

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Scott Longdon at 7:00 p.m. on March 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. Eleven 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 February 4, 2015 supervisors meeting. Longdon motioned to accept the February 4, 2015 minutes. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$228,894.70 but after total deposits of \$168,507.76 and checks in the amount of \$90,404.10 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$306,998.36. The Escrow account beginning balance was \$21,877.75 but after deposits in the amount of \$1,000.00 and checks in the amount of \$1,029.00, the ending balance is \$21,848.75. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$50,052.34 but with interest of \$1.61 and receiving the annual allocation in the amount of \$168,122.84, the ending balance is \$218,176.79. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$404,003.11 but with interest of \$30.99, the ending balance is \$404,034.10. Longdon motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes. Lee Kradel stated the audit is complete and Maher Duessel will be here next month to present their report.

#### **COMMENT PERIOD**

Jeff Smith, candidate for County Commissioner, spoke on his goals if elected.

Tom Pawlowicz made a comment that the reason the Township has received more monies from wage tax is because employers are now required to deduct from the employees pay instead of the tax collector having to find out who is working and then try to collect.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Longdon motioned to ratify resolution #1-15 adopted at January 5, 2015 meeting to be resolution #2-15 since #1-15 was used previously for the 2015 budget resolution. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Kroll stated he found a CoStars dealer from Ford City through talking with Walsh Equipment who has a GMC 1ton diesel automatic pickup truck for \$41,000. He said he would like to get central hydraulics and new spreader for it and put the old spreader from the white pickup on the red dump truck and keep the red dump for one more year. The equipment attachments from Walsh would be an addition \$19,264.00. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated he could prepare the resolution to approve the purchase of the truck for next month's meeting. The board agreed to have Mr. Menchyk, Jr. prepare the required documents for next month's meeting.

Longdon motioned to sign contract with PA American Water to place three hydrants on Double Road when they run the new 1,600 ft. water line. Longdon stated the hydrants will be placed at 174, 186 and 198 Double Rd. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

Ms. Evelyn Hockenberry questioned Longdon if there was any response to her letter of December 30, 2014? Longdon told Ms. Hockenberry our solicitor had already answered her and if there were no objections from the board this matter is closed and will not be discussed at any further meetings.

Dave Johnston, candidate for County Commissioner, spoke on his goals if elected.

**PRE-APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

Jim Henzler was on the agenda but did not attend.

**PLANS**

\*NONE\*

**ENGINEER REPORT**

Bill Braun stated he did his final inspection at McDonald Plumbing and feels they are in compliance to have their bond released. Longdon made a motion to release McDonald Plumbing's bond in the amount of \$30,674.99. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Bill Braun said the ARLE grant of \$36,100 was received and noted \$16,100 is to be used for construction and \$20,000 is for engineering costs. In addition, he told the board that the proposals for the Arle grant from Senate Engineering & Trans Associates are ready to be signed but the one from Trans Associates was made out to Senate Engineering and if Senate is the middle man they will add 2% to cover insurance. The board asked Mr. Braun to have Trans Associates send their proposal directly to the Township. Bill Braun stated Senate Engineering's proposal is \$5,000 and Trans Associates is \$15,000. Longdon motioned to sign the proposals contingent on receiving the new proposal from Trans Associates. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Bill Braun noted that he has not heard from DEP in reference to our Act 537 draft.

Lastly, Mr. Braun stated he has received revised drawings from Bob Swartz , who is representing Voelker Paving's land development, and hopefully by next month it can be reviewed and the bonding amount set.

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

\*NONE\*

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Longdon motioned to approve invoice in the amount of \$101.81. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in the packets.

**ROAD MASTERS REPORT**

1. Kroll noted the crew is keeping up with snow plowing and the new plows work so much better that next Fall he'd like to ask the board to get one for the Peterbilt.
2. Kroll said the mower needs discussed. He stated no one wants to work on it and last year's quote from Smardt Equipment was \$10,000 to repair.
3. Kroll asked the board if he can get a hold of Dick Knapko from PennDot to discuss the paving projects?

Kroll stated he is planning on paving Crab Run, the lower part of Boyscout Rd. from the bridge to Dick Rd. and Welsh Rd. from Shannon to the top of the hill. The board told him to contact Mr.Knapko.

