

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Terry Steinheiser at 7:00 p.m. on June 3, 2015 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser and Ray Kroll. Scott Longdon did not attend. Also attending was Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr., Engineer Bill Braun, Treasurer Lee Kradel and Secretary Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Sixteen signed in on the public sign in record on file. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Steinheiser stated the supervisors held an Executive Session on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township building to discuss hiring a full time road worker and part time summer help. Steinheiser stated a decision on hiring the full time hasn't been decided yet but 2 summer help have been hired.

REVIEW MINUTES

Reviewed minutes of May 6, 2015 supervisors meeting. Steinheiser motioned to accept the May 6, 2015 minutes. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$314,638.31 but after total deposits of \$105,892.53 and checks in the amount of \$56,858.27 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$363,672.57. The Escrow account beginning balance was \$18,454.25 but after deposits in the amount of \$1,400.00 and checks in the amount of \$275.00, the ending balance is \$19,579.25. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$218,199.71 but with interest of \$11.02, the ending balance is \$218,210.73. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$404,102.73 but with interest of \$32.11, and a check for \$41,000 for the new truck, the ending balance is \$363,134.84. Steinheiser motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD

NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Steinheiser called an **Executive Session** at 7:04 p.m. which returned at 7:12 p.m. Steinheiser stated the meeting was to discuss hiring 2 summer helpers and discuss their pay in regards to the union contract. Steinheiser made a motion, with the solicitors approval, to hire 2 summer helpers for no more than 90 days at a rate of \$10.00 per hour. A resident asked for their names. Steinheiser stated they are Jesse Brandon and Zachary Kaufman. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

BIDS

Kroll noted he had opened the bids for paving in the morning to review and said all four bidders had all their required documents included in the bid packet and had attended the pre-bid meeting that was held on May 4, 2015. Kroll stated the four bidders were:

Wiest	Shields	Protech Asphalt	Glenn O. Hawbaker
\$126,379.19	\$126,971.13	\$149,575.69	\$181,666.25

Kroll made a motion to accept Wiest Asphalt's bid in the amount of \$126,379.19. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD

Phil Hay & Sons Excavating was on the agenda but did not attend. Kroll stated he had talked to Mr. Hay and his company is interested in renting out equipment to the Township. Kroll stated he is interested in their Paddle Loader to assist in berming at a rate of \$100.00/hr and may consider using it for 5 days this summer. Kroll stated Mr. Hay supplied him with a list of their equipment and rates.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PLANS

Robert & Jacqueline Carson were present to request preliminary and final approval on their 3 lot subdivision plan. Bill Braun stated lot 2 has an existing house so no sewage testing was required and lots 3 & 4 have had their sewage testing done and lot 1 is adjacent property being transferred to them and added to lot 2 to add a proposed access road for lots 3 & 4. Bill Braun stated there is also a maintenance agreement drawn up for the access driveway.

Mr. Braun stated the plan has been through our Planning Commission and all his comments have been addressed. Bill Braun said it will be a 20 ft. easement coming off Shannon Rd. and shown on the deed. Bill Braun mentioned the Sewage Planning Module also needed signed and mailed to the DEP for approval. Steinheiser motioned to approve the Carson Plan as preliminary and final contingent on DEP approving the Sewage Planning Module. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Bill Braun stated Tim Spangler Land Development Plan (Voelker Paving) was approved last year contingent on receiving a NPDES permit, rip rap and catch basin added and a storm pipe reduced in size and submitting a construction cost estimate. Bill Braun said the first three have been met and now submitting the construction cost estimates for Phase 1 and Phase 2 to be approved tonight. Mr. Braun stated their O & M agreement for Stormwater was previously done and recorded by the Township. Steinheiser questioned whether to just approve and accept bonding for Phase 1 and not Phase 2? Bill Braun stated both phases were on this plan and approved together and the Township could always increase the \$65,096 (phase 2) bond if the need arises but feels they both need to be approved together. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. agreed with Mr. Braun. Brenda Davis asked if both bond amounts should be received now? The board said, "yes". Steinheiser motioned to accept the Tim Spangler plan as final contingent on the receipt of the \$20,268 (phase 1) and \$65,096 (phase 2) improvement bond. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

ENGINEER REPORT

In reference to the Act 537 Plan, Mr. Braun stated Dave Ice has completed the field sewage surveys so Senate Engineering will complete necessary forms, meet with board to discuss and then submit to DEP. After receiving feedback from DEP a Public Hearing will be set for public comments.

Bill Braun discussed meeting with SPC (Southwest Planning Commission) concerning "Operation Safety Assessment" on Rt. 68. Mr. Braun said he attended with Terry Steinheiser. Mr. Braun stated Rt. 68 corridor traffic problems were discussed from Rt. 19 to Rt. 68 to Rt. 356 and the turning lane at Kriess Rd. was also discussed. Steinheiser stated the SPC is aware of the traffic on Rt. 68 and when grants become available they can provide more help. Steinheiser stated they will report on the meeting within 30 days which the Township can comment on.

