

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Scott Longdon at 7:00 p.m. on September 2, 2015 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Scott Longdon and Terry Steinheiser. Also attending was Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr., Engineer Bill Braun, Treasurer Lee Kradel and Secretary Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Ray Kroll did not attend. Twenty-two signed in on the public sign in record on file. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

#### **REVIEW MINUTES**

Longdon motioned to accept the August 5, 2015 minutes. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$346,623.83 but after total deposits of \$85,850.37 and checks in the amount of \$61,575.10 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$370,899.10. The Escrow account beginning balance was \$18,465.75 but after deposits in the amount of \$1,335.00 and checks in the amount of \$470.00, the ending balance is \$19,330.75. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$218,234.67 but with interest of \$11.79, the ending balance is \$218,246.46. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$611,848.26 but with interest of \$50.85, and a check in the amount of \$21,419.00, the ending balance is \$590,480.11. Longdon motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Lee Kradel explained the Central Pension Fund requires her to report by September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year at a public meeting what the MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) would be so the dollar amount can be listed on the 2016 budget. Ms. Kradel said it would be \$11,606.40.

Lee Kradel also stated the invoice from Wiest Asphalt for our paving jobs in the amount of \$146,094.63 has been received but a minor discrepancy was found and asked if the invoice could be approved pending verification so it would not have to wait until the October meeting to be approved? Longdon motioned to approve Wiest Asphalt invoice pending a review and approval by the Treasurer. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **COMMENT PERIOD**

James Dunham asked if the letter from solicitor to Randy Toth discussed last month had been sent? Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated it was mailed out today. Mr. Dunham also questioned if Leyne Lokhaiser has found all the properties, specifically the one on Woodlamp Rd.? The board stated it is in the report for the month and told Mr. Dunham he can get a copy. Mr. Dunham mentioned how Leyne has billed the Township over 3 hours already trying to find Woodlamp Rd. Mr. Longdon stated two Woodlamp parcels are mentioned in this month's report.

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

David Cottington from 150 Winterwood Dr. was present to discuss the property located at 201 Kriess Rd. (West Penn Marine). He said he submitted a complaint on May 29, 2015 and Senate Engineering investigated the property and wrote a letter with corrective measures to be taken to correct the issue but as of August 13, 2015, his second complaint, nothing has been done. Mr. Cottington stated he is in violation of Ordinance 245 in relation to the 2.1 slope, setbacks, no buffer and no grass. In addition, Mr. Cottington stated this business is a boat business and the noise and smell from running boats and trucks delivering loads of dirt, this has deprived him and his family from enjoying his back yard and deck. Mr. Cottington asked the board why they are not enforcing the codes and said this land development has been going on for five years and wants to know a time frame of when it will end? Mr. Longdon said Bill Braun went out again on August 20, 2015 and Bill Braun stated the work will be complete in 60 days. Mr. Cottington asked about the setback of the dirt pile needing to be 35 ft. from the back? Bill Braun stated 35 ft. is for a structure and dirt is not a structure. Bill Braun reviewed his newest comments of his visit but feels Mr. White, owner of West Penn Marine is not in violation of any ordinances. Mr. Cottington was not happy with this answer and said if he files a lawsuit against Mr. White he will include the Township as well.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

\*NONE\*

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The supervisors discussed fixing the "Roller" and the quote received from Groff Tractor in the amount of \$9,000. Steinheiser made a motion to fix the "Roller" and accept the \$9,000 Groff Tractor quote. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Longdon motioned to advertise for 500 tons "more or less" of "shot gravel" with the requirement that samples of product must be presented to Township before opening of bids. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **PLANS**

Tamara Ranalli from Survey Tech & Associates was present on behalf of Ruth Durschinger to present the Arthur L. Durschinger plan. Ms. Ranalli stated the subdivision plan is situated on 70.653 acres with frontage on Whitestown Rd. Ext. and Crab Run Rd. and the reason for the subdivision is to create one new lot of 5.350 acres and retain the residual lot of 65.293 acres. Bill Braun stated it has come in front of the Planning Commission and all issues have been addressed. Longdon motioned to sign and submit Sewage Planning Module. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes. Longdon motioned to grant waiver to the requirements contained in Chapter 245-14, Articles V and VI. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes. Longdon motioned to approve the Arthur L. Durschinger plan as preliminary and final contingent on the Sewage Planning Module being approved by the DEP. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Elmira Zirnsak and two of her sons presented the Zirnsak plan which consists of consolidation of multiple parcels into three parcels. Don Zirnsak stated it is just dividing properties so he and his other brother, who was not present, would equally have the same amount of property. In addition, Don Zirnsak stated his mother had purchased another piece of property giving them legal access to one of the lots and that is also combined in this plan. Steinheiser asked Bill Braun if he had saw this? Mr. Braun said yes he reviewed and it is acceptable. However, Mr. Braun did note that the letter from the Butler County Planning Commission had not been received yet and stated they may have comments concerning this right-of-way. Steinheiser motioned that the request to waive the requirements of Article V and VI be granted. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes. Steinheiser motioned to approve the depth-to-width ratio of 2 1/2 to 1 be granted a modification due to the lot layout shapes and parcel sizes. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes. Steinheiser motioned to approve the Elmira Zirnsak plan as preliminary and final contingent on receiving the Butler County Planning Commissions letter and addressing any comments in their letter. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **ENGINEER REPORT**

Bill Braun handed the supervisors a copy of the most updated Act 537 plan draft and said it is 99% complete but would like to set up another workshop meeting with supervisors within a week to finalize before sending to DEP. Longdon made a motion to advertise the Act 537 plan upon receiving the final revised addition. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes. Mr. Pawlowicz questioned when the public can review? Mr. Longdon stated as soon as the final draft is received there will be a 30 day review period.

