

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Scott Longdon at 7:00 p.m. on February 4, 2015 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Scott Longdon, Terry Steinheiser and Ray Kroll. Also attending was Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr., Engineer Bill Braun, Treasurer Lee Kradel and Secretary Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Ten people signed in on the public sign in record on file. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

#### **REVIEW MINUTES**

Reviewed minutes of January 5, 2015 "organizational" and "supervisors" meetings. Longdon motioned to accept both minutes. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$241,497.82 but after total deposits of \$39,507.06 and checks in the amount of \$52,110.18 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$228,894.70. The Escrow account beginning balance was \$24,847.75 but after deposits in the amount of \$700.00 and checks in the amount of \$3,670.00, the ending balance is \$21,877.75. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$50,050.61 but with interest of \$1.73, the ending balance is \$50,052.34. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$403,969.91 but with interest of \$33.20, the ending balance is \$404,003.11. Longdon motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes. Lee Kradel said Maher Duessel will be in the week of February 9, 2015 to audit the 2014 books.

#### **COMMENT PERIOD**

\*NONE\*

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

\*NONE\*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Longdon motioned to adopt resolution 1-15 to authorize the chairman, Scott Longdon, to sign the "Automated Red Light Enforcement Program Project Funding Agreement" on behalf of the Township. Steinheiser questioned Longdon if this was to regulate the stoplights on Rt. 68. Longdon stated "yes" and Bill Braun stated this is the grant we are receiving in the amount of \$36,100. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **REQUEST TO BE HEARD (Three minute limit)**

Evelyn Hockenberry was on the agenda but did not attend.

David Frengel, campaign manager for Larry Thompson who is a candidate for County Commissioner handed out a flyer with Mr. Thompson's goals if elected.

#### **PLANS**

Bobbi Shapert representing the Shapert/Drozda lot line revision plan asked for preliminary and final approval. Bill Braun stated the plan had already been approved but since Ms. Shapert had not recorded it within 90 days, the plan had to be resubmitted for approval with current dates. Mr. Braun stated they are just adding a small portion of one property to the other property. First, Longdon motioned to approve the Shapert/Drozda lot line revision plan for preliminary and final approval. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes. Secondly, Longdon motioned to approve a modification be granted for providing contours on the plan, since the plan is a lot line revision. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Debbie Fejko representing the Fejko/Comer lot line revision plan asked for preliminary and final approval.

Bill Braun stated the plan was recommended by our Planning Commission and we received an approval letter from Butler County Planning. Mr. Braun stated they are taking .35 acres each from two rectangular lots and adding to the other lot. Mr. Braun noted one lot will only be .86 acres but will have public sewage. Longdon motioned to approve the Fejko/Comer lot line revision plan for preliminary and final

approval and within that motion approved a modification be granted for providing contours on the plan, since the plan is a lot line revision. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Mr. Richard Craft, of Olsen and Associates, representing the Butler Land Company (Subaru North) stated they are asking the board to approve the lot consolidation plan with 2 modifications and then depending on the boards feedback, Butler Land Company will be preparing a full land development plan for a Subaru North dealership. Mr. Craft stated the existing building is not within the ordinance setbacks of 100 ft. from the front and 50 ft. from the side therefore he is requesting a side setback modification of 12 ft. and requesting 70 ft. front setback, where the existing building is only 50 ft. from front setback. Mr. Craft also stated allowing the 12 ft. side setback will only be encroaching on the same owner of both lots. The board and Bill Braun agreed this is an acceptable request and are pleased the new building will be further back from the road at 70 ft. instead of the current 50ft. Mr. Braun did mention the sewage is currently being pumped to BASA and wanted the board to be aware of their agreement and make sure the Township has no liability. Mr. Craft said the agreement will need modified with the new land development when sewage flow increases but this will be addressed during the land development phase.

Kroll requested an executive session to discuss the sewage issues at the Butler Land Company.