Bill Braun stated the bids were opened for the Cupps Rd. project and are planning to start construction this year and complete by next year. Mr. Braun stated they will keep us updated on their progress.

In reference to the ARLE Grant, Bill Braun stated Trans Associates has collected the data and is running a test model to submit to PennDot for their review and then bid out the contract. Steinheiser stated this project is to coordinate the traffic lights to move traffic along smoother. Steinheiser said \$36,100 grant was awarded and will involve the 4 traffic lights between Brandywine Blvd. and Benbrook Rd.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Menchy, Jr. mentioned he sent notice May 13th to owner of 117 Isaac Lane about the abandoned house and had Leyne Lokhaiser post the property on May 20th giving the owner 10 days to secure property. Mr. Menchy, Jr. stated his letter was returned and asked the board how they want to proceed. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said the Township could clean up and board up the property and then charge owner back or pursue locating owner again. Steinheiser didn't feel the first option is a Township responsibility. Kroll agreed that should be the last resort. Mr. Pawlowicz volunteered to look into the tax records and see if he could locate the owner and update at next month's meeting. Kroll motioned to continue to look into the owner's current address. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Steinheiser motioned to approve invoice in the amount of \$310.90. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Kroll mentioned the new 2015 GMC truck is ready and being delivered tomorrow. Steinheiser motioned to ratify the purchase of the truck to a cash purchase of \$41,000 out of Act 13 funds. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to hire Senate Engineering as a 3rd party to do weekly inspections on roads associated with gas companies and keeping bills separate to charge them back. Steinheiser stated Senate Engineering has a legally qualified person to go to court if need be. The Township doesn't. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes. Lee Kradel questioned if permit applications should go to Bill Braun first? Kroll said, "no" the Township first and then he will call Mr. Braun.

Resident Dorothy Onufer questioned if the rusty grate at the intersection of Maple Drive and Stevenson Rd. will ever get maintenance? Kroll stated he'd have the men go down and inspect.

Kroll mentioned the men have filled potholes on White Oak Drive and he has a plan for correcting the drainage problem.

Kroll also asked Mr. Braun to look at and give him an idea on how to fix Woodlands and Lower Harmony Roads.

BUILDING PERMITS

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

- 34-15 - Madeline O'Lare - Double Rd. - deck
- 35-15 - Ricky Kradel - Eagle Mill Rd. - shed
- 36-15 - Ricky Kradel - Eagle Mill Rd. - shed
- 37-15 - Thomas Fennell - Reiber Rd. - deck/porch roof
- 38-15 - William Crissman - Andy's Ln. - shed
- 39-15 - Carol Mowery - Easy St. - wheel chair ramp
- 40-15 - Larry Spangler - Eagle Mill Rd. - machine shed

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

NONE

SEO REPORT

Steinheiser stated the final inspection is complete for David Cottington.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

NONE

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Steinheiser motioned to release escrow to Jeff Smith for his political sign escrow in the amount of \$50.00.

Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

A big thank you goes out to the Butler Farm Market for donating the flowers in our memorial and Don Domhoff for planting them. They are beautiful and greatly appreciated.

Received invoice from Connoquenessing Borough for Recycling/Cleanup Day held on May 9, 2015. The Township's share was \$493.29 and reported on the Financial Report.

Received letter dated May 1, 2015 from XTO stating they are in the process of renewing/re-permitting the Cratty B Unit 1H Well Permit located in Franklin Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received copy of letter dated May 19, 2015 from Butler County Conservation District authorizing the notice of intent for the ESCGP permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Oil and Gas Activities (ESCGP Permit) Big Pine Pipeline located in 5 municipalities. Information is on file at Township office.

Received copy of letter dated May 20, 2015 from PA DEP acknowledging receipt of XTO Energy's Remedial Investigation/Risk Assessment/Final Report on May 18, 2015 (Patton B Unit No. 7H), pertaining to the subject property and submitted in accordance with the land Recycling and Environmental Remediation Standards Act (Act 2). Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated May 26, 2015 from GAI Consultants on behalf of Stonehenge Appalachia to inform they intend to submit a PA Chapter 106 Application for Water Obstruction and encroachment General Permit to the PA DEP, for the Graham Header to Gray Pipeline Project located in 5 Townships in Butler County. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated May 27, 2015 from GAI Consultants on behalf of Stonehenge Appalachia to inform they are submitting a Notice of Intent (NOI) for Coverage Under the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP-2) for the Graham Header to Gray Pipeline Project located in 5 Townships in Butler County. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated May 28, 2015 from Thomas J. Valiknac, P.E. for the Edward Scharding General Permit Registration (BWEW-GP-7) minor road crossings in Connoquenessing Township located at 783 Dick Rd. Information is on file at Township office.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Kroll motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.