

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Scott Longdon at 7:00 p.m. on October 2, 2013 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Scott Longdon and Jack Kaltenbaugh. Terry Steinheiser was not present. Also attending were Solicitor Julie Anderson who filled in for Andrew Menchyk, Jr. who could not attend. Engineer Bill Braun, Treasurer Lee Kradel and Secretary Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Seven people signed in on the public sign in record on file. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **REVIEW MINUTES**

Longdon stated there were two minutes to approve tonight because a special meeting was held on September 26, 2013. Longdon made a motion to approve "supervisor meeting" minutes of September 4, 2013 and "special meeting" minutes of September 26, 2013. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$351,200.28 but after total deposits of \$95,130.34 and checks in the amount of \$68,334.50 approved tonight the ending balance will be \$377,996.12. The Escrow account beginning balance was \$23,903.50 but after deposits in the amount of \$1,100.00 and checks in the amount of \$2,137.50, the ending balance is \$22,866.00. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$118,411.78 but with interest of \$7.13 and a check in the amount of \$57,222.77, the ending balance is \$61,196.14. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$275,937.22 but with interest of \$39.96 and checks in the amount of \$11,946.00, the ending balance is \$264,031.18. Longdon motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

### **COMMENT PERIOD**

Christine Klink said the road crew is doing a good job on Reiber Road but questioned why they are not planning on finishing a 150 ft stretch? Longdon stated the 150 ft extra piping is not in this year's budget and not necessary. Longdon stated they are using a larger pipe to a smaller pipe to an open ditch to catch basins and after fixing the culvert under Mrs. Klink's driveway it will slow down the volume of rushing water and go into the creek. Mrs. Klink stated PA American Water messed up part of the road and why shouldn't they have to pay for it? Longdon stated the Township had contacted PA American Water and they fixed it according to their requirements. Longdon said the water problem has been caused by everyone having undersized pipes and putting concrete in their ditch lines. Mrs. Klink asked Longdon again if the Township could bill PA American Water? Longdon said, "no" we can't prove they did anything wrong.

### **BIDS**

Advertised bids were opened by Brenda Davis for 1,000 tons more or less shot gravel/3A anti-skid. There were three bidders:

Glacial Sand & Gravel - \$13.85/ton delivered

McClymonds Supply & Transit - \$16.71/ton delivered

Three Rivers Aggregates, LLC - \$14.80/ ton delivered

Longdon said he had received two samples of product but not a sample from the lowest bidder,

Glacial Sand. Kaltenbaugh thought we should go with the lowest. Longdon did not feel comfortable voting until he could see Glacial Sand's product. Therefore, Longdon motioned to table the bids until next month's meeting. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes. All three companies included a bid bond which Julie Anderson reviewed and approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

\* NONE \*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Longdon stated Larry Spangler was not present but is requesting to join AG Security at 306 Eagle Mill Road. Longdon stated the parcel is not an active farm and he would be inclined not to approve. Longdon made a motion to deny Mr. Spangler's request to join Ag Security. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

### **REQUEST TO BE HEARD**

Tim Hutchison, resident at 160 Cupps Road, was present to request a modification for an addition to his garage. Mr. Hutchison stated he needs a 4' modification on his side setback. Mr. Hutchison supplied a letter from the next property owner, Hidden Meadows Condo Association, granting him permission to modify the Township's 15' setback requirement to 11'. Longdon made a motion to grant Mr. Hutchison a modification of 4' letting him have a setback of 11' from the property line. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

### **PLANS**

Longdon stated Tim Spangler is granting the Township another 90 day time extension on his land development plan. Longdon questioned whether he has proceeded in any way? Bill Braun stated he received more drawings and updated stormwater and erosion plans today to review for next planning meeting.

### **ENGINEER REPORT**

Bill Braun updated on the Sonoma Valley construction noting an inspector from Senate Engineering has been there full time inspecting the subbase, drains, binder and wearing surface on the 700 ft road they will want to be adopted at a future time. It was also mentioned a couple of the quad units have already been sold.

Bill Braun stated Brett Schultz from Weaver Master Builders asked him to inspect Sonoma Valley's progress in order to reduce their letter of credit. Bill Braun stated he did the inspection and agrees with their requested reduction amount of \$322,381.50. Longdon made a motion to reduce Sonoma Valley's letter of credit by \$322,381.50 for a revised amount of \$1,077,807.84. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Bill Braun stated Patrick Boylan wrote a letter requesting his letter of credit for Boylan Funeral Home be reduced. Mr. Braun stated he did an inspection and said he was a little confused because they have put the concrete curbs and retaining wall in which they eliminated at the last reduction and could only find \$20,516.70 improvements to approve reducing.

