

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Steinheiser at 7:00 p.m. on September 3, 2014 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser, Scott Longdon and Ray Kroll. Also attending were Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr., Engineer Bill Braun, Treasurer Lee Kradel and Secretary Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Thirteen people signed in on the public sign in record on file. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW MINUTES

Steinheiser motioned to accept the "supervisors meeting" minutes of August 6, 2014. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$265,057.08 but after total deposits of \$146,921.62 and checks of \$47,897.69 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$364,081.01. The Escrow account beginning balance was \$36,642.00 but after deposits in the amount of \$3,085.00 and checks in the amount of \$16,973.00, the ending balance is \$22,754.00. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$215,150.32 but with interest of \$10.85, the ending balance is \$215,161.17. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$433,714.71 but with interest of \$34.46, the ending balance is \$433,749.17. Steinheiser motioned to accept 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 2015 budget. Ms. Kradel said it would be \$11,169.60.

COMMENT PERIOD

* NONE *

BIDS

Steinheiser motioned to advertise for 1,000 ton of "shot gravel" and stated a sample must be submitted to the Roadmaster before bid opening. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Kroll motioned to approve resolution #4-14 authorizing the entry into a masters lease agreement for the acquisition of a Peterbilt Model 348 truck. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD - 3 minute limit

Evelyn Hockenberry asked what the requirements are for setbacks at the Township? Steinheiser stated this is a comment period and asked if she was done commenting? Hockenberry said, "yes".

Jenley Birch stated she had a question about the Act 537 plan but wondered if she could ask the question, or just comment? Steinheiser stated he would answer her question and also Ms. Hockenberry's. Steinheiser stated the Act 537 draft has been submitted to DEP but the time frame for them responding with their comments is unknown.

Steinheiser questioned Hockenberry on what her question was? Hockenberry stated the sewage tanks at 178 Double Road do not meet the Township's setbacks. Steinheiser read some history from the files on the property and stated on Nov. 2, 2005 the SFTF plan was approved by the DEP and Township supervisors. Kroll stated a planning module must be submitted to the DEP and approved by the DEP before a SFTF is installed and the DEP issues a permit. Kroll said the DEP is who makes the decision, not the Township. Hockenberry argued the Township should have enforced the setbacks. Kroll stated the DEP approved the plan and the supervisors approved the plan. Steinheiser stated she extended her time for comment and the plan was approved and if she has a problem, contact the DEP. Hockenberry disagreed stating the DEP approved the permit but not the installation. Steinheiser stated the DEP approved it over 14 years ago.

Steinheiser went back to Jenley Birch and assured her that the Act 537 plan is in process.

Brien Weiss questioned if a stop sign could be placed at the intersection of Powdermill Rd. and Smith Rd. Bill Braun stated there is a lot involved in getting a stop sign put up, such as PennDot doing a traffic study. Mr. Braun stated the Township could be held liable if they don't follow the proper steps and just put one up. Bill Braun said he could look into with PennDot and the cost. The board agreed for Mr. Braun to look into.

Chas Tanner was on the agenda but did not attend.

Doug Johnston questioned the setbacks of the swimming pool at 407 Fawn Dr. Longdon stated the pool is on a separate lot with a tax card address of Spring Valley Rd. and meets all the setbacks except the front which Darnelle Martin would need to put in a

modification to request this setback. Mr. Johnston stated he wants to know when the board is planning on granting the modification so he can be ready to file an appeal at the courthouse? Longdon said it will be done in a public meeting.

PLANS

NONE

ENGINEER REPORT

Patrick Boylan from Boylan Funeral Home requested their letter of credit be reduced. After Bill Braun's inspection he said it is 90% complete and feels \$27,270 can be released. Longdon motioned to release \$27,270 for a revised amount of \$34,430. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Bill Braun said the Act 537 plan has been submitted to the DEP and hopefully a meeting will be set up within a couple weeks to discuss. Bill Braun stated the BASA figures were received and included in the draft.

