

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors "Close of Business" meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Longdon at 6:00 p.m. on December 30, 2015 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Scott Longdon, Terry Steinheiser 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 2, 2015. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$298,838.55 but after total deposits of \$56,372.47 and checks of \$94,052.89 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$261,158.13. The Escrow account beginning balance was \$23,511.75 but after checks in the amount of \$1,530.00 and a deposit of \$185.00, the ending balance is \$22,166.75. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide balance remained the same since last meeting at \$66,162.26 and the Act 13 Impact Fee fund remained the same at \$439,594.67. Longdon motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Lee Kradel stated a new resolution #6-15 needed passed for our Tax Collector since he changed banks from ESB (currently Wesbanco) to NexTier Bank. Longdon motioned to adopt resolution #6-15 designating NexTier Bank as our depository for the Tax Collector. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **COMMENT PERIOD**

\*NONE\*

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

\*NONE\*

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

\*NONE\*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Longdon stated a letter was received from the County stating they had received a bid on parcel #120-4F23-11C (Whitestown Rd. Ext. - lot 2) for \$600.00 and is requesting the Township to sign to approve the sale. After review, London motioned to sign and approve giving consent for the sale of parcel #120-4F23-11C. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **PLANS**

\*NONE\*

#### **ENGINEER**

\*NONE\*

#### **SOLICITOR**

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. noted that the Golden L Mobile Home Park has paid their inspection fee for Occupancy. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated they usually ignore the initial request from the secretary to pay and then he has to send them a letter to comply.

Secondly, Mr. Menchyk, Jr. discussed the ongoing complaints with the owner Bryan Hartman at 1168 Evans City Rd. concerning his fence enclosing a fire hydrant and school signal sign and has been sent letters to remove but is not complying. In addition, Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated Mr. Hartman has a miniature horse that is getting out of the fence and going on the school property and ducks and geese that get out of the fence and defecate on the school property. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated this is a health concern for the students. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated since the nuisance letter he sent has not been abided by the next step is to file a complaint under the nuisance ordinance with the District Judge. Steinheiser asked Mr. Menchyk, Jr. if the school Principal had pictures? Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated Mr. Longdon took pictures and also the Principal, security guard of school, numerous other witnesses and Mr. Longdon could all testify as witnesses. Mr. Longdon stated he received a call from Mr. Sisinni (school principal) on December 22, 2015 and stopped at school on December 23, 2015 and took pictures of ducks and geese on the school property. Mr. Longdon stated Mr. Sisinni told him the miniature horse was also on Rt. 68 that morning causing a hazard to drivers. Longdon motioned to proceed with charges being filed with the District Magistrate through our nuisance ordinance to rectify the situation. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser mentioned to Mr. Menchyk, Jr. that he feels our code enforcement officer can feel uncomfortable going out to certain locations and asked Mr. Menchyk, Jr. for his opinion on whether Leyne Lokhaiser could request a deputy sheriff or constable go with him if he feels uncomfortable. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated if Mr. Lokhaiser feels it could be unsafe for him to go out alone, he should be able to take someone with him. Kroll asked if a constable can enforce our ordinance? Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated ordinance enforcement ultimately comes back to the Township enforcing the ordinance and our ordinance gives the responsibility

to enforce to our code enforcement officer. Therefore, Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated Mr. Lokhaiser would have to file the complaint. After discussing, the board and Mr. Menchyk, Jr. thought a constable would be the best. Kroll thought an agreement would need to be made between the Township and the constable so there is no liability issue if the constable is on someones property and doesn't have an agreement with the Township. This discussion was tabled until Mr. Menchyk, Jr. can work on an agreement to be used between the Township and constable.

#### **ROADMASTER**

Kroll motioned to release XTO's road bond on Powdermill Rd. from their entrance point to Meridian Rd. - .7 mile in the amount of \$8,750.00. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll stated Bill Braun and Bill Chuba walked Reiber, Smith and Constitution roads and in order to have a meeting with the 3 gas companies that have the road bonded to discuss who is going to pay for the roads to be brought back up to standard in order to have their bonds released. Kroll stated some of the gas companies will still have their bonds on these roads but will start again with the maintenance agreement after the road is fixed. Kroll stated he has figures from Bill Braun on how much to charge and wants the gas companies to pay now and then we'll hold the money until weather breaks and then fix the roads. Steinheiser feels if we are receiving the money first, an agreement of some type should be wrote up. This discussion was tabled until Mr. Menchyk, Jr. can review.

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

\*NONE\*

#### **SEO REPORT**

\*NONE\*

#### **BUILDING PERMIT REPORT**

Longdon stated there were two building permits applied for this month. They were:  
89-15 - Brenda Davis - Prospect Rd. - deck - 12/14/15  
90-15 - Ricky Kradel - Eagle Mill Rd. - shed - 12/28/15

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

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

Motion to release XTO road bond on Powdermill Rd. - .7 mile - \$8,750.00 was previously discussed and released under the **ROADMASTER** section.

Received letter from GAI Consultants to inform that EM Energy plans to submit a modification application to the PA DEP for the Constellation Pipeline Project within seven Townships. Information is on file at Township Office.

Longdon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes.