

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Scott Longdon at 7:00 p.m. on December 2, 2015 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Scott Longdon and Terry Steinheiser. Ray Kroll did not attend. Also attending was Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr., Engineer Bill Braun, Treasurer Lee Kradel and Secretary Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Seven 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 November 4, 2015 minutes. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$265,669.06 but after total deposits of \$70,591.14 and checks in the amount of \$37,421.65 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$298,838.55. The Escrow account beginning balance was \$23,575.75 but after deposits in the amount of \$1,385.00 and checks in the amount of \$1,449.00, the ending balance is \$23,511.75. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$72,165.40 but with a check in the amount of \$6,006.00 and interest of \$2.86, the ending balance is \$66,162.26. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$480,870.27 but with interest of \$41.28 and a check in the amount of \$41,316.88, the ending balance is \$439,594.67. Dorothy Onufer questioned the check to the Dog Officer which she thought was high. Lee Kradel told her that was his year end bill with his quarterly retainer rate of \$128.75 and all \$300.00 for his dog pickups for the whole year. Dorothy Onufer also questioned what the check to Environmental Labs was for? Lee Kradel stated that is for 5 lab fees for testing of Small Flow Treatment Facilities (SFTF). Longdon motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Longdon motioned to adopt 2016 budget as resolution #1-16. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Longdon stated the next subject was not on the agenda but said a letter was received from the County stating they had received a bid on 2 lots in the Woodlands for \$600.00 and is requesting the Township to approve the sale. Longdon motioned to approve the sale of parcel #'s 120-S4-A543 & 120-S4-A544 (which have been combined) and sign the County request form. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Mr. James Dunham asked Longdon why he skipped over old business when he is still waiting on an answer to his complaint on the Cherry Blossom Drive property from a year ago. Mr. Dunham asked if he needs to be on the agenda each month to be heard? Steinheiser told Mr. Dunham he should have commented at comment period. Mr. Dunham stated comment period was only for items on agenda and his old business was not listed. Longdon told Mr. Dunham his concerns would be discussed during the code enforcement report section on the agenda.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD - 3 minute limit

Brent Benoit, new resident of the Woodlands, was present to introduce himself to the supervisors and informing them of his plans to form a Homeowners Association for the Woodland residents in order to get public water to the area. Mr. Benoit said he met with his attorney, Steve Casker to discuss how to get started and said any guidance or suggestions the supervisors would have would be greatly appreciated. Steinheiser stated the Township worked on this matter diligently back on March 1, 2013 and told the Woodlands residents a Homeowners Association needed formed and they needed to work with PA American Water and told Mr. Benoit he was on the right path and the Township would help him in any way. Mr. Benoit said his biggest hurdle will be seeing how many people will come on board for the association. Longdon said he felt there was an association in the past but not sure if it is still present or dissolved. Longdon echoed Steinheiser comments to Mr. Benoit and thanked him for stepping up. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. told Mr. Benoit to follow the advice of his attorney, Mr. Casker.

PLANS

NONE

ENGINEER REPORT

Bill Braun updated on the Act 537 plan by stating he had received another bid for the botanical 7-1/2 mile survey that came in \$2,000 less but in the mean time he contacted the DCNR and they felt a 4-1/2 mile study would be acceptable which came in at \$7,200 instead of last month's estimated cost of \$15,100 for a savings of around \$8,000. Bill Braun stated the report is complete and no species were found with special concern. Mr. Braun stated the Township should be able to advertise the Act 537 plan within a month.

Bill Braun stated a second set of comments were received on the ARLE grant which Trans Associates has addressed and will be resubmitted this Friday, December 4, 2015.

Bill Braun stated minor comments were received on our HOP submission in reference to the Rt. 68 Turning Lanes project such as a stormwater drainage concern. Mr. Braun stated comments will be addressed and returned to PennDot.

Lastly, Mr. Braun discussed the PennDot TIS Scoping Meeting that was held on November 16, 2015 at PennDot in Indiana, PA. Mr. Braun stated this was in reference to Cochran Subaru's plans of putting a car dealership on Rt. 68 near the Butler Farm Market and they need HOP's for 2 driveways onto Rt. 68. Mr. Braun stated he mentioned how much traffic that is already on Rt. 68, the accidents and the plan the Township is working on to get a Turning Lane at Kriess/Eagle Mill and Rt. 68. Mr. Braun did tell the board that the Township can comment on these safety issues but since this is a State Road, PennDot makes the final decision.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. mentioned the "Animal Nuisance Ordinance" that was discussed at an earlier meeting and said he has prepared a draft that could be advertised and adopted next month. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated we are an agricultural community and this is not intended to hurt Agriculture, this ordinance is intended to stop animal nuisances to residents/property. After discussing, the board tabled to have more time to review and will discuss at next month's meeting.

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated it was brought to his attention that a motion needs made to send a letter to Mr. Gilliland concerning stakes, stones and rocks he has placed in Township right-of-way on Powdermill Rd. Longdon stated he looked at that today and asked Mr. Menchyk, Jr. what the difference is of that in reference to a fence that can be placed right on the property line. Longdon told Mr. Menchyk, Jr. that Mr. Gilliland has placed some sandstone and fence posts at the border of his property at the corner of Reiber and Powdermill Roads. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. asked Longdon if he felt the stone or fence were in any site lines or caused any drainage or stormwater issues? Longdon said, "not in my opinion". Longdon said the only thing it would possibly affect is the snow plowing but the fence posts are up marking where the stone is and there would need to be 4 feet of snow before you couldn't see them. Since Mr. Kroll was not in attendance, Steinheiser said this should be tabled until it can be discussed further with him. Longdon agreed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Longdon stated the code enforcement officer turned in a report for both October and November this month because he did not turn one in last month. Longdon addressed Mr. Dunham's complaint on the Randy Toth property stating the code enforcement officer did state in the report on November 14th that progress is being made, steady improvement but slow. Mr. Dunham stated Mr. Toth is bringing more stuff in everyday. Mr. Dunham states nothing is being cleaned up. Mr. Dunham said there are gas and oil cans laying around and trucks unloading every day. Mr. Dunham said there is nothing being cleaned up. Mr. Dunham asked if any of the supervisors had been over to look at the property other than Mr. Kroll? Longdon said it will need looked into further. Steinheiser said he hadn't but promised he would look at it before next meeting. Longdon motioned to approve invoice for the months of October and November in the amount of \$321.57. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

NONE

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

Longdon stated there was one building permit applied for this month. It was:
88-15 - Jeff Montgomery - storage building - 11/25/15

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

NONE

SEO REPORT

NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

Longdon stated he will be submitting his resignation for this position.

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Township officials received invitation from PennDot to attend their annual winter informational meeting to be held on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Cranberry Township Public Works Operation Center.

Received thank you note from "Butler Area Public Library" for our donation of \$800.00.

Longdon stated the end of year meeting has been set for December 30, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Longdon thanked everyone for putting him in this position. Longdon said he has enjoyed serving the Township and great working with the supervisors, engineer, solicitor, road crew and office staff.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Longdon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.