

Connoquenessing Township’s Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Steinheiser at 7:00 p.m. on April 5, 2017 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser, Ed Rupert and Ray Kroll. Also attending were Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr., Engineer Bill Braun, Treasurer/Asst. Secretary Lee Kradel and Secretary/Asst. Treasurer Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. Twelve people signed in on the public sign in record on file.

REVIEW MINUTES

Reviewed minutes of March 9, 2017. Rupert motioned to accept the minutes of March 9, 2017. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$328,823.85 but after deposits of \$89,217.37 and checks in the amount of \$46,492.37 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$371,548.85. Lee Kradel told the board that last month’s financial statement had a deposit listed incorrectly in the payment side in the amount of \$10,668.66 which she has added back this month on the deposit side in the amount of \$21,337.32. Lee Kradel stated the Escrow account beginning balance is \$57,555.58 but after deposits of \$450.00 and checks in the amount of \$1,746.00 are approved tonight, the ending balance is \$56,259.58. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$462,731.25 but with interest of \$19.65, the ending balance is \$462,750.90. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$556,836.53 but with interest of \$46.78 and a check in the amount of \$10,983.00, the ending balance is \$545,900.31. Kroll motioned to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

AUDITOR

Beth Dittmer from Maher Duessel, our independent auditor, presented the Auditor’s Report for year ending December 31, 2016. Mrs. Dittmer said the DCED report they prepare was due by March 31, 2017 and has been electronically filed. Mrs. Dittmer stated the legal advertisement of the DCED financial information will be advertised in the local paper by the required date of April 15, 2017. Mrs. Dittmer stated the Township had a positive change in fund balance this year in the amount of \$416,000. Mrs. Dittmer said there were no major adjustments that needed made to the Township’s records to get the financial statements to balance and told the board they feel the monthly financial reports they receive are accurate and Maher Duessel auditors had no problems with Township personnel in acquiring information. All documents can be reviewed at the Township office.

COMMENT PERIOD

Christine Klink read aloud the "Cheers & Jeers" comment that was placed in the Butler Eagle on Sunday March 12, 2017 which discussed our Act 537 plan. Steinheiser thanked Mrs. Klink for her comment.

BIDS

Brenda opened the bids for paving which were advertised for the letting of April 5, 2017. All bid bonds were passed down to Mr. Menchyk, Jr. and approved. The bidders and amounts are below:

Wiest	Shields	Glenn O. Hawbaker
\$67.47 - \$368,588.61	\$59.77 - \$326,523.51	\$79.15 - \$432,396.45

Kroll stated he was concerned that since Shields bid was so low they may have not quoted with using the "virgin" materials we require. After discussing, Kroll motioned to table the paving bids until the May 3, 2017 meeting to ask for Shields mix design. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Brenda opened the bids for milling which were advertised for the letting of April 5, 2017. All bid bonds were passed down to Mr. Menchyk, Jr. and approved. The bidders and amounts are below:

Wiest	Shields	Glenn O. Hawbaker
\$1.43 - \$26,959.79	\$1.19 - \$22,435.07	\$1.77 - \$33,369.81

Kroll stated he was concerned that since Shields bid was so low they may have not realized that the millings go back to the Township for our use. After discussing, Kroll motioned to table the milling bids until the May 3, 2017 meeting to discuss with Shields. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

BIDS

Kroll motioned to advertise for limestone #2A- 3,000; 1B- 1,500; 2B - 1,000; #3 - 500; Rip Rap #4 - 250; Rip Rap #6 - 250 and dustoil (CRS-2) - 7,000 gal. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

REQUEST TO BE HEARD (Three minute limit)

NONE

PRE-APPLICATION QUESTIONS

NONE

ENGINEER REPORT

Steinheiser mentioned the board is not ready to make a decision on the Act 537 Plan. Bill Braun stated the board has asked Senate Engineering to look more into 1. cost estimating going to Evans City sewer plant and 2. possibly moving some pump stations, etc. to get a possible lower cost to run to BASA and 3. look at other alternatives in reducing the cost of our own sewage facility. Kroll suggested running the sewer further down Moose Rd. and possibly through Harold Rader's property which joins Welsh Rd. where Kroll feels is a good location for the Sewage Plant. Kroll asked the board if Bill Braun could look further into his other ideas. Rupert said he had other suggestion too and agrees that other options should be looked at. Steinheiser agreed. Evelyn Hockenberry said she noticed the big sewage plant being built to accommodate a new housing development (Miranda Homes) off of Reibold Rd. which is in Forward Township but abuts Connoquenessing Township and said the board could possibility contact them to work something out. Kroll stated that could work where their facility could be another pump station location for the Township.

SOLICITOR REPORT

NONE

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

NONE

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Kroll stated someone on a tractor went down onto Crab Run Rd. and stole 1/2 dozen triaxle loads of stone off of the road and destroyed all the grading the township road crew had just completed. Kroll stated the State Police have been notified. Kroll stated it will cost \$10,000 to get it back to where it was and a week of labor. Kroll stated the suspect has a blue Ford tractor with a high lift on the front. Kroll motioned to put an ad in the Butler Eagle asking for someone with any information on the theft to come forward. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated to also place it on the office door.

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

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

20-17 - Gary Fogel - Moose Rd. - porch/roof - 3-16-17

21-17 - Jack Kaltenbaugh - Hoch Ln. - garage - 3/27/17

Corrections - 3 permits applied for in 2016 which were not listed

31-16 (1) - William Oertel - Pheasant Dr. - addition - 8/1/16

43-16 (1) - George White - Kriess Rd. - storage building - 9/14/16

54-16 -(1) Gary Zinkhann - Whitestown Rd. - garage - 11/21/16

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

NONE

SEO REPORT

Steinheiser stated a final inspection for Barry Bieber on Prospect Road is complete.

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Steinheiser stated the Butler County Association of Township Officials will hold their 102nd Annual Spring Convention on May 18, 2017 at the Butler Country Club. Rupert motioned to approve all Township officials to attend at a cost of \$28.00/each and stated the Township office will be closed on May 18, 2017. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

Received memo dated March 29, 2017 from PSATS asking townships to help promote and encourage participation in the "Associations Youth Awards Contest". Youth groups can pick up forms/information at Township. Entries must be submitted by July 1, 2017.

Connoquenessing Township, Connoquenessing Borough, Evans City Borough and Forward Township will have their joint annual "Clean-up/Recycling Day" on May 13, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 1: 00 p.m. A list of items being accepted and fees will be posted at the Township office in the near future.

Received letter dated March 1, 2017 from Rex Energy to notify that Permit Applications for Drilling or Altering a Well are being submitted to the PA DEP for the Kern Unit 1H gas well (amending to reflect a pilothole) located in Center Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated March 22, 2017 from Gannett Fleming stating that Mountain Gathering, LLC proposes to construct a natural gas gathering pipeline in Connoquenessing Township (Lesney to Guiher Gas Pipeline) . This is an update to their letter we received January 16, 2017 due to subsequent changes in the pipeline alignment. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated March 24, 2017 from Gannett Fleming stating XTO proposes to construct a temporary water pipeline in Connoquenessing Township (PAW Vault to Lesney TWL). Information is on file at Township office.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Rupert motioned to adjourn to an executive session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss litigation issues and stated the board would not return. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.