

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Ed Rupert at 7:00 p.m. on September 6, 2017 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Ed Rupert and Ray Kroll. Terry Steinheiser did not attend. Also attending were Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr., Treasurer/Asst. Secretary Lee Kradel and Secretary/Asst. Treasurer Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Engineer Bill Braun did not attend. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. Thirteen people signed in on the public sign in record on file.

REVIEW MINUTES

Reviewed minutes of August 2, 2017. Kroll motioned to accept the minutes of August 2, 2017. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$442,624.04 but after deposits of \$198,117.75 and checks in the amount of \$84,602.16 are approved tonight, the ending balance will be \$556,139.63. Lee Kradel stated the Escrow account beginning balance is \$57,784.33 but with no deposits and checks in the amount of \$6,395.50 are approved tonight, the ending balance is \$51,388.83. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$462,828.24 but with checks in the amount of \$437,284.67 and interest of \$5.88, the ending balance is \$25,549.45. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$695,370.49 but with transferring \$500,000 to a CD and interest of \$27.55, the ending balance is \$195,398.04. Rupert motioned to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Lee Kradel explained the Central Pension Fund requires her to report by September 30th of each year at a public meeting what the MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) would be so the dollar amount can be listed on the 2018 budget. Mrs. Kradel said it would be \$13,356.00 which is calculated by taking 3 road crews 40 hours per week plus estimating 120 hours of overtime times the rate of \$2.10. Motion made by Kroll to accept this amount, seconded by Rupert. Roll call, yes.

Rupert stated the Township had opened a CD in the amount of \$500,000 from the Act 13 funds for a 12 month period. He stated the CD was to pay .40% interest but Lee Kradel was able to get a 1.25% rate. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. pointed out to the board that he had read the contract and informed the board that there could be a penalty of 365 days interest if Township closes account early and secondly, there will be a 10 day grace period each year to renew, add to, change terms or close the account and Township needs to act on this within the grace period. Kroll motioned to ratify the CD investment of \$500,000 from Act 13 funds signed on August 9, 2017. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD - three minute limit pertaining to agenda

Calvin Wonderly said the flag pole hasn't been lit for months and questioned the board if there was a reason? The board was not aware but stated it would be taken care of immediately.

Calvin Wonderly stated a gentlemen who lives at 131 Silver Oak Drive has been parking his work truck on the road in front of his house for months. Mr. Wonderly said Bill Chuba and himself have asked him not to park there and letters from the Township have been sent to him but he is still parking there. Kroll stated the truck is a Waste Management truck and would like Mr. Menchyk, Jr. to send him and/or Waste Management a letter. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said he would send a letter.

Christine Klink asked the board if there is a way to get yellow lines painted on Reiber Rd? Mrs. Klink said a lot of people drive in the middle of our country roads and having a yellow line down the middle would give them a reference point to where their car should be. Mrs. Klink said the traffic is faster now that the Township has newly paved roads and feels this is needed for safety. Kroll stated it is costly because it has to be a double yellow line but said he would get a cost together. Rupert said PennDot did a study years back and found that putting a yellow line down the middle of a rural road does help the driver gauge better but also increases the speed of the driver.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD - three minute limit

Roy Gilliland asked for another update on his easement/stormwater drainage issue? Kroll stated the road crew was down and got rid of some wedge curb, put an orifice in the inlet pipe and put in a filter sack and will continue to check on how it is working.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Kroll motioned to ratify accepting the renewal of Highmark Health insurance and the HRA for union employees for another year through December 1, 2018 at the same rate. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to advertise for 1,000 tons "more or less" of "anti-skid" which starts a new year on October 1, 2017. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

PLANS

Rupert stated the AAAA Mini Storage developer's agreement was ready to approve and sign, however, Christine Muzzana had questioned if number 16 from the agreement relating to liquidated damages could be eliminated? After discussing with Mr. Menchyk, Jr., the board stated that section needed to remain. Rupert motioned to approve signing the Christine Muzzana (AAAA Mini Storage) developer's agreement with number 16 included. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

ENGINEER REPORT

NONE

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. explained that a Resolution #4-17 is in front of the board that needs ratified giving Terry Steinheiser the permission to sign accepting the Green Light Go grant. Rupert motioned to ratify Resolution #4-17 which was signed on August 2, 2017 by Terry Steinheiser to accept the Green Light Go grant. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated a motion to adopt Ordinance #92-17 to amend the Connoquenessing Township Sewage Systems Ordinance and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance is before the board. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated this amended Ordinance will permit Zero Discharge Sewage Systems which is the type of system being contemplated and planned for use at the #1 Cochran dealership. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated this type of systems discharge water (non-drinkable) is reused. Rupert stated this type of system could be used for residential or commercial. Rupert motioned to adopt Ordinance #92-17. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated he received an email from General Code who handles our codification of our ordinances and updates the E360 which is the online service on our website. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said General Code stated the Township has not updated since 2015 and asked if we would like to update? Mr. Menchyk, Jr. suggested that the board obtain a quote from General Code first. The board asked Mr. Menchyk, Jr. to contact General Code for a quote.

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said he reviewed the contracts that were submitted to the Township to collect delinquent Act 511 (per capita) taxes and said he did not see any issues with either one. Rupert stated he has dealt with Statewide in the past and would suggest using them. However, Rupert would like to have written into their agreement that if a taxpayer proves to us (after being sent in for collection) that they had paid their per capita somewhere else for the year or if the tax was assessed in error, that Statewide remove their name without further penalty to them and no penalty to the Township. Rupert motioned to sign a contract with Statewide for collection of the Township's delinquent Act 511 (per capita) taxes contingent on the his additional comments above being included in the agreement. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes. Roy Gilliland said when he gets new tenants he sends their names to Tom Pawlowicz to put on the tax roll and asked if this will remain the same? Rupert said, "yes" you always send names to current tax collector. The board asked Andrew Menchyk, Jr. to contact Statewide about new contract additions.

