented to the board over a year ago which could be reviewed again and considered. Steinheiser and Kaltenbaugh said they would not act on this tonight but may discuss later.

Lastly, Mr. Menchyk, Jr. presented Resolution # 7-13 which would adopt the "Agricultural Building Permit Exemption" form. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. explained this involves having an Ag Security member sign this form stating the building they plan on building is for farm purposes. Steinheiser stated there have been issues lately questioning if residents in Ag Security use their land/buildings for farm purposes. Kaltenbaugh questioned what happens if a building is built for farm purposes but then later used for non-farm storage? Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated they would need to get a change of use permit. Steinheiser said he had briefly reviewed the resolution but feels it is premature to adopt tonight and the board needs time to look at and digest. Steinheiser motioned to table the Resolution #7-13. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Steinheiser motioned to approve invoice for the month of October in the amount of \$151.66. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

NONE

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

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

Patrick Weakland - Upper Harmony Rd. - porch/roof

Margy Hicks - Upper Harmony Rd. - carport

Vineyards at Brandywine - Silver Oak Dr. - house

Rhonda Lober - Charles Ln. - mobile home

AgChoice Farm Credit - Evans City Rd. - addition

Lambert Rosenbaum - Double Rd. - deck

Christopher Koss - Leopard Rd. - porch/roof

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

NONE

SEO REPORT

Final inspection - Dean Double (Deborah Small)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

NONE

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Steinheiser made a motion to pay PSAB's yearly dues of \$225.00 to continue the Township Webpage service. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser mentioned there is a request to release XTO road bonds on Boy Scout Rd. (.6 mile), Rose Haven Dr. (.5 mile) and Whitestown Rd. (.9 mile) that Bill Chuba, road superintendent has approved, however Kaltenbaugh had a comment. Kaltenbaugh didn't like how Rose Haven Dr. was fixed and thought Longdon should go look and make the decision as to whether the bonds should be released. Steinheiser agreed and tabled the decision until next month's meeting.

Steinheiser motioned to advertise the proposed 2014 budget. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes. Steinheiser motioned to advertise to appoint a certified public accountant to audit Township financial records for 2013. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser motioned to advertise end of year meeting to be held on December 31, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser motioned to advertise organizational meeting which will be held January 6, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser motioned to advertise first supervisors meeting in January will be January 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser motioned to advertise elected auditors meeting which will be January 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser motioned to release SFTF escrow to Ed Scharding in the amount of \$45.00. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser motioned to release SFTF escrow to Jeffrey Curtis in the amount of \$45.00. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser motioned to release SFTF escrow to Blaine Fencing in the amount of \$15.00. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

Supervisors received invitation from PennDot to attend their annual winter informational meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at Butler County Maintenance Office.

Supervisors received invitation to XTO Energy's Marcellus Shale Gas Well information meeting for 1st Responders to be held Tuesday, November 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the Herman VFC.

Rec'd notice from "The Redevelopment Authority County of Butler" that there are grants available to low/moderate income homeowners and landlords. Information is on outside bulletin board and packets are at Township office if interested.

Received thank you note from "Meals on Wheels" for our donation of \$1,200.

Received thank you note from "Butler Area Public Library" for our donation of \$800.00.

Rec'd letter dated October 7, 2013 from Rex Energy to notify us that Permit Applications for Drilling or Altering a Well are being submitted to the PA DEP for the Shipley Unit's 1H, 3H, 5H and 7H natural gas wells. These proposed wells are located in Forward Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Rec'd letter dated October 16, 2013 from Rex Energy to notify us that Permit Applications for Drilling or Altering a Well are being submitted to the PA DEP for the Adams Unit's 1H, 2H, 3H and 4H natural gas wells. These proposed wells are located in Muddy Creek Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Rec'd letter dated October 25, 2013 from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) to notify us that, on behalf of R.E. Gas Development, LLL (Rex) is applying to the PA DEP for an ESCGP-2 Permit for the Shipley Well Pad and Impoundment Project located in Connoquenessing Borough. Information is on file at Township office.

Rec'd letter dated October 25, 2013 from Rex Energy to notify us that Permit Applications for Drilling or Altering a Well are being submitted to the PA DEP for the Shipley Unit 1H natural gas well. The well is located in Connoquenessing Borough. Information is on file at Township office.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Steinheiser motioned to close the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.