

Connoquenessing Township’s Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Terry Steinheiser at 7:00 p.m. on May 4, 2016 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. Eleven people signed in on the public sign in record on file. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

REVIEW MINUTES

Reviewed minutes of April 6, 2016. Rupert motioned to accept the April 6, 2016 supervisors meeting minutes. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$315,548.72 but after deposits of \$73,330.90 and checks in the amount of \$51,928.55 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$337,551.07. Lee Kradel stated the Escrow account beginning balance is \$21,926.75 but after deposits of \$750.00 and checks in the amount of \$861.00 are approved tonight, the ending balance is \$21,615.75. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$260,228.18 but with interest of \$12.65, the ending balance is \$260,240.83. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$404,902.00 but with interest of \$32.17, the ending balance is \$404,934.17. Evelyn Hockenberry questioned why Ray Kroll’s earnings were more than supervisor pay and if he was being paid as an employee? Kroll told Ms. Hockenberry he meets with gas companies and charges for his time under roadmaster wages. Kroll motioned to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD

Calvin Wonderly, resident of Brandywine, had questions pertaining to the Act 537 plan. Mr. Wonderly asked why the 20 million dollar expenditure was not put out for bids? Steinheiser stated this was a preliminary estimate by Senate Engineering and we haven’t advertised for bids yet. Mr. Wonderly asked how much we have paid to Senate Engineering already for their work on the plan? Steinheiser told Mr. Wonderly he could ask the Township office. Mr. Wonderly also mentioned the plan map is over 5 years old and the laterals don’t line up. Mr. Wonderly said Sonoma Valley is not even on the map or the Vineyards houses that have been built since the map and asked how Senate Engineering could get a true estimate with these not included? Steinheiser told Mr. Wonderly he would have to ask Bill Braun those questions.

William Spangler, resident of Eagle Mill Rd., questioned how Golden L Mobile Home Park residents can afford to pay for the sewage tap in fees? Steinheiser stated the Golden L Mobile Home Park is not included in the plan. Steinheiser stated only the residents affected by the sewage will pay, not all taxpayers.

BIDS

Following are the sealed bids that were publicly opened and read aloud by Brenda Davis for the letting of May 4, 2016:

		LIMESTONE	
		IA Construction	McClymonds
		Price	Price
Tons	Material	per ton	per ton
3,000	2A	\$24.55	\$18.94
1,500	1B	n/a	\$24.19
1,000	2B	\$25.55	\$19.34
500	3	n/a	\$20.34
		RIP RAP	
		IA Construction	McClymonds
		Price	Price
Tons	Material	per ton	per ton
250	4	\$26.05	\$21.19
250	6	\$31.05	\$37.94

DUST OIL

Gallons	Material	Russell Standard Price per gallon	Suit-Kote Price per gallon	Midland Asphalt Price per gallon
7,000	CRS-2	\$1.203	\$1.144	\$1.338

All above bidders enclosed their bid bonds which were reviewed and approved by Andrew Menchyk, Jr.

Kroll made a motion to award Suit-Kote the dust oil bid. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes. Secondly, Kroll made a motion to award McClymonds the limestone and rip rap bids. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD - three minute limit

Evelyn Hockenberry read a list of comments that she didn't request answered. They included:

How are the supervisors going to deal with the Winterwood problem now since sewage won't be for 5 years?, 2. How do you justify putting Connoquenessing Township into deep debt?, 3. Are the supervisors going to approve alternate sites that have been approved in the past if the primary site fails?, 4. She directed a comment to Ray Kroll in reference to the old board not taking care of the Winterwood project. Ms. Hockenberry said she was on the board then and had met with the DEP in Meadville and there was no grants available then and the board did not want to acquire the debt for a few people and feels sure there are no grants available now., 5. Ms. Hockenberry stated instead of whining about whose fault it is, the board needs to correct the issue on Rt. 68.

Roy Gilliland from Powdermill Rd. stated he had missed the last meeting and wanted updates. Kroll stated he would be doing the berming but the corner where Mr. Gilliland wants corrected is leased by XTO now and they will need to address. Kroll stated Mr. Gilliland would have to work with our solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr. about property leased to XTO. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. asked Mr. Gilliland what the issue is? Mr. Gilliland stated XTO had asked for his mailbox to be moved down the road while construction was taking place and has never been put back. Mr. Gilliland said the other issue is the gas people and other traffic flies down the road and causes a big cloud of dust at the corner. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. asked what is causing the dust? Mr. Gilliland said the graveled parking area and he has asked them to tar and chip or pave but gets no results. Kroll said the berm can be oiled but that will only be in the Township right-of-way and won't solve the issue that is on private property. Secondly, Mr. Gilliland mentioned the easement that is eroding his property and asked Kroll if he said the major water is from his son's spouting drain? Kroll said he said "it's amazing that a lot of the water coming down the ditch line comes from his son's drain". Mr. Gilliland presented measurements of water coming from his son's downspouts and the road surface and said the majority of the water is coming from the Township roads. Mr. Gilliland also mention there is no need for an air-bridge to be built across the property as stated by Kroll in a past meeting and said all he was asking is if an old drain pipe could be cut in half and bolted to the easement pipe. Kroll said he would look into that. Mr. Gilliland asked if he should submit his concerns to the solicitor. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. told Mr. Gilliland to submit his concerns to him and he will address.

