

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Terry Steinheiser at 7:00 p.m. on January 3, 2017 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser, Ed Rupert and Ray Kroll. Also attending were Solicitor Julie Anderson (filling in for Andrew Menchyk, Jr.), Engineer Bill Braun, Treasurer/Asst. Secretary Lee Kradel and Secretary/Asst. Treasurer Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Twenty-six people signed in on the public sign in record on file.

Ed Rupert opened the meeting stating it was his sad duty to announce the passing of Jack L. Bicehouse, 86, of Connoquenessing Township, who was a former two (2) term chairman of the board of supervisors and was a life time member of the executive board of the Butler County Association of Township Officials (BCATO) and also an honorary member of the BCATO. Mr. Rupert asked everyone to keep his family in their prayers. Evelyn Hockenberry stated she was secretary during Mr. Bicehouse' terms and he was the one who pushed to purchase the adjoining property so the Township was able to build the salt building and add on the additional garages. Mrs. Hockenberry stated Mr. Bicehouse did many good things for the Township.

The meeting continued with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

REVIEW MINUTES

Reviewed minutes of December 29, 2016 "close of business" meeting. Rupert motioned to accept the December 29, 2016 minutes. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$357,916.16 but after deposits of \$5,817.15 and checks in the amount of \$22,980.73 are approved tonight, the ending balance will be \$340,752.58. Lee Kradel stated the beginning Escrow account is \$24,211.00 and a check in the amount of \$225.00 being approved tonight, the ending balance will be \$23,986.00. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$260,317.50 but with interest of \$10.70, the ending balance is \$260,328.20. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$556,699.25 but with interest of \$45.76, the ending balance is \$556,745.01. Kroll motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

Brett Schultz was present to request the adoption of Brandywine Roads that were tabled at last month's meeting. There was a resolution 2-17 for the board to review and an agreement between the Township and Brandy One, LLC, The Vineyards at Brandywine, L.P. and Sonoma Valley Partners, L.P. to be approved and signed. Kroll questioned the first page of the agreement under the 5th WHEREAS which stated "WHEREAS, all development work in the aforementioned plans was completed at the end of September 2016". Kroll stated the work has not all been completed that is why this agreement is being put in place with the escrow and LOC's being received to complete the work. Julie Anderson stated the agreement could be modified. Kroll also questioned why the curbing and sealing cost estimates didn't include the sealing costs? Mr. Schultz and Kroll discussed that the cost detail included in the agreement covered most of the work, but not all of the work. Mr. Schultz guaranteed that he had linear foot costs supplied by Shields Paving and feels even though it was not broke out separately on the detail, the total costs are included. Mr. Schultz told Kroll there is also these LOC's and escrows to be used to complete the work. Brett Schultz said he will seal whatever the Township wants sealed. Rupert made a motion to adopt the roads in Brandywine. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes. A resident asked if the Township was only taking over the road service or also taking over the storm sewers? Mr. Braun stated the Township

would take over anything in the 50 ft. right-of-way. Another resident questioned a problem with the catch basins on Brandywine Blvd. Kroll stated that is mentioned in the agreement that Weaver Master Builders will take care of those by installing wedge curbs. Another resident questioned excessive stop signs were placed lately in Brandywine. Mr. Schultz stated the new Penn Dot approved stop signs that were just put up will stay but the others will come down when weather permits. Mr. Schultz assured that the signs will be completed and PennDot approved and if a couple are found to be needed later, Weaver Master Builders will take care of it. Rupert amended the first motion of adopting the Brandywine Roads to include the signing of resolution #2-17 and the agreement between the Township and Brandywine. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes. Mr. Schultz asked Ms. Anderson if she could accept the Sonoma Valley check tonight and execute the agreement? Ms. Anderson said, "yes". Steinheiser said the meeting would proceed while Ms. Anderson and Mr. Schultz execute the agreement.

