

Connoquenessing Township’s Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Scott Longdon at 7:00 p.m. on May 6, 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. Twelve 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 April 1, 2015 supervisors meeting. Longdon motioned to accept the April 1, 2015 minutes. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$325,743.79 but after total deposits of \$91,782.87 and checks in the amount of \$102,888.35 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$314,638.31. The Escrow account beginning balance was \$21,983.75 but after deposits in the amount of \$589.00 and checks in the amount of \$4,118.50, the ending balance is \$18,454.25. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$218,188.31 but with interest of \$11.40, the ending balance is \$218,199.71. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$404,069.52 but with interest of \$33.21, the ending balance is \$404,102.73. Lee Kradel stated the QuickBooks Premier 2012 and payroll upgrades that were approved last month had a higher total premium than stated. The QuickBook Premier 2015 was lower at \$299.95 instead of \$350.95 but the Payroll upgrade was \$449.00 instead of \$229.95 for a total combined increase of \$270.05. The board thanked Lee Kradel for advising them. Longdon motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Longdon stated the Executive Session to discuss personnel issues of hiring a full time road crew and a part-time summer helper was being moved to the end of the meeting.

COMMENT PERIOD

Kristine Klink questioned the survey being conducted by the Sewage Enforcement Officer regarding failed onlot systems. Her concerns were 1) do the citizens get to vote on whether we get public sewage and 2) if we do get sewage, do all residents need to tap in? The supervisors said there is 1) no option, the DEP is mandating that we update and approve our Act 537 plan for installation of public sewage and 2) if sewage comes through, the resident must tap in.

Jenley Birch questioned needing a permit to repair her system. The board stated once the Act 537 plan is in place the DEP will allow temporary permits for fixing her system until public sewage is available.

BIDS

Following are the sealed bids that were publicly opened and read aloud by Brenda Davis for the letting of May 6, 2015:

DUST OIL

		Russell Standard Price per gallon	Suit-Kote Price per gallon	Midland Asphalt Price per gallon
Gallons	Material			
1,000	MC-70	\$3.845	\$3.22	\$4.86
5,000	CRS-2	\$1.972	\$1.82	\$2.43
3,000	E1Prime	\$1.619	\$1.51	\$2.27

LIMESTONE

		Amerikohl Price per ton	McClymonds Price per ton
Tons	Material		
2,500	2A	\$22.45	\$19.97
1,500	1B	\$24.65	\$25.22
1,000	2B	\$22.65	\$20.37
1,000	3	\$22.45	\$21.37

GRAVEL

		McClymonds Price per ton
Tons	Material	
1,500	2B	\$17.75
500	3	\$17.84

Longdon called an Executive Session to discuss the bids. After the board returned Kroll made a motion to award McClymonds the limestone bid. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes. Secondly, Steinheiser made a motion to award McClymonds the gravel bid. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes. Thirdly, Kroll made a motion to award Suit-Kote the dust oil bid. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

All above bidders enclosed their bid bonds which were reviewed and approved by Andrew Menchyk, Jr.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD

Debbie Walker was on the agenda but did not attend.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Longdon mentioned he received a phone call complaint about chickens running onto someones yard on Woodlands Road. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated Leyne Lokhaiser should be sent out to investigate and a written complaint isn't needed since mentioned at this meeting. Longdon told Brenda to contact Leyne to investigate.

PLANS

Bill Braun stated Bob Swartz submitted revised plans for the Voelker Paving to him to review and should be attending the June 3, 2015 meeting.

ENGINEER REPORT

Bill Braun stated he talked to Dave Ice and Mr. Ice has completed 100 sewage surveys. Mr. Braun said once the surveys are completed he would like to discuss them with the supervisors and then submit to the DEP. Mr. Braun stated this should take two months to complete.

Bill Braun discussed a meeting is scheduled for May 18th with the Southwestern Planning Commission (SPC) concerning an "Operation Safety Assessment" on Rt. 68 and Penn Dot and other stakeholders are invited to attend. He stated the meeting will be held at Butler Township building.

Bill Braun stated he was approached by Butler Township about a Cupps Rd. ditching project that will run into our Township but stated the work to be done will be of no cost to our Township.

Bill Braun stated Trans Associates has completed their portion of the Arle Grant.

