

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Terry Steinheiser at 7:00 p.m. on June 1, 2016 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, Treasurer/Asst. Secretary Lee Kradel and Secretary/Asst. Treasurer Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Fourteen 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 May 4, 2016. Rupert made motion to accept the minutes of May 4, 2016 with one correction from Pg. 4 under summer help which he stated "summer help at a rate set by the union which is \$4.00 under the laborer rate". Rupert stated that was incorrect and should have said summer help will be paid at a minimum of \$4.00 below the laborers rate subject to the minimum wage. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser mentioned Planning Meeting minutes for the month of March are in the supervisor packets and the Planning Meeting was canceled in April.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$337,551.07 but after deposits of \$126,366.97 and checks in the amount of \$51,900.36 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$412,017.68. Lee Kradel stated the Escrow account beginning balance is \$21,615.75 but after deposits of \$850.00 and checks in the amount of \$570.00 are approved tonight, the ending balance is \$21,895.75. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$260,240.83 but with interest of \$11.41, the ending balance is \$260,252.24. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$404,934.17 but with interest of \$35.50, the ending balance is \$404,969.67. Rupert motioned to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **COMMENT PERIOD**

\*NONE\*

#### **BIDS**

Steinheiser asked Kroll to discuss the paving bids opened in the morning for the letting of tonight. Kroll said he wanted to call an executive session on this to discuss but then just stated that he wanted to change the amount of roads to be paved to only 2 roads because he is still working with the Gas Companies to agree to pave and pay for 1/2 of some of the roads but hasn't come to an agreement with them yet and doesn't want to pave 1/2 now and then let them pave 1/2 later. Kroll stated the only road that is agreed to do now is Double Road. Bill Braun said we could hold the bids until next month. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated there is no need to re-advertise now because this may remain the same. Rupert asked Kroll where the money is coming from for the paving? Kroll stated Liquid Fuels. Rupert said the dollar amount is pretty high. Kroll said that is because the Gas Companies will be paying a good portion of it. Kroll motioned to table the bids until a meeting can be held with the Gas Companies. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Brenda Davis opened the sealed bids for Township equipment advertised for the letting of June 1, 2016. Below are the results:

#### **2000 Ford F-350 Pickup Truck**

Bidders - Glenn Freed - \$1,527.00  
 Dale Hall - \$ 653.00  
 Grant McKinnis - \$2,101.00

#### **2000 Ford F-450 Dump Truck**

Bidders - Grant McKinnis - \$4,201.00  
 Glenn Freed - \$4,257.00  
 Lance Collier - \$1,000.00

#### **Ford 6640 Tractor & Mower**

Bidders - Ray Turner - \$6,850.00  
 Don Reedy - \$6,377.00

#### **8'6' Plow**

Bidders - Grant McKinnis - \$111.00  
 Glenn Freed - \$338.00

#### **9'0' Plow**

Bidders - Glenn Freed - \$338.00  
 Grant McKinnis - \$111.00

**HI Way Salt Spreader P Model**

Bidder - Grant McKinnis - \$111.00 (only one bidder)

Rupert stated all equipment is sold "as is".

Kroll motioned to award the bid for the 2000 Ford F-350 Pickup Truck to Grant McKinnis in the amount of \$2,101.00. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to award the bid for the 2000 Ford F-450 Dump Truck to Glenn Freed in the amount of \$4,257.00. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to award the bid for the Ford 6640 Tractor & Mower to Ray Turner in the amount of \$6,850.00. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to award the bid for the 8'6" Plow to Glenn Freed in the amount of \$338.00. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to award the bid for the 9'0" Plow to Glenn Freed in the amount of \$338.00. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to award the bid for the HI Way Salt Spreader P Model to Grant McKinnis in the amount of \$111.00. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser stated the Township received two ARLE bids which were opened on May 6, 2016. Steinheiser stated the two bidders were:

Bronder Technical Services - \$6,953.37

Traffic Control and Engineering - \$11,771.10

Steinheiser stated Bronder currently takes care of our Township traffic lights and suggested going with them for 1/2 the price. Rupert and Kroll agreed and Kroll stated Bronder's service is excellent. Steinheiser made a motion to accept Bronder Technical Services bid for \$6,953.37. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes. Bill Braun stated after the contract is awarded and all the parts are ordered (which should take 30-45 days) the work to install should only take a week. The board asked Bill Braun to send the "Notice to Proceed" letter to Trans Associates.

**REQUEST TO BE HEARD - three minute limit**

Dan Gordon stated he was here to update the board on his property at 108 Hawk Drive had passed the dye test on the primary system but was asked to do testing for an alternate site before moving forward with placing a double wide on the property.

Mr. Gordon stated there was no area found to put an alternate site and asked the board if he can still move forward with his subdivision plan to combine his two lots. Kroll felt Mr. Gordon has done everything the board has asked and should be allowed to proceed. Steinheiser advised Mr. Gordon that if he proceeds and if the primary septic fails for any reason, he would be taking a chance that the property could be condemned. Mr. Gordon said, "I understand". Mr. Gordon said he was taking the subdivision plan to the Planning Commission on June 15<sup>th</sup> and then to the supervisors on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Charlotte Grimme submitted a petition from residents who oppose the Board of Supervisors Act 537 proposed plan.

