

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Terry Steinheiser at 7:00 p.m. on August 3, 2016 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser, Ed Rupert and Ray Kroll. Also attending were Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr. and Secretary/Asst. Treasurer Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Treasurer/Asst. Secretary Lee Kradel and Engineer Bill Braun did not attend. Sixteen 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 July 14, 2016. Steinheiser motioned to accept the minutes of July 14, 2016. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Brenda Davis reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$419,334.64 but after deposits of \$30,726.37 and checks in the amount of \$44,573.47 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$405,487.54. Brenda Davis stated the Escrow account beginning balance is \$21,310.75 but after deposits of \$1,300.00 and checks in the amount of \$775.00 are approved tonight, the ending balance is \$21,835.75. Brenda Davis said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$260,262.94 but with interest of \$10.34, the ending balance is \$260,273.28. Brenda Davis stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$586,379.51 but with interest of \$43.11, the ending balance is \$586,422.62. Steinheiser motioned to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

### **COMMENT PERIOD**

Calvin Wonderly directed a question to supervisor Kroll asking why the Vineyards and Sonoma Valley are being paved but not Brandywine Village? Kroll stated the Township has only been asked to adopt the main roads inside Brandywine. Kroll stated the developer intended the side streets to be private and that is why there are no cul-de-sacs. Mr. Wonderly told Kroll that there are cul-de-sacs. Kroll said the Township has only been asked to consider adopting the main roads in Brandywine not the roads that were intended to remain private and the Township has not received a formal request to adopt the roads, just a verbal one at this time. Mr. Wonderly said he would contact the Brandywine Board and question them as to why the other roads are not being paved and/or adopted? Secondly, Mr. Wonderly asked who would inspect the paving? Kroll stated a representative of Senate Engineering would be watching each day. Lastly, Mr. Wonderly asked what is being done with the illegal sign that was put up to advertise cars for sale on Rt. 68? Rupert stated the code enforcement officer has been to the location and action will be taken.

Stacy Bowman questioned if anything has been done with the complaint on the hoarder on Eagle Mill Rd? Kroll stated it would be discussed later in the agenda.

### **BIDS**

Kroll motioned to table the bids for paving until next year because the gas companies are still on the roads making repairs. Rupert asked Mr. Menchyk, Jr. if letters should be sent to the bidders letting them know we are tabling the bids? Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said it was not necessary. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

### **REQUEST TO BE HEARD**

Andrew Durfee, from 125 Tiger Rd., was present to ask for a modification to his rear set back from the required 25 ft. to 19 ft. Mr. Durfee stated one neighbor has something 23 ft. from the back of their property and another has one 18-19 ft. from theirs. Steinheiser asked why he wanted to be 19 ft. instead of 25 ft? Mr. Durfee said he has a 4% grade in his property and to use the driveway he is cutting in and moving a 32 ft. camper around, he wants to have some running room. Steinheiser asked if he had talked

to any neighbors? Mr. Durfee supplied a written statement from the neighbor bordering his rear property that said it was okay but the written statement said 15 ft. from the back not 19 ft. which Rupert changed to 19ft. and then had Mr. Durfee initial the change. Steinheiser motioned to approve the 19 ft. setback, since permission was granted from the rear property owner, but approval is contingent on receipt and review of the building permit application. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

\*NONE\*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

\*NONE\*

### **PLANS**

Don Dambaugh was present to ask the board for preliminary and final approval of the Kane-Dambaugh lot line revision. Mr. Dambaugh stated the property is his sisters and he has leased the property from her for his tree farm for years and now wants to buy the 25 acres with the tree farm from her. Mr. Dambaugh stated since this lot is only used as agricultural (tree farm) he has submitted a "Request for Planning Waiver & Non-Building Declaration" form be signed and approved by the board and DEP. Rupert stated the Planning Commission had asked if the Sewage Enforcement Officer would also have to sign this form? Brenda Davis said, "yes". Mr. Dambaugh said Forward Township is also reviewing the plan because there is a 25x100 ft. road on the property which is in Forward Township. Rupert motioned to approve waiver to the requirements of section 245-14 Articles V and VI. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes. Kroll motioned to sign the DEP form "Request for Planning Waiver & Non-Building Declaration". Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes. Rupert motioned to approve Kane-Dambaugh lot line revision as preliminary and final contingent on DEP approving the "Request for Planning Waiver & Non-Building Declaration" form and Forward Township approving the plan. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

### **ENGINEER REPORT**

Steinheiser read Bill Braun's report he supplied since he was not present. Mr. Braun's items mentioned were: 1. **ARLE 1:** Bronder indicated the new clocks will be arriving on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. They will install the new clocks and timings by mid-August. 2. **ARLE 2:** Application for new traffic signals at SR68/Eagle Mill Rd. submitted on 6/29/16 for \$187,000. Will probably be several months until successful applicants are announced. 3. **King Cones Parking Lot Paving:** Field view and aerial mapping research completed. Steinheiser asked Kroll to explain this. Kroll mentioned King Kone had recently paved and extended the pavement and was having Mr. Braun look at whether this much paving was approved on the original plan and look into the stormwater runoff and whether there is a retention pond? Kroll said the concern is King Kone has expanded his paved parking lot without any concern to Stormwater. Steinheiser tabled this discussion until Bill Braun returns next month. 4. **Aerial Mapping for Sewage Project:** Mapping firm had problem on their end with a "shift" in the ortho photos. The ortho photos need to be re-processed. They indicated corrections would be completed week of August 8<sup>th</sup>. 5. **SR68 Kriess Rd. Eagle Mill Rd. Intersection Improvements:** Terry Steinheiser and I attended meeting with County and PennDot on 7/28/16 to discuss SR68 corridor and specifically Eagle Mill and Whitestown Rd. intersections. Discussed partnering with potential developer on cost of intersection improvements. Preliminary Feasibility Study was suggested for the potential widening for turning lane and reduction of crest vertical curve on SR68 near Butler Farm Market. Combining Butler Farm Market widening with the Eagle Mill intersection improvements would be very beneficial for potential funding programs. Senate will provide a proposal for the Feasibility Study if requested by Supervisors. Steinheiser asked Mr. Menchyk, Jr. if a motion was needed for Senate to provide a proposal? Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated a proposal needs submitted first before any action can be taken. 6. Act 537: see progress report in separate email (Steinheiser stated he received a call that this report was not completed for this meeting and tabled the Act 537 discussion until Mr. Braun returns).