SOLICITOR REPORT

NONE

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Longdon motioned to approve invoice in the amount of \$306.88. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes. Lee Kradel mentioned a section in Leyne's report where he requested the supervisors assistance on an abandoned house. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said a notice needs sent to the property owner and if not answered the Township could board up the residence and charge back the owner. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said he would send a letter and asked Brenda to have Leyne take photos of the property.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Kroll stated Boy Scout Road is ready for paving and a prebid meeting was held to discuss what the pavers are required to do and only the ones present at the meeting can submit a bid. Kroll stated he has a meeting with Rex Energy to discuss work to be done on Woodlands, Lower Harmony and Whitestown Roads. Kroll stated MarkWest put a drain in on Boy Scout Rd. hill to pick up excess water.

Kroll stated the Township roller is broke again with hydraulic issues and he would rather replace than repair. Longdon feels we should find out how much it will cost to fix it properly and feels we have spent enough money on new equipment for now. Kroll stated he would rather use a certified dealer that would have a warranty but would check around.

BUILDING PERMITS

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

- 16-15 - Thomas Barnett - St. James St. - mobile home
- 17-15 - Matthew Haslinger - Fassinger Rd. - shed
- 18-15 - Vineyards at Brandywine - Silver Oak Dr. - house
- 19-15 - David Hall - Evans City Rd. - pool
- 20-15 - Robert Wissinger - RoseHaven Dr. - shed
- 21-15 - Timothy Spangler - Eagle Mill Rd. - enclosed porch
- 22-15 - Laretta Hanchosky - Whitestown Rd. - deck
- 23-15 - Richard Gall - Jacobs Ln. - garage
- 24-15 - Chad Smith - Rolling Valley Ln. - mobile home
- 25-15 - Thomas Gray - Jacobs Ln. - house

26-15 - Sonoma Valley - 1051 Silver Oak Dr. - quad
 27-15 - Sonoma Valley - 1052 Silver Oak Dr. - quad
 28-15 - Sonoma Valley - 1054 Silver Oak Dr. - quad
 29-15 - Sonoma Valley - 1053 Silver Oak Dr. - quad
 30-15 - Sonoma Valley - 1121 Silver Oak Dr. - quad
 31-15 - Sonoma Valley - 1122 Silver Oak Dr. - quad
 32-15 - Sonoma Valley - 1123 Silver Oak Dr. - quad
 33-15 - Sonoma Valley - 1124 Silver Oak Dr. - quad

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

NONE

SEO REPORT

NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

NONE

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Longdon motioned to release Lipinski Logging road bond on Camp Fatima Rd. in the amount of \$5,000.00. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Longdon motioned to release McDonald Plumbing land development escrow in the amount of \$3,878.50. Kroll, 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 at the Forward Township building. A list of items being accepted and fees are posted at the Township office.

Office will be closed May 21, 2015 for office personnel to attend the Butler County Association of Township Officials 100th Annual Spring Convention.

Received letter from PA DEP dated April 13, 2015 of "Notification of Surface Landowner/Water Purveyor of Well Drilling Operation or Alteration for the Briston Unit 3H in Butler Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter from PA DEP dated April 13, 2015 of "Notification of Surface Landowner/Water Purveyor of Well Drilling Operation or Alteration for the Godfrey D Unit 8H in Penn Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated April 20, 2015 from Rex Energy to notify that a Permit Application for Drilling or Altering a Well is being submitted to the PA DEP for the Hamilton Unit 4H natural gas well located in Lancaster Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated April 20, 2015 from Entech Engineering on behalf of Columbia Midstream Group, LLC (Big Pine Expansion) who are proposing to construct a 10-mile pipeline system that will run from the Markwest Bluestone Facility in Jackson Township to the XTO Cryo Plant in Penn Township. A portion will be in Connoquenessing Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated April 21, 2015 from PA DEP stating they received a Water management Plan (Plan) amendment application, dated march 13, 2015 for the Northwest Disric filed by R.E. Gas Development for the PA American Water Co. - Butler - Shannon Tap Meter Vault. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated April 28, 2015 from GES that XTO submitted a Remedial Investigation/Risk Assessment/Final Report to the DEP for the site known as Patton B Unit #7H Well site. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated May 1, 2015 from CEC to inform that R.E. Gas Development is applying to the PA DEP for a major modification to the previously authorized ESCGP-2 permit for the Brennan Well Pad project. Information is on file at the Township office.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Longdon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. to an Executive session to discuss personnel issues and stated the board would not return. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.