

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Scott Longdon at 7:00 p.m. on August 5, 2015 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Scott Longdon, Terry Steinheiser and Ray Kroll. Also attending was Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr., Treasurer Lee Kradel and Secretary Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Engineer Bill Braun did not attend. Twelve signed in on the public sign in record on file. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

James Dunham approached the board with a tape recorder and asked if he could record the meeting. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated there was no need for him to record since the public meeting is already recorded and a copy of the tape can be requested.

#### **REVIEW MINUTES**

Longdon motioned to accept the July 1, 2015 minutes. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$355,698.19 but after total deposits of \$46,653.02 and checks in the amount of \$55,727.38 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$346,623.83. The Escrow account beginning balance was \$19,923.25 but after deposits in the amount of \$1,060.00 and checks in the amount of \$2,517.50, the ending balance is \$18,465.75. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$218,222.89 but with interest of \$11.78, the ending balance is \$218,234.67. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$363,167.35 but with the Act 13 funds received in the amount of \$248,637.12 and interest of \$43.79, the ending balance is \$611,848.26. Longdon motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Secondly, Longdon motioned to adopt Resolution #4-15 as a budget amendment to the 2015 budget to recognize \$248,637.12 Act 13 fees. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **COMMENT PERIOD**

\*NONE\*

#### **REQUEST TO BE HEARD** (three minute time limit)

James Dunham stated he put in a complaint about property on Spring Valley and Hill Top Roads on November 17, 2014 and says he doesn't even think the code enforcement officer has been to that location to investigate it yet and is asking for the board's help in getting the problem corrected. Mr. Dunham supplied a short video (failed) and pictures of the property. Leyne Lokhaiser, code enforcement officer, was present and stated he had been to the property and Mr. Toth is attempting to clean up. Mr. Lokhaiser stated he is working on several of Mr. Toth's properties. Mr. Dunham started questioning Mr. Lokhaiser if he has ever found the Cherry Blossom address? Mr. Lokhaiser stated, "yes". Mr. Dunham asked Mr. Lokhaiser why it takes so long? The board intervened and told Mr. Dunham he needs to address the board, not Mr. Lokhaiser. Mr. Longdon asked Leyne how many properties of Mr. Toth does he have complaints on? Mr. Lokhaiser stated, "four". Mr. Dunham stated he has only complained about the Cherry Blossom address and wanted to make sure the board knew he did not put in the other complaints. Mr. Longdon said Leyne has addressed these properties and has stated that Mr. Toth is cleaning up some of the properties. Longdon stated he has talked to Mr. Toth and told him if he is making progress, the board is okay with that but if he chooses to do nothing, the board will proceed forward. Longdon stated according to the code enforcement officer, he is making progress. Mr. Dunham disagreed and said no junk has been removed and more junk is coming in. Mr. Dunham said there is property on Woodlamp that he isn't sure Leyne has ever found but has billed the Township over 3 hours and 40 miles and still no report. Kroll said he went out and looked at where Mr. Toth lives off of Hill Top Rd. and agreed with Mr. Dunham that there is junk everywhere. Mr. Kroll stated maybe he has made an attempt on other properties but says there has been no attempt to clean up this one and feels the board should take action. After discussing, Longdon asked Mr. Menchyk, Jr. to send Mr. Toth a "notice of nuisances" letter giving him 30 days to clean up all properties which have been complained about or Township will take measures to correct the conditions (Township can enter the property and accomplish all acts necessary to abate the nuisances) and thereafter collect the cost of such corrections.

John Tagmyer, resident on Double Rd., complained about the noise coming from the gas well on Rt. 68. He stated they drill as late as 12:00 a.m. and also operating on Saturdays and Sundays. Mr. Tagmyer stated the noise shakes his windows, can't have company at the house or enjoy a picnic or pool outside. Mr. Tagmyer said he called Jeremy from XTO who he thought owned it but was told they sold the gas rights to Rex Energy. Mr. Tagmyer then contacted Rex Energy but got a "run-around". Mr. Tagmyer said fortunately it has been quiet for a few weeks but questioned the board if something can be done if they start up again? Mr. Longdon stated the Township doesn't have an ordinance to prohibit this but would gladly contact them to ask when they start again. Steinheiser stated if the decibel is too high they would be required to put a sound barrier fence up. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. suggested calling the DEP since the Township doesn't have zoning, the State regulates these gas wells.

Steve Heasley was here to ask for help in correcting the water runoff from the intersection of Rt. 68 and Whitestown Rd. that comes onto his property. Mr. Heasley stated he has new soccer fields and they are getting destroyed. Kroll said that when Mr. Heasley's contractor was creating the soccer fields, they removed a pipe which changed the grade and caused this. Mr. Heasley did not agree that any pipe had been removed and stated he has done stormwater measures to keep his water contained and just wanted to know if a catch basin or ditch could be put in to stop the water from coming onto his property. Mr. Heasley asked if the roadmaster or engineer could meet with him at the site to evaluate. Mr. Kroll said he would call Mr. Heasley and set up a time.