4. Kroll stated limestone, gravel and dust oil need advertised by May. He also said he'd like to advertise for a day rate of tar and chipping.
5. Kroll mentioned if pipe was ordered by the tractor trailer load it will be the best price and the Township needs this size load to do Crab Run and Boyscout. Kroll said he priced three different suppliers and Walsh came in the lowest. Kroll had the sizes and cost per foot but the board asked Lee Kradel to total. The meeting continued and then Ms. Kradel supplied the number of \$20,725.80 at the end of the meeting and Kroll motioned to purchase the pipe from Walsh Equipment in the amount of

\$20,725.80. Terry added to the motion to add a buffer of 2% in case this figure was not exact. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

6. Kroll noted that Rex Energy will be re-paving Woodlands and Lower Harmony Roads. He also said he didn't want to choose roads that were bonded to pave this year and would like to see the Township try to put the money towards eliminating all the dirt roads.
7. Kroll also mentioned the fuel tank pump and hoses froze up this winter and suggests building a shed over the tank. Kroll said it would cost \$1,200 to \$1,500. Steinheiser stated he can spend up to \$4,000 without approval.
8. Kroll stated more material was used this year than anticipated so there won't be much reserve for next year and will need to increase our orders. Kroll stated we already increased our Salt Contract order from 800 tons for 2014-2015 to 1,000 tons for 2015-2016.

### **BUILDING PERMITS**

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

3-15 - Vineyards at Brandywine - Silver Oak Dr. - house

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### **TAX COLLECTOR REPORT**

Mr. Pawlowicz stated spring taxes have been mailed.

### **SEO REPORT**

\*NONE\*

### **MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

Longdon motioned to release Fejko/Comer Land Dev. escrow in the amount of \$431.00. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

Connoquenessing Township, Connoquenessing Borough Evans City Borough and Forward Township will have their joint annual "Clean-up/Recycling Day" on May 9, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 2: 00 p.m. A list of items being accepted and fees will be posted at the Township office in the near future.

Received letter from PA Dept. of Transportation dated February 4, 2015 stating they will be contracting with Tri-State Traffic Data, Inc. to collect traffic data on municipally owned roads within our county and municipality to be used to determine the amount of money the state **will receive** from the Federal Government. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter from Tetrattech dated February 5, 2015 stating they are submitting to the PA DEP on behalf of Rex Energy a Water Management Plan (WMP) for the withdrawal of water for use in oil and gas exploration activities. The water withdrawal will be from the Rt. 68 metered vault (Bloom #2 Meter Vault). Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter from Interstate Gas Marketing, Inc. dated February 9, 2015 advising they are applying for drilling permits for the Richland Sportsmen #3 & #4 wells in Center Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letters from PA DEP dated February 12, 2015 of "Notification of Surface Landowner/Water Purveyor of Well Drilling Operation or Alteration for the VicNor-Gaw Units 1H & 2H in Forward Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter from Tetrattech dated February 16, 2015 stating they are submitting to the PA DEP on behalf of Rex Energy a Water Management Plan (WMP ) for the withdrawal of water for use in oil and gas exploration activities. The water withdrawal will be from the Shannon Tap Metered Vault. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated February 17, 2015 from Entech Engineering on behalf of Columbia Midstream, LLC to inform they intend to submit to PADEP a notice of intent for Coverage Under the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP-2) for Earth Disturbance Associated with Oil & Gas Exploration, Production, Processing, or Treatment Operations or Transmission Facilities for the Big Pine Expansion project in Connoquenessing Borough Connoquenessing Township, Forward Township, Jackson Township and Penn Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated February 23, 2015 from Gai Consultants to inform their intent to submit an application to the Butler County Conservation District (BCCD) for the Chapter 105 Water Obstruction and Encroachment General Permit Registration for the Big Pine Expansion Project located in Jackson, Connoquenessing , Penn and Forward Townships and Connoquenessing Borough. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated February 23, 2015 from Rex Energy to notify that they are revising the bottom hole locations of the Gray Unit's 1H, 3H and 4H natural gas wells in Center Township. Information is on file at Township office.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Steinheiser motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.