

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Steinheiser at 7:00 p.m. on October 1, 2014 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser and Ray Kroll. Scott Longdon did not attend. Also attending were Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr., Engineer Bill Braun, Treasurer Lee Kradel and Secretary Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Nine people signed in on the public sign in record on file. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW MINUTES

Steinheiser motioned to accept the "supervisors meeting" minutes of September 3, 2014. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$364,081.01 but after total deposits of \$105,374.14 and checks of \$93,336.63 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$376,118.52. The Escrow account beginning balance was \$22,754.00 but after deposits in the amount of \$1,585.00 and checks in the amount of \$3,165.00, the ending balance is \$21,174.00. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$215,161.17 but with interest of \$11.98 and a check in the amount of \$165,128.47, the ending balance is \$50,044.68. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$433,749.17 but with interest of \$37.37 and a check in the amount of \$29,918.43, the ending balance is \$403,868.11. Steinheiser motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD

* NONE *

BIDS

Brenda Davis opened the only bid submitted for shot gravel supplied by McClymonds Supply & Transit.. The bid was for 1,000 tons of AC1 shot gravel material at \$15.05 per ton for a total of \$15,050.00. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. checked the bid bond and approved. Kroll stated a sample was supplied and approved. Kroll motioned to accept McClymonds Supply & Transit bid of \$15.05/ton. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Secondly, Kroll stated he would like to advertise for another 500 tons of shot gravel because the above bid was for only 1,000 tons and he feels if he needs more, he'll be covered. Kroll motioned to advertise for 500 tons more or less of "shot gravel" and stated a sample must be submitted to the Roadmaster before bid opening. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Steinheiser stated Connoquenessing Fire Dept. contacted the Township requesting an increase in the Halloween Parade annual donation to \$200.00. After discussing, Kroll motioned to increase the donation to the Connoquenessing Fire Dept. for the annual Halloween Parade to \$200.00 instead of the budgeted amount of \$100.00. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD - 3 minute limit

Evelyn Hockenberry stated she had two questions. She questioned what the set back lines are to adjacent properties per Township ordinance and secondly, are the septic tanks located at 178 Double Road in compliance with the Township setback requirements? Steinheiser questioned why Mrs. Hockenberry did not address her concerns when she was in office? Mrs. Hockenberry stated she has always objected but was not always a supervisor. Steinheiser stated she should have taken care of when she was in office and stated he feels this is a personal issue. Mrs. Hockenberry disagreed stating this is an ordinance that is not being enforced by the Township. Ray Kroll stated the setbacks for septic tanks are governed by the state of PA, not the Township. Ray Kroll stated the state DEP approved this system and setbacks and the supervisors can not override this. Mrs. Hockenberry stated the setbacks are the Township's responsibility. Kroll stated, "no" not in this case. Mrs. Hockenberry still wanted her setback questions answered but Steinheiser stated her 3 minute time limit was up and she should have rectified these issues when she was in office. Steinheiser stated this is personal issue between you and your neighbor. Mrs. Hockenberry disagreed. Steinheiser told her she could be on the Agenda next month.

Doug Johnston questioned if Darnelle Martin had requested her pool setback modification? Steinheiser stated there was a mistake discovered that since this lot is a corner lot, the setback requirements is only 25 ft not 50 ft. which was requiring Ms. Martin to request for a modification. Steinheiser stated Ms. Martin had previously been fined for not having a permit and did pay that fee and now she has applied for a pool permit. Lee Kradel explained that she had met all other setbacks previously except for the front. Lee Kradel stated her side setback requirements of 15 ft. from Mr. Johnston's property was already met. Once Mr. Johnston received an explanation and Steinheiser apologized for the code enforcement officer not realizing it was a corner lot, Mr. Johnston thanked the board.

PLANS

Brian Pitell's lot line revision plan was on the agenda for approval but due to Mr. Braun stating the Butler County Planning Commissions letter was received addressing additional comments that need resolved, he suggested tabling the plan until next month. Kroll motioned to table the Brian Pitell plan. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Mr. Tom Drozda attended requesting preliminary and final approval of the Shapert/Drozda lot line revision. Mr. Drozda presented the board with his plan of purchasing an adjacent neighbors property (Bobbi Shapert) which he had mowed as his own for years. He also requested a motion for a modification to be granted for providing contours on the plan, since the plan is a lot line revision. Bill Braun stated our Planning Commission and the Butler County Planning Commission had no comments. Kroll motioned a modification be granted for providing contours on the plan. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes. Secondly, Kroll motioned to approve the Shapert/Drozda lot line revision for preliminary and final approval. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

ENGINEER REPORT

Kroll motioned to release UPG bond in the amount of \$186,399.50, retaining \$10,000.00. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Mr. Braun stated there are no new updates on the Act 537 plan since he is still waiting to hear from Mr. Zimmerman from the DEP to discuss the draft.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. explained that any time a new ordinance is updated in the codification, it could become very expensive because the table of contents, appendix, etc. pages each time would also need updated. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated he discussed this with General Code and is suggesting to the supervisors to send the new ordinances when passed to General Code but they will only list them under the new legislation folder on the webpage but update all new ordinances each September. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated this will save money because they will update ordinances in a bundle instead of piecemeal. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated a motion is not needed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Kroll motioned to approve invoice in the amount of \$52.00. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

NONE

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

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

60-14 - Wilber Montgomery - Dick Rd. - mobile home

61-14 - Frank Hawryliak - Silver Oak Dr. - inground pool

62-14 - Lynn Syrek - Timberlee Dr. - garage

63-14 - Keith Fisher - Cupps Rd. - garage

64-14 = Ed Zeigler, Jr.- Cupps Rd. - shed

65-14 - William Oertel - Pheasant Dr. - addition

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

NONE

SEO REPORT

NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

NONE

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Steinheiser stated the BCATO 2014 Fall Convention will be held at the Slippery Rock Municipal Center on October 29, 2014. Registration is at 6:00 P.M. Steinheiser motioned to approve and pay for all Township Officials to attend for \$20.00/each. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser noted the Office will be closed on Monday, October 13, 2014. Road crew will be in.

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

Received letter dated September 10, 2014 from Morris Knowles & Associates, Inc. to inform that XTO Energy, Inc. intends to submit an application to the PADEP for the Guiher Centralized Freshwater Impoundment on Whitestown Road. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated September 18, 2014 from Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc. (GES) notifying that XTO Energy will submit a Final Report to the DEP for the site known as Patton B Unit #7H Well Site. Information is on file at Township Office.

Received letter dated September 23, 2014 from The Markosky Engineering Group to inform that the applicant Mark West Liberty Bluestone will be applying for coverage under the PADEP General Permit #5 (Utility Line Stream Crossing) and General Permit #8 (Temporary Road Crossing), and an Erosion and Sediment Control General permit 2 (ESCGP-2) for the Bloom to Michael Pipeline.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Kroll motioned at 7:32 p.m. to adjourn the meeting to an Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Litigation and Legal Claims and stated the board would not return. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.