

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Scott Longdon at 7:00 p.m. on August 6, 2014 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Scott Longdon and Ray Kroll. Terry Steinheiser 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. Sixteen people signed in on the public sign in record on file. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW MINUTES

Reviewed 2 sets of minutes of July 2, 2014. Kroll motioned to accept the July 2, 2014 "special meeting" and "supervisors meeting" minutes. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$381,363.23 but after total deposits of \$50,980.05 and checks in the amount of \$167,286.20 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$265,057.08. The Escrow account beginning balance was \$36,817.00 but after deposits in the amount of \$450.00 and checks in the amount of \$625.00, the ending balance is \$36,642.00. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$215,138.72 but with interest in the amount of \$11.60, the ending balance is \$215,150.32. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$259,107.85 but with interest of \$33.49 and a deposit of \$174,573.37, the ending balance is \$433,714.71. Longdon motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Longdon motioned "Resolution #3-14 " for amendment to 2014 budget to recognize the \$174,573.37 Act 13 fees. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD

Jenley Birch from 132 Winterwood Dr. is trying to sell her home and has a sewage problem. She stated she was told the Township Act 537 is in process but wants a more accurate time frame given. Mr. Braun stated he is planning on submitting the draft plan to DEP within 2 weeks then the DEP will review for at least 60-90 days followed by design and funding sources which could be years before construction occurs. Longdon stated the Winterwood area is a priority in the proposed Act 537 plan.

Robin Ammon also from Winterwood Dr. stated he had applied for a sewage repair permit but was told by our SEO and DEP he had no options. Longdon stated there are no options for failed systems and that is why the Township is working on the Act 537 plan and looking for the most cost effective way for the resident.

Dr. Mascia from the same neighborhood stated there has been a sewage problem there for 30 years and said the past supervisors never followed through with a plan and the grinder pumps were too costly. Longdon stated the current supervisors are following through but it takes time to correct this problem.

Ms. Birch asked for an estimated cost so she would know how much to escrow to the future buyer. Mr. Braun said he didn't want to throw out a figure without accurate costs.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Kroll tabled the discussion of the sale of the 1997 Dump Truck to Concord Township until our new truck is delivered.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD

Evelyn Hockenberry questioned the board if they had an answer for her in relation to the setbacks of the sewage tanks at 178 Double Road infringing on her property? Longdon stated he found the plan drawings and feels if the DEP permitted and the supervisors approved it then if the plan had needed a modification given to place at that time, it must have been done. Ms. Hockenberry stated no modification was ever granted on the setbacks. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated the plan went through an approval process and shows on the plan where the tanks were so he feels this was an approved location. Mrs. Hockenberry disagreed.

Darnelle Martin updated the supervisors that Leyne Lokhaiser had met with her concerning the swimming pool setbacks. The board stated they had received his report which stated Mr. Lokhaiser had incorrect measurements before because the lot where the pool is located fronts a different road. His report states Ms. Martin meets the side setbacks but would need to request a modification to the front setback. After discussion, Longdon told Ms. Martin to come request a modification form from the office and submit to be considered for approval.

Doug Johnston approached the board stating he disagreed with Mr. Lokhaiser's measurements and stated Ms. Martin has a Fawn Drive address, not Spring Valley Drive address and said the pool is infringing on the setbacks. Longdon stated according to the tax card where the pool is located, is a Spring Valley Drive address. Mr. Johnston was not happy and stated he would never come back to the Township for any approvals, he'll put up whatever he wants and take down whatever he wants.

Chas Tanner said he talked to Woodland residents that were interested in public water and feels this number should entice the Water Co. to come down to Woodlands. Longdon told Mr. Tanner an association needs formed by Woodland residents where the Water Co. would have a guaranteed place to bill the bulk water to and then the association would bill the customers. Secondly, Mr. Tanner asked who pays for fire hydrants? Longdon said Water Co. puts them in but Township pays for the maintenance which in turn is billed back through hydrant tax to any resident living within 780 ft. of a fire hydrant. Mr. Tanner also asked a figure on the cost of running a water line? Bill Braun stated \$70-\$90 a foot.

Ruth Armstrong was on agenda but did not attend.

Richard Armstrong was on agenda but did not attend.

PLANS

Longdon stated the Butler Sports Arena has granted the township another 90 day extension.

ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Braun stated the Act 537 draft is ready to send to DEP, however he has not received a response from BASA with their cost estimate and asked the board if DEP will accept the draft without waiting for BASA, should he submit? The board said to submit as soon as possible.

