

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Terry Steinheiser at 7:00 p.m. on March 9, 2017 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser, Ed Rupert and Ray Kroll. Also attending were Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr., Engineer Bill Braun and Secretary/Asst. Treasurer Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Treasurer/Asst. Secretary Lee Kradel did not attend. Eighteen 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 1, 2017 supervisors meeting and March 6, 2017 Act 537 Sewage Update meeting. Rupert motioned to accept the February 1, 2017 supervisors meeting minutes and the March 6, 2017 Act 537 Sewage Update meeting minutes. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Brenda Davis reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$364,577.76 but after deposits of \$103,022.59 and checks in the amount of \$138,776.50 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$328,823.85. Brenda Davis stated the Escrow account beginning balance is \$57,585.58 but after deposits in the amount of \$3,700.00 and checks in the amount of \$3,730.00 are approved tonight, the ending balance is \$57,555.58. Brenda Davis said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$260,339.61 but with interest of \$9.99 and our annual allocation of \$202,381.65, the ending balance is \$462,731.25. Brenda Davis stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$556,793.82 but with interest of \$42.71, the ending balance is \$556,836.53. Kroll motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD

Christine Kline had 7 objections to how the Act 537 Sewage Update meeting was held at the PA National Guard Armory on March 6, 2017 which were: 1. Advertising of the Act 537 Sewage meeting in the Butler Eagle was too short of notice, 2. review of the Plan was not available until 4 hours before the Act 537 public meeting, 3. only giving public until April 2, 2017 to make comments is not giving them the 30 days required, 4. no loud speaker at meeting, 5. only public that signed in by 5:30 p.m. could say comments, 6. not listening to questions or providing answers during the meeting definitely caused trust issues, 7. Senate Engineering didn't differentiate the changes done to the Act 537 plan from last years'. Mrs. Klink questioned the board after each objection if all these items were done intentionally or mismanagement? Secondly, Mrs. Klink stated she had reviewed the SEO's part of the new plan and stated Senate Engineering said there were 8% failures which she said were only 5% and mentioned how in 9 years since the SEO last submitted a survey there were only 3 new malfunctions found. Mrs. Klink stated Senate Engineering's percentages are not right. In addition, Mrs. Klink stated \$80,000 of tax payer monies have already been spent on this plan. Mrs. Klink closed by saying there are a lot of intelligent people in the Township and suggested using them to form committees to work together with the Township supervisors. Mrs. Klink stated spending \$14,000,000 is a big deal to the Township residents.

OLD BUSINESS

Kroll motioned to ratify December 12, 2016 agreement between Butler County Sheriff's Office and Connoquenessing Township related to using Deputy services when needed. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser stated a motion needed made to sign ARLE as-built mylar plans. Bill Braun stated the ARLE grant was for the timing of the lights on Rt. 68 and said PennDot requires Connoquenessing Township and Butler Township to sign. Rupert motioned to approve signing the ARLE as-built mylar plans. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Steinheiser mentioned a motion needed made to accept new road names for duplexes located off of Shannon Mills Drive - Kenlee Drive will come off Shannon Mills Dr. then Rothrock Drive will come off Kenlee Drive. Rupert asked Brenda if 911 was informed and approved of these road names? Brenda Davis said, "yes" there were three different departments that signed off. Rupert motioned to accept Kenlee Drive and Rothrock Drive as new road names. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll stated he has asked Andrew Menchyk, Jr. to look into the road crew uniform contract.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD (Three minute limit)

NONE

PRE-APPLICATION QUESTIONS

NONE

PLANS

George (Buddy) Hindman was present to request preliminary and final approval of the Hindman subdivision plan. Bill Braun mentioned his letter, dated March 8, 2017, which had two comments which were: 1. the utility and access agreements need executed and 2. mentioned the multiple number of lots being accessed by the same driveway therefore this subdivision has created a land locked piece of property so Mr. Hindman has drawn up a 50 ft. easement off of Rt. 68 giving access to this land locked piece of property. In addition, Bill Braun stated Mr. Hindman will need a modification for the front yard setbacks due to four buildings currently encroaching the front setback. Mr. Hindman questioned why the turn around cul-de-sac drawn on the mylar had to be for 80 ft? Mr. Braun stated that is the requirement of the Township ordinance. Kroll asked Mr. Menchyk, Jr. if the easement agreements needed stated on the mylar? Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated, "no", they are separate. Rupert motioned to grant modification of Section 245-20 building front yard (setback) encroachments for four non conforming buildings and approved the Hindman subdivision plan for preliminary and final approval contingent on the utility and access agreements being executed. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Richard Craft was present on behalf of Honda North requesting preliminary and final approval on their Land Development Plan which consists of a modification to Stormwater Management Facilities. Mr. Craft explained our ordinance requires steel pipe which is not common now and requested a modification to use plastic pipe and concrete. Kroll stated that is how he would do it. Steinheiser motioned to approve the 1. Infiltration Testing Modification and the 2. Basin Discharge Pipe & Anti-Seep Collar material Modification and approve the Honda North (Stormwater Management Facilities) Land Development Plan for preliminary and final approval. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes. Bill Braun stated an O & M Agreement needs recorded and a cost estimate needs finalized for a bond to be put in place. Mr. Craft stated he will get the cost estimates to Bill Braun for the financial security (bond) and have the O & M Agreement recorded. Steinheiser stated to add the O & M Agreement requirement and bond being submitted to be included in the above motion. Roll call, Steinheiser, yes. Rupert, yes. Kroll, yes.

