

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Scott Longdon at 7:00 p.m. on October 7, 2015 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Scott Longdon and Ray Kroll. Also attending was Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr., Engineer Bill Braun, Treasurer Lee Kradel and Secretary Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Terry Steinheiser did not attend. Nine 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 September 2, 2015 minutes. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$370,899.10 but after total deposits of \$98,506.63 and checks in the amount of \$105,759.20 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$363,646.53. The Escrow account beginning balance was \$19,330.75 but after deposits in the amount of \$6,200.00 and checks in the amount of \$1,745.00, the ending balance is \$23,785.75. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$218,246.46 but with interest of \$10.57 and a check for paving that was approved at last month's meeting in the amount of \$146,094.63, the ending balance is \$72,162.40. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$590,480.11 but with interest of \$48.53, the ending balance is \$590,528.64. Longdon motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **COMMENT PERIOD**

\*NONE\*

#### **BIDS**

Brenda Davis opened two bids submitted for AS1 anti-skid. They were: McClymonds Supply & Transit at \$15.80/ton and Glacial Sand & Gravel at \$18.10/ton. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. checked the bid bonds for each company and approved. Kroll motioned to accept McClymonds Supply & Transit bid of \$15.80/ton. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

\*NONE\*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

\*NONE\*

#### **REQUEST TO BE HEARD - 3 minute limit**

Ed Gilliland had a list of questions concerning 1. water erosion on his property, 2. Water pooling on Reiber Rd., 3. Paving the wide entrance from Reiber Rd. onto Powder Mill Rd. 4. questioned why berm was fixed and then less than a week later a subcontractor came and dug it all back out to put drain in. Ray Kroll stated all the roads are bonded by the gas companies and stated they were correcting a problem of Mr. Gilliland's field drains running onto our roads. Kroll stated he was unaware of the easement and culvert issue but would get Bill Chuba involved with this to straighten out. Mr. Gilliland said Mr. Kroll had mentioned the water off the field needs to slow down but Mr. Gilliland said when it pours, it is like a river and you can't slow it down. Kroll stated that is why the road crew put #4 gravel in to try to disperse the large volume of water. Kroll said three gas companies met with him and said they would repair the road and told Mr. Gilliland the problems should be rectified. Mr. Gilliland said our road fellow told him it was his drains that were plugging up the ditches of the roads but said when he digs holes to clean out his drains, he finds our Township's anti skid in them. Mr. Gilliland layed a bag of anti skid in front of Mr. Kroll and said the road crew shouldn't be telling him that his drains are filling the Township ditches.

Phil Hay from "Phil Hay & Sons Excavating" was here to introduce his business to the Township. He stated he is not here to take any hours away from our workers but just to assist the road crew with renting equipment/manpower to assist during busy or emergency times. He provided literature.

James Dunham asked how the Woodlands are zoned? Longdon stated there is no zoning in the Township. Mr. Dunham asked what the roads are considered? Longdon said the roads are privately owned. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. explained how the roads were developed in the Subdivision plan and are considered private. Mr. Dunham's concern was one of our trucks was parked on a Woodlands private road and he called Brenda at the Township to have it moved and she stated she would let the road crew know but told him the roads were private/public. Kroll stated sometimes just to get the equipment off the road for a few minutes they may pull off on a private road. Also, Kroll stated the roads are public in the sense that any visitors of residents can use the roads. Mr. Dunham said he approached our driver and within 5 minutes, the truck was moved and wanted to thank the person responsible for having it moved so quickly.

#### **PLANS**

\*NONE\*

#### **ENGINEER REPORT**

Bill Braun stated the institutional part of the Act 537 plan was completed by our solicitor, Andrew Menchyk, Jr. but Mr. Braun said we are still waiting on certain environmental agencies to comment which could take 90-180 days.

Bill Braun stated Trans Associates received another comment from PennDot about their peak hour review in reference to the ARLE grant. Longdon asked Mr. Braun if this will set back the time frame? Mr. Braun said once approval is complete with PennDot it should move quickly.