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated there is a current Developer's Agreement for Shannon Mills Partners L.P. duplexes but was written under the name of Grandview Development Group L.P. (former development name) and Shannon Mills Partners is requesting to change the name on the Developer's Agreement back to Shannon Mills Partners L.P.

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said all that is needed is to sign an "Assignment of Developer's Agreement for Shannon Mills Partners" which was presented to the board. After discussing, Rupert motioned to approve the signing of the "Assignment of Developer's Agreement for Shannon Mills Partners". Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Kroll motioned to approve invoice for August 2017 in the amount of \$230.69. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Kroll motioned to release MarkWest Liberty Blue Stone's Reiber and Double Roads bonds per their request but not Whitestown and Upper Harmony Roads at this time. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to release all road bonds for Edge Marc Energy. Kroll stated they have not used our roads for two years. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll mentioned there has been a lapse in checking certain stormwater issues on over-sized buildings and/or residential houses. Kroll stated the building permit officer is only concerned with the building/house, not the stormwater. After discussing, Kroll motioned to turn over all current and future stormwater issues on building permits to Senate Engineering to check and advise. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes. Lee Kradel asked Kroll to supply the office personnel with guidelines on what is needed to be sent to Senate Engineering for review.

Kroll said he noticed digging around the house at 776 Dick Road and a pipe has been run to the stream and with the Township's current sewage issues he would like to send Dave Ice, our Sewage Enforcement Officer to investigate. Rupert agreed. Brenda Davis to contact Dave Ice.

Kroll stated the land development on Upper Harmony Road is still progressing even after the cease and desist order and directed Mr. Menchyk, Jr. to proceed with enforcement. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said he would.

Kroll mentioned a new business that is running out of Jack Kaltenbaugh's old business on Stevenson Rd. and they have multiple trucks that are driving on Kriess Rd. Kroll stated per state requirements, if a business is off a 10 ton road, the trucks need to go to the nearest non weight-limited road which would be Rt. 68. Kroll said they currently run Stevenson Rd. to Kriess Road. In addition, since this is a new business and not grandfathered in, Kroll said they should be bonding Stevenson Rd. to Rt. 68.

Kroll mentioned discussing with Prospect Borough if we could use their police force for 10 to 20 hours a week to patrol Connoquenessing Township. Calvin Wonderly suggested forming a 5 member board to look into the costs, etc. The board said that was a good idea but hard to find volunteers. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated he is the Solicitor for Prospect Borough but could send them a letter to see if they are even interested in discussing.

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

Rupert stated there were five permits applied for this month. They were:

- 45-17 - Dennis Kreutzer - Kriess Rd. - garage - 8/8/17
- 46-17 - Sariah Lawrence - Prospect Rd. - barn - 8/11/17
- 47-17 - Shannon Mills - Kenlee Dr. - duplex - 8/28/17
- 48-17 - Shannon Mills - Kenlee Dr. - duplex - 8/28/17
- 49-17 - Lonald Bradshaw - Timberlee Dr. - house - 8/30/17

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

NONE

SEO REPORT

NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

NONE

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Rupert motioned to release Lot Line plan escrow to Don Dambaugh in the amount of \$31.00. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to release Land Development plan escrow to United Plate Glass (UPG) in the amount of \$5,570.75. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Rupert motioned to advertise Budget Workshop. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Rupert stated the BCATO Annual Safety Seminar will be held at Tanglewood Center - Coleman Hall on October 11, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. Cost is \$10.00. Kroll motioned to pay for anyone interested in attending. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Lee Kradel said she has received an invoice from Suit Kote for dust oil and asked if the payment should be taken from Liquid Fuels? Kroll said there should be a second invoice coming and to pay both from Liquid Fuels.

Evelyn Hockenberry asked Mr. Rupert if anything is new with the consolidation of the Connoquenessing and Evans City Fire Departments? Rupert said meetings are still held at least once a month and they are still planning on the consolidation but now it is coming down to them needing money. Rupert stated they need funding for 2 buildings and fire equipment. Rupert also said they need to contact the insurance companies for building placement so more home owners get the best price for insurance because of the Fire Department placement. Rupert stated that the Fire Departments are training together and working well together but nothing is definite on the consolidation.

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

Woodland Meadows mobile home park has been inspected and operating permit was issued.

Received letter from RETTEW dated August 15, 2017 on behalf of ETC Northeast Pipeline to notify they plan to submit a major modification to the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit Registration (ESCGP-2) to the Butler County Conservation District for the Constellation to Breakneck 24" Pipeline Project located in 6 Townships. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated August 16, 2017 from XTO Energy stating they are in the process of applying for a well permit for the proposed Cratty A Unit 8H well located in Franklin Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated August 17, 2017 from Gannett Fleming on behalf of Mountain Gathering stating they have submitted a Notice of Termination (NOT) to the PA DEP for approval to terminate coverage of ESCGP permit number ESX14-019-0052 associated with the Guiher to Patton Gas Pipeline in Connoquenessing Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated August 24, 2017 from Gannett Fleming on behalf of Mountain Gathering, LLC with an attached copy of a Notice of Termination (NOT) they submitted to the PADEP for approval to terminate coverage of their ESCGP permit number ESX14-019-0050 in reference to the Kyne Lateral Gas Pipeline in Connoquenessing Township. Information is on file at Township office.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Rupert motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. to an executive session to discuss litigation and stated the board would not return. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.