Longdon stated there was a late addition, Mr. Jake Dressler, to the "Request to be Heard" due to a misunderstanding at the Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Dressler stated he has 200 acres and wants to put another house on the property but doesn't know why he would have to subdivide. Longdon asked Sherry Lokhaiser who was attending the meeting and had been at the Planning Meeting to update the board on the Planning's comments. Mrs. Lokhaiser said Mr. Dressler was told he would have to subdivide because there is already an existing home and three mobiles on the property and each residential house should be on a separate parcel. Mr. Longdon asked Mr. Dressler if they did not tell him that? Mr. Dressler said they did but he wanted written proof and they couldn't find in the ordinance where it was stated. Longdon told Mr. Dressler he could come to the Township tomorrow and the office will get him a copy.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

\*NONE\*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Kroll stated he has a quote for \$41,316.88 from Walker Motor through CoStars for a new GMC 1 ton dump truck. In addition, Kroll showed the supervisors the quote for the cost of the attachments (bed, plow, spreader, tailgate and hydraulics) that Walsh Equipment would install and would be paid for separately. After discussing, Longdon made a motion to proceed with the purchase of a new dump truck as presented by Ray Kroll at the CoStars price and the purchase of the add on equipment from Walsh Equipment through CoStars pricing and stating the total amount for the truck and equipment will be paid out of the Act 13 money. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Secondly, Kroll presented a quote from Walsh Equipment through CoStars for a new John Deere mower/ tractor combination. Steinheiser stated the price was \$79,453.08. After discussing, Steinheiser motioned to purchase the John Deere from Walsh Equipment at the CoStars price out of the Act 13 money. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **PLANS**

\*NONE\*

#### **ENGINEER REPORT**

\*NONE\*

#### **SOLICITOR REPORT**

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. updated on 117 Isaac Lane. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated since last meeting and sending a letter to the property owner to clean up the premises, he has been informed that the property owner has taken action. After discussing, the board decided to withdraw having Mr. Menchyk, Jr. file the citation against the property owner.

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. updated on the complaint on the owner of 1168 Evans City Road who has fenced in the school zoning blinking lights which causes a hazard when light bulbs need changed for safety and there is no access to the sign. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated he sent a letter dated June 19, 2015 through regular mail and certified mail. He said the certified was returned not accepted but the regular mail did not come back, therefore it is assumed delivered. After board discussion, they asked Leyne Lokhaiser to check status if fence has been removed and if not they want Mr. Menchyk, Jr. to take immediate legal action and send a citation. Tom Pawlowicz questioned if this would be done before school starts? Longdon said, "yes".

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Longdon asked if Leyne Lokhaiser had anything to report. Mr. Lokhaiser stated he has not checked the wall at Mr. Gemma's on Pidgeon Drive yet but will do soon. Steinheiser motioned to approve invoice in the amount of \$148.12. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

#### **ROAD MASTERS REPORT**

Kroll discussed releasing two road bonds for MarkWest: Boy Scout Road from Rt. 528 to bridge and Smith Road from Powder Mill Road to Township Line. After discussing, Longdon made a motion to release both contingent on Bill Braun and Ray Kroll meeting at the sites and agreeing to release. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll stated the roads have been paved and Wiest did a great job. Kroll also stated Connoquenessing Borough will reimburse the Township for half of Connoquenessing School Road.

Kroll motioned to release Rex Energy's portion of their blanket bond on Boy Scout Road in the amount of \$1,250 because Rex Energy has changed the entrance to the Bricker well. Kroll stated the permit has expired and will not be renewed for this road. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **BUILDING PERMITS**

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

**44-15 corrected from last month - house address is 137 Silver Oak Drive - not 149 Silver Oak Drive**

**50-15 corrected from last month - house address is 127 Silver Oak Drive - not 141 Silver Oak Drive**

52-15 - Edward Gilliland - 347 Welsh Rd. - deck - 7-1-15

53-15 - Joseph Scherer - 231 Woodlands Rd. - deck - 7/6/15

54-15 - Jeff Morrison - 106 Donahue Dr. - inground pool - 7/13/15

55-15 - Sonoma Valley Partners - 1141 Silver Oak Dr. - quad - 7/29/15

56-15 - Sonoma Valley Partners - 1142 Silver Oak Dr. - quad - 7/29/15  
 57-15 - Sonoma Valley Partners - 1143 Silver Oak Dr. - quad - 7/29/15  
 58-15 - Sonoma Valley Partners - 1144 Silver Oak Dr. - quad - 7/29/15  
 59-15 - Sonoma Valley Partners - 1181 Silver Oak Dr. - quad - 7/29/15  
 60-15 - Sonoma Valley Partners - 1182 Silver Oak Dr. - quad - 7/29/15  
 61-15 - Sonoma Valley Partners - 1183 Silver Oak Dr. - quad - 7/29/15  
 62-15 - Sonoma Valley Partners - 1184 Silver Oak Dr. - quad - 7/29/15  
 63-15 - Vineyards at Brandywine - 134 Silver Oak Dr. - house - 8/3/15  
 64-15 - Jane Hixon - 656 Little Creek Rd. - pole building - 8/4/15

#### **TAX COLLECTOR REPORT**

Tom Pawlowicz stated the school taxes have been mailed.

#### **SEO REPORT**

Longdon stated the final inspection for Richard Benko is completed.

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

\*NONE\*

#### **MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

Steinheiser motioned to release UPG improvement bond in the amount of \$10,000 per Bill Braun's final inspection letter. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Longdon motioned to release sewage escrow to Robert Carson in the amount of \$200.00. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Longdon motioned to release Mountain Gathering land development escrow in the amount of \$401.00. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Longdon motioned to release sewage escrow to Paul Snyder in the amount of \$550.00. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **Longdon 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 dated July 6, 2015 from XTO stating they are in the process of applying for a well permit for the proposed Mountain Gathering B Unit 6H well located in Penn Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated July 17, 2015 from Gannett Fleming on behalf of Mountain Gathering, LLC who are proposing to construct the Cratty B Gas Pipeline in Franklin and Connoquenessing Townships. They are submitting to the PA DEP an application for an Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP) under the Oil & Gas Management Program. Information is on file at Township office.

Received copy of letter dated July 29, 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) XTO to Bluestone Pipeline, Little Connoquenessing Creek (CWF), Connoquenessing Creek (WWF). Information is on file at Township office.

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Steinheiser motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.