Longdon motioned to reduce Patrick Boylan's letter of credit in the amount of \$20,516.70 for a revised amount of \$181,621.94. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Bill Braun stated the architect for UPG had contacted him asking if their elevator leaked could it drain into our storm sewers. Bill Braun told them they should install a hydraulic sump pump in the elevator shaft to catch any accidental drainage. Bill Braun stated DEP has MS4 (Municipal Sewer Separation) forms that are maps for urbanized areas showing the testing for storm sewer pollutants. Mr. Braun stated the UPG area is currently not on a map but could be in the future so to avoid future violations, nothing should be allowed to flow into our storm sewer system. Bill Braun stated the building inspector should check to make sure the pump has been installed. Longdon told Brenda Davis to call Mike Grill and let him know to check the pump.

Bill Braun mentioned he has talked to Jesse Hines, Butler Township Zoning Officer and Dave Johnston from the Butler Planning Commission in reference to the Commission requesting a Traffic Improvement Transportation (TIP) funding for a corridor study to be completed on the Route 68 corridor. Mr. Braun said they supplied a sample letter for the Township to send to the "Transportation Planner, Public Involvement/Outreach" supporting this study. The supervisors agreed the Township should support this and Longdon asked Brenda Davis to type the letter and he would sign it.

Bill Braun mentioned he had asked the Supervisors last month if they wanted to move forward with hiring Senate Engineering to do the design for Rt. 68 turning lanes. Mr. Braun said it was not voted on last month and asked the board if they had any questions concerning this issue. Longdon stated Mr. Steinheiser has worked on this project alot and doesn't feel the decision to move forward should be acted on tonight since he is not in attendance.

### **SOLICITOR REPORT**

Mrs. Julie Anderson stated the ordinance codification is moving forward.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Longdon stated the Township has thrown a lot on the code enforcement officers' plate and said he addresses many things without coming to the board. Longdon said he has the authority to act on his own. Longdon motioned to approve his invoice for the month of September in the amount of \$222.45. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

### **ROAD MASTERS REPORT**

Longdon stated the men are finishing up Reiber Road, working on Upper Harmony Road and have cut shoulders and regraded on Welsh and Crab Run Roads. Longdon stated the mowing will be caught up by Winter. Road superintendent's report for month of September was in the packets.

### **BUILDING PERMIT REPORT**

Longdon stated there were twelve building permits applied for this month. They were:  
 United Plate Glass (UPG) - addition - Grundman Dr.  
 John & Kathie Tagmyer - carport - Double Rd.  
 Ricky Bridges - mobile home - Prospect Road  
 Sonoma Valley Partners - 2 (quad) units = 8 building permits - Sonoma Valley Drive  
 R. E. Erdley - Home - Shannon Mills Drive

**TAX COLLECTOR REPORT**

\*NONE\*

**SEO REPORT**

\*NONE\*

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT**

\*NONE\*

**MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

Longdon motioned to release lot line revision escrow to John Thomas in the amount of \$585.00. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Longdon motioned to release escrow to Sherwin McConnell (McConnell Builders) in the amount of \$585.00. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Longdon motioned to release escrow to John West in the amount of \$100.00. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Longdon said Robert Brennan resigned from the Planning Commission board, effective September 18, 2013, due to moving out of state. Longdon stated an ad was placed in the Butler Eagle stating anyone interested in being a Planning Commission member may submit a resume to the Township Office.

Longdon stated the BCATO 2013 Fall Convention will be held at the Slippery Rock Municipal Building on October 23, 2013. Registration is at 6:00 P.M. Longdon made a motion to approve and pay for all Township Officials to attend for \$15.00/each. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Longdon said the first meeting for our 2014 budget was held at 6:00 p.m. on September 26, 2013 and said the next meeting is October 9, 2013 at 7:00 a.m.

Longdon said the Connoquenessing Annual Halloween Parade will be held October 27, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. and the information is on the outside bulletin board. Longdon said Trick or Treat will be October 31, 2013 between 6-7 p.m.

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

Received "notification of surface landowner/water purveyor of well drilling operation or alteration" from DEP for 2 wells in Penn Township. The well pads are Holy Trinity Monastery A Units 5H and 6H. Information for both are on file at Township office.

Rec'd letter dated September 6, 2013 from Gannett Fleming in reference to Mountain Gathering, LLC proposing to construct a natural gas gathering pipeline in portions of Connoquenessing, Butler & Forward Townships (AK Steel Gas Pipeline). They requested a "land use letter" which secretary, Brenda Davis, completed and returned. Information is on file at Township office.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Longdon motioned to close the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Kaltenbaugh, seconded. Roll call, yes.