### **SOLICITOR REPORT**

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated Bryan Hartmann is the owner of property just east of the Connoquenessing Elementary School which has contacted the Township of a nuisance of Mr. Hartmann's ducks and geese defecating on school property which is creating a mess and health hazard to the school children. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated he has mailed a letter to Mr. Hartmann because of the seriousness of the situation informing him to abate the nuisance and giving him 5 days to take care of or the Township will enforce with fines. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. asked the board to ratify and send the "Notice of Nuisance" letter with a motion. Longdon motioned to ratify and send the "Notice of Nuisance" letter mailed to Mr. Hartman dated October 6, 2015 addressing the duck and geese issue. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. also mentioned the fence on Mr. Hartmann's property that is assumed to be electrified which encloses the school blinker light post that faces the Elementary School and needs removed because it causes a hazard to Bronder Technical Services technician when the light needs turned on or maintained. Also, there is a fire hydrant that is enclosed in the fence which is a safety issue. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. would like an executive session called at the end of the meeting to discuss enforcement proceedings against Mr. Hartmann. Lastly, Mr. Menchyk, Jr. asked if the board would consider him drafting an Animal Nuisance ordinance which would detail property owners requirements of owning an animal. The board asked Mr. Menchyk, Jr. to draft the ordinance.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Longdon stated the report was received and asked if any comments. Mr. Kroll questioned why Leyne Lokhaiser is billing the Township 2 hours each month to patrol the Township but doesn't always report his findings. Mr. Dunham said there were no reports on patrolling violations this year. Longdon stated the board asked him to patrol the Township in the past and he has seen some reports on violations in the past. Kroll and Longdon stated they would talk to Mr. Lokhaiser to have more detail in his reports. Longdon did note that Leyne Lokhaiser did find a violation in the Rolling Valley Mobile Home Park during his mobile home park inspections and asked the solicitor's opinion, in this month's report, if a permanent housing structure was allowed in a mobile home park?

Kroll motioned to approve invoice in the full amount of \$245.76 with the condition of discussing more detailed reports with Mr. Lokhaiser. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

### **ROAD MASTERS REPORT**

Kroll stated we will be receiving the John Deere tractor early in November. In addition, Kroll stated the new 1 ton dump truck is being built this week and then it will need the body put on. Kroll also said about 3,000 tons of salt and anti-skid have been mixed so he feels prepared for winter. Longdon asked Kroll what vehicles would be used to spread the anti-skid? Kroll stated he has 3 hoppers, the pick up truck and the 1 ton dump truck. Lee Kradel questioned if the John Deere tractor was to be paid out of Act 13? Kroll said, "yes". Longdon made a motion to pay the 2011 Peterbilt truck payment to Allegheny Valley Bank in the amount of \$20,104.37 out of the general account and the 2015 Peterbilt truck payment to Nextier Bank in the amount of \$29,918.43 out of the Act 13 account. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

### **BUILDING PERMIT REPORT**

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

- 71-15 - Dale Lyons - Welsh Rd. - addition - 9/14/15
- 72-15 - Sonoma Valley Partners - Silver Oak Dr. - quad - 9-16-15
- 73-15 - Sonoma Valley Partners - Silver Oak Dr. - quad - 9-16-15
- 74-15 - Sonoma Valley Partners - Silver Oak Dr. - quad - 9-16-15
- 75-15 - Sonoma Valley Partners - Silver Oak Dr. - quad - 9-16-15
- 76-15 - Jeffery Melhorn - Club House Rd. - house - 9-21-15
- 77-15 - Ronald Peth - Peth Ln. - carport - 9-24-15
- 78-15 - Ricky Kradel - Eagle Mill Rd. - shed - 9-25-15
- 79-15 - Michael Kaufman - Buss Ln. - carport - 9-28-15
- 80-15 - Vineyards at Brandywine - house - 9-29-15
- 81-15 - Vineyards at Brandywine - house - 9-29-15

### **TAX COLLECTOR REPORT**

Longdon stated Tom and Sharon Pawlowicz request attending a tax collector class that is being offered by the BCTCA on October 26, 2015 to attain the 6 credit hours required by the DCED. Cost is \$100.00/each. Longdon motioned to approve Township to pay \$200.00 for Tom and Sharon Pawlowicz to attend. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

### **SEO REPORT**

\*NONE\*

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT**

\*NONE\*

**MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

Longdon motioned to release lot line revision escrow to Elmira Zirnsak in the amount of \$460.00. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Longdon motioned to release sewage escrow to Edward Rawlings in the amount of \$450.00. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to release Rodger's Logging road bonds on Eagle Mill & Whitestown Roads. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to release MarkWest road bond on Boy Scout Road. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Longdon stated the BCATO 2015 Fall Convention will be held at the Slippery Rock Municipal Center on October 28, 2015. Registration is at 6:00 P.M. Longdon motioned to approve and pay for all Township Officials to attend for \$20.00/each. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

The continuation of the budget workshop will continue on October 13, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Connoquenessing Fire Dept. will hold their Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 25, 2015. Line up is 1:30 p.m. - Parade is to begin at 2:00 p.m. In addition, Connoquenessing Township will hold their Trick-or-Treat on Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Two mobile home parks have been inspected and operating permits have been issued.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Longdon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. To an executive session to discuss legal issues and will not return. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.