Longdon motioned to reduce Sonoma Valley's letter of credit by \$449,254.80 for a revised amount of \$245,439.40. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes. Bill Braun stated the retainage has been reduced from 10% to 5% on this and subsequent releases due to amount of work being completed. Mr. Braun stated he is making sure the wearing surface estimated to be \$35,000 is retained until the end. Kroll stated he had some issues to discuss with the subgrade. Mr. Braun stated these issues could be addressed when Sonoma Valley requests us to adopt the roads.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated the "Weight Limit Ordinance" discussed last month has been properly advertised and ready to adopt. Longdon motioned to adopt Ordinance #90-14 "Weight Limit Ordinance". Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated weight limit signs will need posted first, followed by contacting the State Police.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Longdon motioned to approve invoice in the amount of \$300.72. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Kroll stated the new truck's bed is installed and heading to Walsh Equipment for finishing touches and should be delivered to Township by mid September. Kroll stated men have been working on Bloom Hill. Kroll stated some roads will be oiled Aug. 14th. Kroll said the men have completed all preparations on the roads to be paved starting on Aug. 25th. Kroll said the men will be working on dirt roads and berming the next 4-6 weeks.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Longdon stated there were seven building permits applied for in the month of July
51-14 - Jacob Barlow - Connoquenessing School Rd. - above ground pool
52-14 - Ray Kroll - Kroll Ln. - garage addition

53-14 - Thomas Gray - Jacobs Ln. - 22x32 shed
 54-14 - Thomas Gray - Jacobs Ln. - 16x16 shed
 55-14 - Kenny Newpher - Double Rd. - shed
 56-14 - Jeff Woller - Winterwood Dr. - deck
 57-14 - Brett Lester - Whitestown Rd. - garage

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

Tom Pawlowicz stated the new tax cards are out and residents are paying.

SEO REPORT

NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

Longdon stated he will be attending the Butler County meeting on the "Hazard Mitigation Plan" in the middle of month.

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Longdon motioned to release road bond for Mervin Detweiler Lumber on Woodlands Road contingent on a final inspection and satisfaction by Ray Kroll in the amount of \$8,750. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Longdon motioned to release road bonds for Cable Hardwoods - both sites on Eagle Mill Rd., contingent on a final inspection and satisfaction by Ray Kroll in the amount of \$11,250. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Longdon motioned to release road bond to Mitcheltree Brothers on Crab Run Rd. contingent on final inspection and satisfaction by Ray Kroll in the amount of \$5,625. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

Annual operating license applications have been mailed to our four mobile home parks. As they are received, Leyne Lokhaiser will go inspect and advise.

PA American Water will begin flushing the water lines on Aug. 7th through Oct. 31st.

Received letter dated July 2, 2014 from Rex Energy to notify that Permit Applications for Drilling or Altering a Well are being submitted to the PA DEP for the Dunmire Unit's 1H, 2H, 3H and 4H natural gas wells located in Muddy Creek Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated July 8, 2014 from Rex Energy to notify that Permit Applications for Drilling or Altering a Well are being submitted to the PA DEP for the Bloom Unit's 8HB and 10HB natural gas wells located in Connoquenessing Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated July 11, 2014 from Gannett Fleming stating Mountain Gathering, LLC proposes to discharge water at two locations. The discharges will occur as a result of hydrostatic testing along the Guiher to Patton and Kyne Lateral Natural Gas Pipelines. A municipal land use letter was requested and mailed. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated July 18, 2014 from Shell Exploration & Production Company (SWEPI LP) notifying they are currently applying for well permits on the Renick property located in Center Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated July 23, 2014 from PA DEP noting they received a Water Management Plan Amendment application dated March 17, 2014 from the Northwest District filed by Rex Energy. Comments should be sent to PA DEP within 30 days of this letter. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated July 24, 2014 from Tetratex on behalf of Rex Energy who intends to submit to the PA DEP a Water Management Plan for the withdrawal of water for use in oil and gas exploration activities. Comments should be sent to PA DEP within 30 days of this letter. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated July 28, 2014 from Gateway Engineers advising that MarkWest Liberty Bluestone intends to submit to the PA DEP a Notice of Intent for Coverage under the Erosion and Sedimentation Control General Permit (ESCGP-2) and Chapter 105 General Permits for the Michael to Voll Pipeline in Connoquenessing Township. Comments should be sent to PA DEP within 30 days of this letter. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated July 29, 2014 from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) to inform that Rex Energy is applying to the PA DEP for a major modification to the previously approved ESCGP-2 Permit for the Shipley Well Pad and Impoundment Project. Comments should be sent to PA DEP within 30 days of this letter. Information is on file at Township office.

Ms. Hockenberry spoke up at the end requesting to be put on the agenda next month to discuss the board enforcing the Township ordinances.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Longdon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.