

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors "Close of Business" meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Steinheiser at 6:00 p.m. on December 30, 2014 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser, Scott Longdon and Ray Kroll. Also attending were Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr., Treasurer Lee Kradel and Secretary Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Engineer Bill Braun did not attend. Four people 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 "supervisors meeting" minutes of December 3, 2014. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$290,237.14 but after total deposits of \$47,265.35 and checks of \$85,683.95 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$251,818.54. The Escrow account beginning balance was \$27,434.00 but after checks in the amount of \$2,586.25, the ending balance is \$24,847.75. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide balance remained the same since last meeting at \$50,048.71 and the Act 13 Impact Fee fund remained the same at \$403,933.39. Steinheiser motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **COMMENT PERIOD**

\* NONE \*

#### **REQUEST TO BE HEARD**

Evelyn Hockenberry submitted a response letter to Andrew Menchyk, Jr.'s letter dated December 2, 2014 for supervisors to review and asked to be on the agenda for January 5, 2015 supervisor meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

\*NONE\*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Steinheiser stated the annual invoice for joining the Butler County COG was received in the amount of \$834.00. After board discussion, they unanimously feel it is not advantageous for the Township to join.

Kroll stated the Prospect Borough asked the Township to maintain part of Kennedy Rd. in Prospect Borough during the snow. Kroll stated it is a 1/2 mile stretch but will benefit our road crew because they will have a safe turn around driveway to use on the Borough Road. Andrew Menchyk, Jr. mentioned the agreement their solicitor drew up and he had reviewed and his only comment may be to put a specific cost for this service instead of just stating what is mutually agreed upon. The supervisors feel they can work with Prospect Borough and didn't feel a specific amount was needed in the agreement. Kroll stated he is basing the charge on the cost of salt and antiskid per PennDot miles. Kroll motioned to accept and sign the agreement prepared and signed by Prospect Borough on December 8, 2014. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **PLANS**

Steinheiser stated Butler Sports Arena requested to withdraw their lot line revision plan. Longdon motioned to release their escrow in the amount of \$498.75. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Secondly, Lee Kradel brought to the attention of the board that Honda North will be withdrawing their land development application for the planned Motorcycle Sports business and replacing it with a lot line revision plan followed by a land development plan for a new Subaru Car dealership at the 653 Evans City Road location.

#### **ENGINEER**

\*NONE\*

#### **SOLICITOR**

Andrew Menchyk, Jr. stated Golden L Mobile Home Park recently paid their inspection fee for Occupancy. Brenda Davis said Leyne Lokhaiser went to inspect and approved them to receive their permit. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said he is closing this issue.

Secondly, Mr. Menchyk, Jr. explained the difference between tax sales and judicial sales and how it affects the Township's tax revenue. He stated how properties for tax sale may never be sold and sit in files for years but now the County is going to start offering these tax sale properties at Judicial sales. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated the Township will be notified each time one goes up for Judicial sale and can appeal it because once it is offered at a Judicial sale,

all back taxes and liens are wiped out which is a loss to the Township. However, Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said his opinion is to let the property be sold and hopefully get new owners who will pay property taxes. The board agreed to bury the losses and move forward.

#### **ROADMASTER**

Kroll stated the Township is well stocked with salt when snow comes.

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Kroll motioned to approve invoice in the amount of \$146.72. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

#### **SEO**

\*NONE\*

#### **BUILDING PERMITS**

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

79-14 - Ricky Kradel - Eagle Mill Rd. - shed

80-14 - Jason Siekierski - Raven Rd. - garage

81-14 - Brennan Builders - Timberlee Dr. - house

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

Kroll motioned to ratify motion to release road bond on Moose Rd. to XTO in the amount of \$16,500 that was tabled at last month's meeting. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to ratify motion to release road bond on Reiber Rd. to XTO in the amount of \$2,875 that was tabled at last month's meeting. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll mentioned that Mr. Gilliland had requested a driveway application at last month's meeting. The permit was approved and Mr. Gilliland was instructed to change the culvert pipe to 12" to comply with ordinance.

Steinheiser motioned to release lot line revision escrow for Brian Pitell in the amount of \$287.50. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser motioned to release XTO holding tank escrow at the Guiher well on Whitestown Road in the amount of \$1,800. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

Received letter from GAI Consultants dated December 10, 2014 on behalf of EM Energy to inform they are submitting a modification application to the PADEP for the Constellation Pipeline Project. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated December 16, 2014 from The Markosky Engineering Group to inform that MarkWest 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 Burr/Brennan to Plesniak Pipeline. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated December 17, 2014 from Interstate Gas Marketing, Inc. to advise they are in the process of acquiring drilling permits to drill gas wells on property in Center Township (Richland Sportsmen's Association Well Nos. 1 & 2. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated December 22, 2014 from Gateway to advise MarkWest intends to submit to the PA DEP for issuance a Notice of Intent for coverage under the Erosion and Sedimentation Control General Permit (ESCGP-2) for Earth Disturbance and Chapter 105 General Permits Associated with Oil and Gas Exploration, Production, Processing, or Treatment Operations or Transmission Facilities for the Michael to Voll Pipeline Major Modification in Connoquenessing Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated December 23, 2014 from Rex Energy to notify that Permit Applications for Drilling or Altering a Well are being submitted to the PA DEP for the Fleegeer Units 1H, 3H and 4H natural gas wells in Center Township. Information is on file at Township office.

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Longdon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.