Bill Braun stated Penn Dot had comments on the ARLE grant which Trans Associates will address within a week.

Bill Braun updated on some roads he and Bill Chuba have inspected for gas companies requesting road bonding and/or bonding to be released. Mr. Braun also mentioned some roads were not fixed properly and the gas companies have been contacted to correct.

#### **SOLICITOR REPORT**

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated that since last meeting it was brought to his attention that the owner of 117 Isaac Lane did not clean up the property, possibly a neighbor had. Longdon stated the last time the property was checked, it was in compliance and since it is now done, it is no longer a Township concern. However, Mr. Longdon stated if it becomes a safety issue again, the Township will take action. After discussing further the board agreed to have Leyne Lokhaiser investigate on who cleaned and boarded up the property and discuss at next meeting.

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. updated on last meeting being instructed to file against the owner of 1168 Evans City Road who has a fence around the Connoquenessing School Signal and has been sent letters to remove it but has not responded. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said he contacted the Butler School District's solicitor, Mr. Thomas Breth, so all parties were informed with the enforcement. Mr. Breth said he would discuss with the school district but has not replied back to Mr. Menchyk, Jr. as of this meeting. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. told the board as soon as he has the school districts cooperation, he is ready to take action.

In closing his report, Mr. Menchyk, Jr. mentioned the letter he mailed out to Mr. Randy Toth today.

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Steinheiser motioned to approve invoice in the amount of \$298.24. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

#### **ROAD MASTERS REPORT**

\*NONE\*

#### **BUILDING PERMIT REPORT**

Longdon stated there were six building permits applied for this month. They were:

- 65-15 - Nancy Nestler - Meadow Dr. - mobile home - 8/10/15
- 66-15 - James Eck - Prospect Rd. - garage addition - 8/11/15
- 67-15 - Mark Minto - Powder Mill Rd. - Barn - 8/12/15
- 68-15 - Brent Benoit - Panther Rd. - mobile home - 8/20/15
- 69-15 - Earl Phipps - Lower Harmony Rd. - addition - 8/24/15
- 70-15 - Robert VanGorder - Reiber Rd. - garage - 8/31/15

#### **TAX COLLECTOR REPORT**

Mr. Pawlowicz stated school tax monies are coming in good. Mr. Pawlowicz also mentioned a Mr. Hollenberger who sold all his mineral rights in the Woodlands and stated this may affect other Woodland properties from getting gas money revenue. Mr. Dunham asked what properties? Mr. Pawlowicz stated residents can contact the mapping or assessment office with any questions.

#### **SEO REPORT**

Longdon stated a final inspection was completed for Nancy Brown.

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

\*NONE\*

**MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

Longdon motioned to advertise Budget Workshop. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Longdon stated the BCATO Annual Safety Seminar will be held at Tanglewood Center-Coleman Hall on October 14, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. Cost is \$9.00. Steinheiser motioned to pay for anyone interested in attending. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

Received letter dated July 27, 2015 from MarkWest to notify they are applying to the PA DEP for an Air Quality General Permit for the replacement of existing equipment at the Voll Compressor Station (Facility) located off of Woodlands Road. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated August 5, 2015 from XTO Energy stating they are in the process of applying for a well permit for the proposed VicNor-Gaw Unit 4H well. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated August 5, 2015 from XTO Energy stating they are in the process of applying for a well permit for the proposed VicNor-Gaw Unit 3H well. Information is on file at Township office.

Received copy of a letter dated August 6, 2015 from PA DEP to Vavco LLC notifying they received their NPDES permit for the Gilliland Lyons Plant in Connoquenessing Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated August 11, 2015 from XTO Energy stating they are in the process of applying for a well permit for the proposed Mountain Gathering A Unit 3H well located in Penn Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated August 12, 2015 from XTO Energy stating they are in the process of applying for a well permit for the proposed Rutledge Unit 5H well in Forward Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated August 19, 2015 from XTO Energy stating they are in the process of applying for a well permit for the proposed Godfrey Unit B 5H well in Penn Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated August 21, 2015 from The Markosky Engineering Group on behalf of MarkWest who is applying for coverage under the PA DEP General Permit #5 (Utility Line Stream Crossing), General Permit #8 (Temporary Road Crossing), and an Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit 2 (ESCGP-2) for the Krendale to Bloom Pipeline in Connoquenessing and Butler Townships. Information is on file at Township office.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Longdon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.