

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Terry Steinheiser at 7:05 p.m. on July 14, 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. Eight people signed in on the public sign in record on file. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The executive session was held before start of meeting and Steinheiser stated they discussed litigation issues.

REVIEW MINUTES

Reviewed minutes of June 1, 2016. Steinheiser motioned to accept the minutes of June 1, 2016. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser mentioned Planning Meeting minutes for the month of May are in the supervisor packets.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$412,017.68 but after deposits of \$78,617.10 and checks in the amount of \$61,668.95 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$419,334.64. Lee Kradel stated the Escrow account beginning balance is \$21,895.75 but after deposits of \$885.00 and checks in the amount of \$1,470.00 are approved tonight, the ending balance is \$21,310.75. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$260,252.24 but with interest of \$10.70, the ending balance is \$260,262.94. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$404,969.67 but with interest of \$33.29 and the annual deposit of \$181,376.55, the ending balance is \$586,379.51. Rupert motioned to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser stated a motion needed made for Resolution #3-16 for amendment to 2016 budget to recognize \$181,376.55 Act 13 fees and asked Lee Kradel to explain. Lee Kradel stated when the 2016 budget was approved, the Act 13 fees were not included and since it is such a significant amount an amendment to the 2016 budget needs made to recognize this amount. Kroll made a motion to adopt Resolution # 3-16 to recognize \$181,376.55 Act 13 fees. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Lee Kradel stated the employees are interested in Direct Deposit of paychecks and she has checked with the bank and the cost would be \$30.00 a month for unlimited employees. After board discussion and stating they feel employees are in favor of this and Lee Kradel stated it will take less time, won't have to have a supervisor come in to sign checks and save on check stock costs, Kroll motioned to approve Direct Deposit at the \$30/month rate. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes. Rupert asked when the payroll date will be? Lee Kradel stated the payday will remain Thursday but information to the bank will be required two days prior. Rupert said the signed authorization would need to be submitted by Tuesday. Lee Kradel stated authorization should be able to be emailed, eliminating a supervisor from coming in.

COMMENT PERIOD

NONE

BIDS

Kroll stated he would like to table the bids for paving again since the gas companies are still not done on the roads and the only road that could be done is Double Rd. from Rt. 68 to Larry Double's barn. Steinheiser, on another note, asked Kroll if Cupps Rd. was getting paved by Butler Township this year? Kroll said, "not until next year". Kroll motioned to table the paving bids until next month's meeting. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMPLAINT

Rupert stated we have two complaints on 442 Eagle Mill Rd. about garbage all around the place including 2 liter bottles stacked up and pictures were also included with complaints. Rupert also noted several vehicles are abandoned with no current registrations and feels the code enforcement officer should be sent out followed up with a letter from our Solicitor because of the nuisance and possibly contact the Area Agency on Aging to see if they can help. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. suggests Leyne Lokhaiser, code enforcement officer, go out and investigate and take pictures and then send to Mr. Menchyk, Jr. and he will write the nuisance letter. Steinheiser stated "no motion was needed".

REQUEST TO BE HEARD - three minute limit

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Steinheiser mentioned receiving a letter from Central Westmoreland C.O.G. requesting the Township to become a member for \$195.00/yr. The board was not in favor.

Rupert motioned to ratify the insurance modification. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

PLANS

Dan Gordon was present to request preliminary and final approval of his lot line revision. Bill Braun stated Mr. Gordon also needs 3 modifications approved. The board did ask Dan Gordon if only one mobile home would be on the combined property? Mr. Gordon said, "yes". Kroll motioned to grant a modification to 245-20.B(b)(2) allowing the minimum lot width to be 70 ft. instead of the required 100 ft. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes. Steinheiser motioned to granted a modification of 245-20.B(b)(1) for the lot to be .4 acres instead of the required 1.0 acre with the provision there will only be one mobile home on the property. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes. Rupert motioned to grant the waiver to the requirements contained in Chapter 245-14, Articles V and VI regarding contours. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes. Rupert motioned to approve the Daniel Gordon Lot Line Revision Plan for preliminary and final approval. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

ENGINEER REPORT

Bill Braun discussed his findings on looking into the feasibility of using Brandywine's existing STP and expanding from there for a short term solution to the Act 537 Update Plan. Mr. Braun stated it is not the best long term solution for the Township-wide plan. Rupert asked if the Act 537 Plan from 2007 could be looked into further and pump to BASA? Bill Braun said that would have to be looked into further.

Bill Braun stated some areas needed updated on the Aerial Mapping because of the possible Act 537 Plan changes but should be completed by the end of next week. Rupert asked if there was access to these files now? Bill Braun suggested waiting until completed.