SOLICITOR REPORT

NONE

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Kroll motioned to approve invoice in the amount of \$200.08. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Kroll stated the new truck is almost ready. Kroll told the board he feels it is time to look into replacing the Ford 1 ton dump. Also, Kroll stated the mower transmission is seized up and got a quote of \$10,000 but feels it is not worth putting that amount in. Walsh Equipment told Kroll the tractor is worth \$14,000. In addition, Kroll stated 1/2 of the ten ton weight limit signs are up. Kroll stated the men will continue to berm on Whitestown and Eagle Mill Roads. Kroll also stated the men are mixing the salt and antiskid and should have about 1,000 ton which should be a good start. Kroll mentioned the roof needs sealed. The board agreed. Kroll motioned to advertise for bids to seal the roof. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call, yes. Kroll would also like the office floor polished and carpet needs scrubbed. Steinheiser told Kroll since the floors and carpet should be under the \$4,000 limit set for supervisors to spend without consultation, he told Kroll to proceed with setting up the cleaning company .

Steinheiser motioned to approve resolution #5-14 for sale of 1997 Dump Truck to Concord Township for \$5,000, as is. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

Steinheiser stated there were two building permits applied for this month. They were:
58-14 - David Buser - Mirage Ct. - garage
59-14 - Charles E. Brandon - Whitestown Rd. - house

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

Tom Pawlowicz stated a new law was added to the Motor Vehicle Code on June 17, 2014 requiring a seller of a mobile home to supply a verification letter from their tax collector that taxes have been paid before a notary can transfer the title.

SEO REPORT

NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

NONE

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Longdon motioned to release sewage escrow to Mr. Wabzewski in the amount of \$300.00. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Longdon motioned to release lot line escrow to Mr. John Thomas in the amount of \$412.50. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Longdon motioned to release Robin Ammon sewage escrow in the amount of \$275.00. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Longdon motioned to release Dollar General sewage & land dev. escrow in the amount of \$4,218.00. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

BCATO Annual Safety Seminar will be held at Tanglewood Center-Coleman Hall on October 8, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. Cost is \$18.00. Kroll motioned the Township to pay for anyone interested in attending. Longdon, seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

Compliance audit report of the Connoquenessing Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan for the period January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2013 has been received and can be reviewed at Township office.

Two mobile home parks have been inspected and operating permits have been issued.

Received letter dated July 31, 2014 from Rex Energy to notify that Permit Applications for Drilling or Altering a Well are being submitted to the PA DEP for the Krendale Unit's 2H, 4HR, 6HB, 8H, 10HR, 12HB, 14H, 16HR, 18HB, 20H, and 22HR natural gas wells located in Butler Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated August 5, 2014 from Gannett Fleming with enclosed plan drawings of Mountain Gathering constructing the Kyne Gas Pipeline in Connoquenessing Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated August 13, 2014 from R.A.R engineering group to inform of the application for coverage under a GP-5 Utility Line Stream Crossing. This project consists of a proposed directional drilling beneath Crab Run in order to install a 12 inch HDPE waterline. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated August 15, 2014 from Groundwater & Environmental Services stating a Notice of Intent to Remediate (NIR) for site at 1313 Whitestown Rd on behalf of XTO in accordance of Act 2. Comments may be made within 30 days of the Butler Eagle advertisement. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated August 18, 2014 from Rex Energy notifying that Permit Applications for Drilling or Altering a Well are being submitted to the PA DEP for the Adams Unit's 1H, 2HU, 3H and 4HU natural gas wells located in Muddy Creek Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated August 20, 2014 from The Markosky Engineering Group on behalf of MarkWest who is applying for coverage under the PA DEP 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 in Connoquenessing and Lancaster Townships. Information is on file at the Township office.

Received letter dated August 22, 2014 from Gannett Fleming stating Mountain Gathering proposes to construct the Guiher to Patton Gas Pipeline. Information is on file at the Township office.

Received copy of letter dated August 27, 2014 from the PA DEP to XTO Energy acknowledging receipt of XTO's Notice of Intent to Remediate (NIR) on August 21, 2014 pertaining to the Patton B Unit No. 7H. Information is on file at the Township office.

Received letter dated August 28, 2014 from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. to inform that Rex Energy is applying to the PA DEP for a major modification to the ESCGP-2 Permit for the previously constructed Brennan Well Pad located in Connoquenessing Township. Information is on file at the Township office.

Received letter dated August 29, 2014 from Rex Energy enclosing their Emergency Action Plan, Emergency Response Plan, and the Emergency Action Plan for the Bloom Well Pad located at 949 Whitestown Rd. Information is on file at the Township office;.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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