President Dan Cox & Chief Lou Zimmerman were present from the Connoquenessing Fire Dept. Mr. Cox informed the public that there has been communications between the Connoquenessing Fire Dept. and Evans City Fire Dept. for several years about possibly consolidating into one Fire Dept. Mr. Cox mentioned some pro's and mentioned committees have been formed to start working on the feasibility of combining. Mr. Cox said there is an informational meeting to get municipalities engaged and the public involved at the Connoquenessing Fire Hall on May 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Cox mentioned Ed Rupert would attend on behalf of the Township.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Andrew Menchyk, Jr. said the acknowledgment letter from Armstrong that Mr. Steinheiser previously signed needed a motion to ratify. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated Armstrong is just notifying the Township of the new FCC ruling that changes our agreement with them in relation to starting to charge the Township for cable. Rupert made a motion to ratify the submission of the acknowledgment to Armstrong. Kroll, seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser said a complaint received on White Boat Sales needed discussed. George White, owner, was present and said he had received a copy of the complaint from the Township. Mr. White stated the complaint is in reference to him not having the required buffer on his business property in an adequate time frame. Mr. White stated Bill Braun had checked the buffer back in the Fall and told him what needed done but no exact time frame was stated. Mr. White stated the weather had set him back and said he has trees on order with Heasley's. After discussing, the board told Mr. White to get the trees planted and the complaint rectified as soon as possible. Mr. White said he would.

PLANS

NONE

ENGINEER REPORT

Bill Braun said since last month they have looked at some other locations for the sewage plant in relation to the Act 537. Mr. Braun stated one location being looked at would require additional environmental studies and increase the cost by 1/2 million dollars. Mr. Braun told the board he would like to get together to discuss.

Bill Braun stated the ARLE project bids were advertised and will be opened at the Township on May 6, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Braun stated Trans Associates will attend the bid opening. Mr. Braun said they would like to have a few weeks to review the bids and award at our next supervisors meeting on June 1, 2016.

Bill Braun said he talked to the Keddal Aerial Mapping company about the possible change of location of the sewage plant but in order to not increase their cost to the Township, an area will need to be cut out. Roy Gilliland asked where the possible new location would be? Bill Braun said at the intersection of Camp Fatima Rd. and Shannon Rd. Kroll said it would be the Gary Brenckle property.

Bill Braun stated Trans Associates had addressed PennDot's comments in reference to the Rt. 68 turning lane but just received another surprise comment letter from them wanting an ADA access curb, ramps and pedestrian landings designed and provided per the intersection design. Mr. Braun said PennDot is also requiring a full temporary traffic signal be designed and incorporated into the traffic control measures required during construction. Mr Braun stated Trans Associates would charge \$13,800 to address these new comments. The board asked Mr. Braun if there is any way to get out of this requirement since this plan was in place long before this new requirement? Mr. Braun didn't think so but said a meeting could be set up with PennDot to discuss. Kroll tabled moving forward with Trans Associates and the \$13,800 until Bill Braun can set up a meeting to discuss. Steinheiser stated he would

like Andrew Menchyk, Jr. to attend. William Spangler questioned the board if they have reached out to our area representatives for help with funding? Steinheiser said he has met with Brian Ellis' office and Mike Kelly's office. Bill Braun also had a list of funding sources he has been working on since 2011 to go over with the supervisors.

Bill Braun said Ray Kroll, Bill Chuba, Brett Shultz from Weaver Master Builders and a representative of Shields Paving and himself walked the roads in Brandywine and noted all the damages and corrections that need made before the Township would agree to adopt the roads. Mr. Braun said they will need to do core samples which are planned for Monday. Mr. Braun said there are about 1-1/2 miles of roads to be adopted. Kroll stated the Township will have to adopt the roads after they are brought up to PennDot specs. Kroll mentioned an issue at the entrance of the plan that is in the PennDot right-of-way and said he will address with Dick Knapko.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said the annual maintenance invoice for keeping our ordinances up-to-date on our webpage needs approved. Steinheiser motioned to approve General Code eCode360 annual maintenance invoice in the amount of \$1,195.00. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Kroll motioned to approve invoice for March and April 2016 in the amount of \$290.97. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Kroll stated he will be meeting with Dick Knapko on Friday to discuss the paving projects.

Kroll stated a letter was sent to PennDot in reference to requesting signage on Rt. 68 at the Kriess/EagleMill Rd. intersection to stop drivers from driving on the shoulders. Kroll said PennDot agreed to pay for and install the signs by the end of month.

Kroll mentioned hiring summer help. Rupert stated three applications were received and two met the qualifications. Rupert motioned to hire Jessie Brandon and Brittany Kroll for summer help at a rate set by the union which is \$4.00 under the laborer rate. Steinheiser, seconded. Roll call: Rupert, yes., Steinheiser, yes., Kroll, abstained.

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

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

- 11-16 (1) - Douglas Erdley - Shannon Mills Dr. - house - 4-7-16
- 11-16 (2) - Vineyards at Brandywine - Silver Oak Dr. - house - 4/11/16
- 12-16 - Raymond Melder - Jacobs Ln - shed - 4/20/16
- 13-16 - Barry Bieber - Prospect Rd. - house - 4/22/16
- 14-16 - Vineyards at Brandywine - Silver Oak Dr. - house - 4/25/16
- 15-16 - Nancy E. Nestler - Rosewood Ln - mobile home - 4/25/16
- 16-16 - Vivian Ebie - Meadow Dr. - mobile home - 5/4/16

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

NONE

SEO REPORT

NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

NONE

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Kroll motioned to release Jake Dressler III land development escrow in the amount of \$521.00. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

Office will be closed May 19, 2016 for office personnel to attend the Butler County Association of Township Officials 101st Annual Spring Convention.

Connoquenessing Township, Connoquenessing Borough, Evans City Borough and Forward Township will have their joint annual "Clean-up/Recycling Day" on May 7, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A list of items and fees are posted at the Township office.

MOTION TO ADJOURN Steinheiser motioned to adjourn to an executive session to discuss personnel and litigation issues at 7:56 p.m. Rupert, seconded. Roll call, yes.