Mr. Craft stated Honda North had planned on using one new retention basin to service the whole Honda North development but if done by following our ordinance requirements compared to the County ordinance requirements in reference to the release rate, the cost would have increased by 30%. Mr. Craft thought the Township might want to look at revising our ordinance to not deter new business. Bill Braun told the board our ordinance is more stringent than the County but Butler Township's is about the same as ours. Mr. Craft said it was since Honda North was looking at an underground system, the costs were significantly higher.

Buddy Hindman brought his mylar to the front. Brenda Davis stated she would have it signed by the supervisors and planning commission and then he could pick it up. Bill Braun stated the access and utility easements will also need approved and recorded. Mr. Hindman asked who would prepare those? Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated he would contact Mr. Hindman's engineer, Mr. James Day letting him know what is needed. Mr. Hindman commended the board on keeping the Prayer as part of the program.

Mr. William Grey was present to represent Cochran Subaru in requesting preliminary and final approval of their land development plan. Steinheiser stated they are requesting 2 modifications: 1. Section 245-19.S and 2. Section 245-21. Bill Braun stated Cochran Subaru was approved preliminary approval at a previous meeting but final approval was contingent on the 1. sewage approval from the DEP, 2. HOP approved and 3. a NPDES permit received. Mr. Grey stated the NPDES has been supplied, the traffic study report from PennDot which the HOP was mentioned in was submitted and the sewage planning module is on the boards' desk tonight to get final signatures. Mr. Grey stated he needs approval to begin grading. The board stated they had reviewed the plan and did not want to hold Cochran Subaru back from development. Steinheiser made a motion to approve the Cochran Subaru Land Develop Plan for preliminary and final approval. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

ENGINEER REPORT

Bill Braun stated the public comment period for the Act 537 Plan was advertised on March 3, 2017 so residents have 30 days until April 2, 2017 to submit comments which these will be included and answered within the submission to the DEP. Mr. Braun mentioned a Public Meeting was held at the Armory on March 6, 2017 to update on the Act 537 Plan.

SOLICITOR REPORT

NONE

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Kroll motioned to approve December, January and February invoices in the amount of \$355.12. Rupert seconded but pointed out that Mr. Hepfl's name was incorrectly spelled in the code report. Roll call, yes. Report in the packets.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Kroll stated the Salt Contract was renewed with the state for another order of 1,000 tons for 2017-2018 year. Kroll stated a minimum of 600 tons must be ordered. Secondly, Kroll stated he met with Dick Knapko to discuss roads to be paved and has a list of roads for him to prepare the advertisement. Kroll stated he is going to bid the Whitestown Rd. two different ways - one for paving and one for milling.

Kroll stated he has met with all Gas companies about what they will be paying towards the repair of certain roads. Kroll stated XTO and MarkWest will each pave part of Rieber and Rex Energy will pave Whitestown Rd. from Rt. 68 to Rozic Well Pad. Steinheiser asked when paving will start? Kroll stated the advertisement should go out by Monday giving companies time to place their bids by next meeting in April and hopefully start early May. Kroll stated about \$500,000 will be paved. Kroll said the roads to be paved are White Oak Dr. Buttercup Rd., Cupps Rd., Whitestown Rd., Orchard Dr., Kriess Rd. and Rieber Rd. Kroll stated he has decided to hold off on paving Crab Run Rd. because the road crew based the road this winter and still needs to do drainage work before paving. Roy Gilliland asked Kroll if the entire Rieber Rd. was being paved? Kroll said, "yes". Ken Tressler questioned why pave Whitestown Rd. now when another pipeline is coming through? Kroll stated they will be there for over 3 years and said the Township can not hold off repairing Whitestown Rd. any longer. Kroll stated if the gas companies destroy the roads they will have to bring them back up to our specs.

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

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

- 13-17 - Shannon Mills Partners - Kenlee Dr. - duplex - 1/30/17
- 14-17 - Lana McKinnis - Kriess Rd. - garage - 2/21/17
- 15-17 - Matthew Adams - Whitestown Rd. Ext. - barn - 2/22/17
- 16-17 - William Hyatt - Kriess Rd. - garage - 2/23/17
- 17-17 - Larry & Dave Spangler - Eagle Mill Rd. - house - 2/23/17
- 18-17 - Allen & Marla Mechling - Cupps Rd. - shed - 2/28/17
- 19-17 - Douglas Erdley - Shannon Mills Dr. - house - 3/6/17

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

NONE

SEO REPORT

Steinheiser stated a final inspection was completed for Larry Spangler located at 102 Bennett Court.

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Received letter dated February 1, 2017 from Gannett Fleming on behalf of XTO Energy who is proposing to construct an above ground temporary water pipeline in Connoquenessing Township (Lesney to Guiher Temporary Water Pipeline)

Evelyn Hockenberry told the board to make sure 911 was contacted about the new Shannon Mills road names. Rupert said this has been done.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Steinheiser motioned to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. to an executive session to discuss real estate (Township Drive) and stated the board would not return. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.