Longdon adjourned to an executive session at 7:20 p.m. Longdon, upon returning at 7:23 p.m. stated the executive session discussed the BASA agreement with Hindman and said the Township is not part of the agreement. Longdon motioned to approve the 2 modifications (12 ft. side setback & 70 ft. front setback) and approve the lot consolidation plan for preliminary and final. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **ENGINEER REPORT**

Bill Braun stated he talked to Mike Zimmerman from the DEP in reference to our Act 537 draft we submitted. Mr. Braun stated Mr. Zimmerman has reviewed the plan but wanted someone else in his office to review.

Bill Braun asked the supervisors if they would like Senate Engineering to submit a proposal for the ARLE Grant? The board said, "yes". Mr. Braun stated he could have it in approximately 2 weeks which would probably cost around \$5,000 for Senate's time and an additional \$15,000 for Trans Associates fees.

Lastly, Mr. Braun stated he will be doing a final inspection on McDonald Plumbing as soon as the weather permits.

#### **SOLICITOR REPORT**

\*NONE\*

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Longdon read the code enforcement report which is on file at the Township office. Longdon motioned to approve invoice in the amount of \$138.05. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **ROAD MASTERS REPORT**

Kroll mentioned men are busy plowing and doing maintenance on trucks. Kroll also mentioned the plow damage on new truck that occurred on Double Road will be paid by Meridien Energy.

#### **BUILDING PERMITS**

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

1-15 Community Care Connections - Skyline Dr. - Picnic Shelter

2-15 Reed Soergel - Prospect Rd. - addition

#### **TAX COLLECTOR REPORT**

Longdon stated Sharon Pawlowicz was approved as Deputy Tax Collector.

#### **SEO REPORT**

Final inspection - Kyne Holding Tank

**MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

Kroll tabled to release road bond for Lipinski Logging on Camp Fatima Rd. in the amount of \$5,000.

Longdon motioned to release holding tank escrow to XTO for Kyne Well site in the amount of \$2,800.00. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Longdon stated the Township received an invitation from Connoquenessing VFC to attend their annual "Officer Installation/Member Appreciation Dinner" to be held at 6:00 p.m. on February 21, 2015. R.S.V.P. by February 13, 2015.

Steinheiser motioned to retain Bronder Technical Services for a one (1) year extension to the existing contract at the same cost/rate. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

Received letter dated January 6, 2015 from PA DEP stating they received a Water Management Plan ("Plan") **Amendment application**, dated August 13, 2014, for the Northwest District filed by XTO Energy, Inc. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated January 7, 2015 from Rex Energy to notify that Permit Applications for Drilling or Altering a Well are being submitted to the PA DEP for the Gray Units 1H, 3H, and 4H natural gas wells located in Center Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated January 9, 2015 from Gannett Fleming on behalf of XTO who proposes to construct an above ground temporary water pipeline in Connoquenessing Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated January 23, 2015 from Mountain Gathering, LLC to inform they are submitting a (PA DEP) SOP Permit Application for the Forward Compressor Station to the Northwest Regional Office. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated January 27, 2015 from Gai Consultants to inform that EM Energy Pipeline plans to submit a modification application to the PA DEP for the Constellation Pipeline Project. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated January 28, 2015 from Gai Consultants on behalf of R.E. Gas Development (REGD) to inform they intend to submit a PA Chapter 105 Application for Water Obstruction and Encroachment General Permit and Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit for Earth Disturbance Associated with Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, Processing, or Treatment Operations or Transmission Facilities ESCGP-2 Application to the PA DEP for the Moraine East Pipeline Project, located in Clay, Center, Franklin, Butler, Connoquenessing and Lancaster Townships. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letters from PA DEP dated February 2, 2015 of "Notification of Surface Landowner/Water Purveyor of Well Drilling Operation or Alteration for the Spang A Unit 3H, Spang B Unit 4H and Spang C Unit 10H in Penn Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated February 2, 2015 from Gai Consultants, on behalf of EM Energy Pipeline providing clarification on a letter we received on January 27, 2015. Information is on file at Township office.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Kroll motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.