Bill Braun stated the meeting with PennDot on June 3rd to discuss the Rt. 68 turning lane project was held but since that time the County and Butler Township submitted a Smart Transportation grant which could be a \$250,000 grant and has set up a meeting with the Township on July 28th at 2:30 p.m. which could possibly assist the funding for this project so Bill Braun stated Senate is holding off on addressing PennDot's comments until after the meeting with the County Commissioners.

Bill Braun said the Township and Weaver Master Builders of Brandywine seem to be on the same page now in relation to what needs completed on the roads in order for the Township to adopt. Bill Braun said Brett Schultz from Weaver is requesting a letter from the Township outlining what all has been agreed on so they can start paving and updating the ADA ramps. Steinheiser motioned to have Andrew Menchyk, Jr. write a letter to Weaver stating the improvements are needed made and let Bill Braun look at letter before sending. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Bill Braun stated he talked to Ed Kirkwood from Butler Township in reference to the project on Cupps Rd. and Mr. Kirkwood stated they have worked out all agreements with property owners involved and work is in progress.

Bill Braun stated there are currently 2 ARLE grants. One was already awarded to Bronder and said Bronder has ordered the clocks and work should be done by early August. Secondly, a second application was submitted in June for \$187,000 in reference to the Kriess/Eagle Mill Rd. intersection signal. Bill Braun hopes to be successful again in obtaining this grant.

SOLICITOR REPORT

NONE

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

NONE

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Kroll mentioned the traffic light at Brandywine/Rt. 68 at night when the billboard at that location is changing background colors it blinds the traffic light where you can't tell if it is red or green. Kroll said this happens coming from Butler towards Brandywine and could cause an accident. Mr. Wonderly, a resident of Brandywine, agreed with Kroll. The other two board members had not experienced it and will look into and discuss. Rupert mentioned at that same location, someone has pulled in vehicles for sale and cut in a graveled driveway without getting a Sign or Highway Occupancy Permit. The board told Brenda Davis to contact Leyne Lokhaiser to investigate.

Kroll motioned to release MarkWest's bonds covering 11 roads. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll discussed certain guiderails need replaced. Kroll got an estimate from Green Acres in the amount \$15,772.75. Kroll said last year the Township had received \$2,800.00 from insurance for damage of a guiderail which will offset the \$15,772.75. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. asked if there were other bids? Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said we needed to get 3 quotes. Bill Braun stated he could supply Kroll with other guiderail companies to contact. The discussion was tabled.

Kroll mentioned King Cone has paved a bigger parking lot and his major concern is the way it was done could cause flooding to the Abba House. He said their original land development plan and stormwater plan needs looked at to see if this much paving was on the plan. Kroll motioned to send Bill Braun out to investigate. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

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

- 21-16 - Stephen Lesney - Lesney Lane - shed - 6/7/16
- 22-16 - Mishell Potter - Ledonne Ln - pool - 6/9-/16
- 23-16 - Kari Vandevort - Eagle Mill Rd. - porch roof - 6/17/16
- 24-16 - Keith Bacheler - Rosewood Ln - mobile home - 6/17/16
- 25-16 - Vineyards at Brandywine - Silver Oak Dr. - house - 6/21/16
- 26-16 - Gary Rankin - Evans City Rd. - shed - 6/30/16
- 27-16 - Benjamin Rhoads - Timberlee Dr. - garage - 7/1/16
- 28-16 - Brenda Davis - Prospect Rd. - garage - 7/5/16
- 29-16 - Alexander Bell - Shannon Mills Dr. - house - 7/6/16

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

NONE

SEO REPORT

Steinheiser stated a final inspection has been done for Jeffery Melhorn.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

Rupert stated he attended another fire department meeting in reference to Connoquenessing Fire Dept. and Evans City Fire Dept. consolidating and stated the process is progressing.

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Received letter dated June 1, 2016 from XTO notifying they are in the process of applying for a well permit for the proposed Isaacs Unit 2H well in Center Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated June 17, 2016 from Gannett Fleming on behalf of Mountain Gathering to notify their intention to submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) to PA DEP for approval to terminate coverage of ESCGP permit ESX13-019-0057 related to the Patton to Rutledge Pipeline within Connoquenessing and Forward Townships. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated June 17, 2016 from Gannett Fleming on behalf of Mountain Gathering to notify their intention to submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) to PA DEP for approval to terminate coverage of ESCGP permit ESX13-019-0052 related to the AK Steel to Forward Gas Pipeline within Butler and Connoquenessing Townships. Information is on file at Township office.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Steinheiser motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.