Rupert brought up the collection of per capita taxes as discussed at last months' meeting by Tom Pawlowicz. Mr. Rupert stated the school district is going to start using "Statewide", a collection agency, to collect their delinquent per capita taxes and suggests that when Tom Pawlowicz balances out on December 31st, he can supply the list of residents owing per capita taxes to the Township and the Township will either collect in-house or use "Statewide". After discussing, Rupert motioned to have office staff look into Statewide, Berkheimer or in-house collections and report back to the board. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Steinheiser stated an invoice was received from the Butler County COG to join for 2017 in the amount of \$834.00. Rupert motioned to join and pay the COG's invoice in the amount of \$834.00. Kroll said we have never joined this and would like to discuss. After discussing, Rupert withdrew his motion to join the COG.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD

NONE

PLANS

Aaron Miller was present to request preliminary and final approval on Lot Line Revision Plan. Bill Braun stated Mr. Miller combined 3 lots which only totaled .99 acre instead of the required 1 acre and is asking the board to approve this modification. Bill Braun said Mr. Miller was present at the Planning Commission meeting and has complied with all their requirements and Senate's comment letter. Mr. Braun also stated he is requesting a modification for providing contours. Mr. Miller told the board he is adding onto his current house but the addition would have been crossing the other lot so this is why he is combining the lots in order to get a building permit. Kroll motioned to grant modification for providing contours on the plan, since the plan is a lot line revision, approve modification for the substandard lot size of .99 acre instead of 1.00 acre and approve the Miller Lot Line Revision Plan for preliminary and final approval. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Braun stated Tomissa at the DEP has requested to see Dave Ice's most recent sewage survey sheets before the Final Act 537 Plan is submitted in March. Brenda Davis stated Dave Ice is working on them.

Secondly, Mr. Braun stated he received a phone call from Dennis Krenitsky requesting public sewage be included in the Act 537 Plan for Krenitsky Lane. Mr. Braun stated there are three homes on the lane. Mr. Braun told the board it could be run from Eagle Mill Rd. through the woods line but Senate needs to do a cost estimate and advise the board in order to include them in the Plan.

Thirdly, Mr. Braun stated Senate has looked into the possibility of hooking into the Evans City Sewer Plant but would need a municipal agreement with Forward Township. Mr. Braun stated this would be an estimated 3-4 million dollar more investment and not sure if an agreement could be done in the limited time frame of getting the Final Act 537 Plan to the DEP in March. Mr. Braun stated they will at least mention this possibility in the final plan.

SOLICITOR REPORT

NONE

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

NONE

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Kroll stated he took the road crew into Brandywine last Saturday to develop a snow plowing schedule for Brandywine Roads.

Kroll requested a new power angle plow be purchased to fit the red truck since the Township now has another development to accommodate. Kroll supplied an estimate from Walsh Equipment which falls under the CoStar pricing so it doesn't need to be bid out. Kroll stated there are two older plows which one he would like to keep for parts but the other could be sold later to recoup some of the new plow's purchase price. After discussion, Kroll motioned to purchase the Power Angle Plow to fit the red truck under the CoStars price of \$10,983.00 from Walsh Equipment. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Lastly, Kroll suggested pricing a street light at the intersection of Brandywine Blvd. and Rt. 68. The board agreed that Kroll can look into pricing through the power company and advise.

BUILDING APPLICATIONS APPLIED FOR DURING THE MONTH

NONE

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

Mr. Pawlowicz stated he didn't feel the per capita taxes should be eliminated but thought possibly replacing them with another mill being added to the real estate taxes. Also, Mr. Pawlowicz feels that using Statewide would be best because they are a collection agency instead of doing it in-house and the Township being the bad guy. Also, Mr. Pawlowicz said Statewide is a free service to the Township. Steinheiser stated the office will look into the different avenues and report back to the supervisors.

SEO REPORT

NONE

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Rupert motioned to advertise the Airport "Board of Adjustment" organizational meeting to be held on January 10, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Township building. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to release Keystone Clearwater Solutions road bond of .6 mile on Moose Rd. in the amount of \$7,500.00. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to pay Connoquenessing Borough for Township's share of 2017 Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurance Premium in the amount of \$14,309.11. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Rupert motioned to pay PSATS invoices for membership in the amount of \$1,320.00. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to pay the BCATO dues for 2017 in the amount of \$35.00. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Rupert motioned to approve to pay for eligible officials to attend the PSATS convention in Hershey in April of 2017. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

Received letter dated December 29, 2016 from Gannett Fleming on behalf of XTO Energy who is proposing to construct the Lesney to Isaacs Temporary Waterline in Center, Franklin and Connoquenessing Townships. Information is on file at Township office.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Rupert motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.