Evelyn Hockenberry said she heard that the Connoquenessing Fire Dept. may be joining with the Evans City Fire Dept. and questioned if the fire tax monies we send currently to the Connoquenessing Fire Dept. would still go there? Rupert stated a meeting was held on May 19<sup>th</sup> which included both Fire Departments. Rupert stated the two Fire Departments would consolidate and form a new name and all finances, liabilities, equipment, etc. will be consolidated. Mrs. Hockenberry stated the Fire Dept. needs money and volunteers and are very important to our residents. Rupert agreed. Tom Pawlowicz asked if Forward Township who is served currently by these two Fire Departments pay fire tax on their tax cards? Rupert stated, "no" and said this was discussed at the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Steinheiser asked Bill Braun to update on the complaint against West Penn Marine (White Boat Sales). Mr. Braun passed pictures around stating most of the buffer is complete. The depth of the buffer is less than 25ft, trees spacing is less than 10 ft. which creates a visual buffer that meets the intent of our ordinance requirements. Mr. Braun said Mr. White is also planning on putting more trees in the back. The board stated Mr. White has done what the board has asked. Andrew Menchyk, Jr. stated no action needs to be taken because based on Bill Braun's report, Mr. White is in compliance.

Andrew Menchyk, Jr. stated Resolution No. 2-16 was for adopting the Act 537 plan and approving to submit it to the DEP and stated it may be rescinded tonight. Steinheiser stated he feels the Act 537 Plan needs to be looked into further before sending to DEP. Kroll motioned to rescind Resolution No. 2-16 authorizing the submission of the Act 537 Plan to the DEP. Steinheiser, seconded the motion stating there may be other options worth looking into. Rupert felt the Township has already put a lot of time and money into the plan and disagreed even though he feels there may be better options out there. Steinheiser said he knows we need to take care of this but at this time we should take another look at it. Motion to rescind Resolution No. 2-16 carried. Roll call, Steinheiser, , yes. Kroll, yes. Rupert, no.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

\*NONE\*

#### **PLANS**

\*NONE\*

#### **ENGINEER REPORT**

Bill Braun asked the board to authorize Senate Engineering to look into other alternatives in reference to the Act 537 Update Plan to see what is feasible. Mr. Braun estimated it to cost \$5,000. Kroll motioned to approve Senate Engineering spending up to \$5,000 to review the aerial mapping that was done on the Act 537 plan. Rupert, seconded. Roll, call, yes.

Bill Braun stated the Aerial Mapping is almost done. The board agreed this had to be done and it was good to do it while the leaves were off the trees. Bill Braun stated it was required for the design of the sewer system.

Bill Braun stated a meeting is set for Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. with Penn Dot at the Township office to discuss the Rt. 68 turning lane. Steinheiser and Rupert stated they planned on attending.

Bill Braun stated Kroll, Rupert, developer, and himself have went and marked out areas on Brandywine Blvd. And other roads in the development where work needs done before the Township will adopt the roads. Bill Braun stated a summary of all the damages and paving measurements are in the supervisors packets. Bill Braun also mentioned a meeting would need made to discuss the current ADA ramps at Brandywine and whether the Township required them to update to current specifications before adopting or if the Township would take care of the new regulations? Bill Braun said the paving crew is ready to start and the board needs to contact them A.S.A.P. so they don't do something and then have to do it over. Rupert and Kroll said we need to contact and discuss our requirements on paving with Brett Schultz with Weaver Master Builders soon. Kroll asked Bill Braun to lead the way with a plan of action.

#### **SOLICITOR REPORT**

\*NONE\*

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

\*NONE\*

#### **ROAD MASTERS REPORT**

Kroll stated the student summer help is doing excellent. Steinheiser stated he received a phone call from Don Domhoff thanking him for the beautiful flowers and flag at our Township memorial. Steinheiser told Mr. Domhoff hewould thank Kroll who took care of it.

#### **BUILDING PERMIT REPORT**

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

- 17-16 - Michael Albert - Evans City Rd. - addition - 5/4/16
- 18-16 - Lawrence Spangler - Bennett Ct. - house - 5/5/16
- 19-16 - Vineyards at Brandywine - Silver Oak Dr. - house - 5/-10/16
- 20-16 - Vineyards at Brandywine - Silver Oak Dr. - house - 5/25/16

#### **TAX COLLECTOR REPORT**

Tom Pawlowicz stated tax collections have slowed down since the discount period is over but taxes can still be paid at face by June 30, 2016.

#### **SEO REPORT**

\*NONE\*

#### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT**

\*NONE\*

**MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

Kroll motioned to release Randy Skelley sewage escrow in the amount of \$425.00. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

Received invoice from Connoquenessing Borough for Recycling/Cleanup Day held on May 7, 2016. The Township's share was \$412.43 and reported on the Financial Report.

Received letter dated April 29, 2016 from Gannett Fleming notifying of XTO's intention to submit a Water Management Plan amendment to the PA DEP for approval to withdraw water from the Lutherlyn Camp Swimming Pond for use in oil and gas exploration and development. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated May 24, 2016 from XTO stating they are in the process of applying for a well permit for the proposed Stein A Unit 4H well located in Franklin Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated May 24, 2016 from XTO stating they are in the process of applying for a well permit for the proposed Stein B Unit 5H well located in Franklin Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated May 26, 2016 from Gai Consultants on behalf of EM Energy Pipeline stating they plan to submit a modification application to the PADEP for the Constellation Pipeline Project located in 8 Townships. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated May 26, 2016 from Gannett Fleming notifying that Mountain Gathering is submitting a Notice of Termination (NOT) to the PADEP for approval to terminate coverage of ESCGP permit number ESX12-019-0164 in reference to the Patton Pipeline in Connoquenessing Township. Information is on file at Township office.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Steinheiser motioned to adjourn to an executive session to discuss litigation issues, health insurance, collective bargaining and personnel at 8:46 p.m. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.