Stacy Bowman asked what the purpose of widening Eagle Mill Rd. is? Steinheiser said it is not widening Eagle Mill Rd., the plan is to widen Rt. 68 for turning lanes onto Eagle Mill Rd. Ms. Bowman asked if it was because of Speedway coming in? Rupert stated the turning lane project on Rt. 68 has been going on for years and Speedway has only come to the Planning Commission with very preliminary questions thus far. Steinheiser told Ms. Bowman she needs to contact her state representative and said he has been working extremely hard to improve Rt. 68 since he took office. Ms. Bowman did not understand that this widening of Rt. 68 and turning lanes did not have anything to do with the Speedway coming in. Steinheiser stated the Rt. 68 project is on the TIP program through PennDot and could take up to 12 years. Steinheiser stated PennDot is looking at improvements on Rt. 68 from the Midas shop to Connoquenessing Borough. Ms. Bowman said there is a lot of activity of soils testing and asbestos testing at the Murdick property and said it seems like Speedway is a go. Rupert said big companies do this preliminary testing all the time. Rupert said Speedway has to find out if there will be sewage and whether Penn Dot will even allow them in or out onto Rt. 68. Calvin Wonderly said back in 2010, Honda North was to put \$85,000 towards the turning lanes at Rt. 68 and asked if they paid? Rupert stated they did pay \$87,000. Ms. Bowman said Honda North hasn't done anything with that money towards the intersection. Steinheiser stated they are not the ones to correct the intersection, it is PennDot that makes the requirements and stated now there are more requirements such as ADA Ramps being added.

#### **SOLICITOR REPORT**

\*NONE\*

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Andrew Menchyk, Jr. mentioned the previously mentioned complaint on the residence at 442 Eagle Mill Rd. with the hoarding situation. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated Leyne Lokhaiser said there is an accumulation of junk and debris and suggested sending a letter. Rupert motioned to have Mr. Menchyk, Jr. send a letter out on the complaint. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **ROAD MASTERS REPORT**

Kroll stated there is nothing new to report on the Billboard near Brandywine/Rt. 68 until further discussions with Bill Braun.

Kroll stated we are still in the process of finding the original King Cone land development plan to discuss the paving of their parking lot.

Per Mr. Menchyk, Jr.s suggestion last month to obtain 3 bids for guide rail repair, Kroll stated he contacted two other guide rail companies for a bid. Kroll stated "Penn Line Service" said they did not want to bid and the other "Ward Building and Highway Specialist" but they did not return the call. Therefore, Kroll stated he would like to go with Green Acres Contracting. Kroll said their quote is broken down into two sections. The first is for \$4,490.00 where they will salvage some of our old guide rail and recycle it and secondly put up new guide rail and updated ends on for \$8,380.00. Kroll also mentioned a check for \$2,837.50 we received for previous damage to one of the guide rails in this estimate that can be used against this total. Kroll motioned to give the contract to Green Acres to repair and replace new guide rails. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Rupert went back to the Code Enforcement Report section about the sign that was put up on Rt. 68 to advertise cars. Steinheiser stated the property owner never applied for a sign permit or permit for road access off Rt. 68. Rupert suggested a motion be made to have our solicitor send the property owner a violation letter. A motion was made by Steinheiser, seconded by Kroll. Roll call, yes.

**BUILDING PERMIT REPORT**

Steinheiser stated there was one building permit applied for this month. It was:  
30-16 - Vineyards at Brandywine LP - Silver Oak Dr. - house - 7/20/16

**TAX COLLECTOR REPORT**

\*NONE\*

**SEO REPORT**

\*NONE\*

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT**

Rupert stated Butler County Emergency Management has asked us for our updated NIMS certification before the end of September.

**MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

Rupert motioned to release Dan Gordon's sewage and lot line revision escrow in the amount \$686.00. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. mentioned the invoice for the code enforcement officer had not been approved for payment. Kroll motioned to approve invoices for May, June & July 2016 in the amount of \$461.13. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

Annual operating license applications have been mailed to our four mobile home parks. As they are received, Leyne Lokhaiser will go inspect and advise

Connoquenessing Creek Cleanup schedule is on the outside bulletin board if interested in volunteering.

Received letter from XTO Energy dated July 27, 2016 stating they are in the process of applying for a well permit for the proposed Pawlowicz Unit 4H well. Information is on file at the Township office.

Received letter from Gannett Fleming dated July 28, 2016 stating XTO Energy proposes to construct the Lesney well pad in Connoquenessing and Franklin Townships. Information is on file at the Township office.

Received letter dated July 29, 2016 from Gateway Engineers requesting a Municipal Land Use letter be submitted to them in reference to the Shannon Mills Duplex Development. Brenda Davis submitted letter to them August 3, 2016. Information is on file at Township office.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Kroll motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.