

Connoquenessing Township’s Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Steinheiser at 7:00 p.m. on June 7, 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. Nine people signed in on the public sign in record on file.

REVIEW MINUTES

Reviewed minutes of May 3, 2017. Rupert motioned to accept the minutes of May 3, 2017. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$370,438.51 but after deposits of \$151,586.90 and checks in the amount of \$73,519.84 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$448,505.57. Lee Kradel stated the Escrow account beginning balance is \$52,919.58 but after deposits of \$1,629.00 and checks in the amount of \$400.00 are approved tonight, the ending balance is \$54,148.58. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$462,768.65 but with interest of \$20.92, the ending balance is \$462,789.57. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$545,942.19 but with interest of \$48.92 and a check in the amount of \$6,000.00, the ending balance is \$539,991.11. Steinheiser motioned to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD - Three minute limit pertaining to agenda

Evelyn Hockenberry stated she had seen in last month’s minutes about possibly looking into a local police force. Steinheiser stated we are not moving forward with that until we see what Governor Wolf’s tax plan is. Steinheiser stated Governor Wolf is considering charging each resident \$25.00 for State Police support, and if this happens the Township might discuss the local police option.

Bob Cichra wanted to thank the supervisors for supporting the Municipalities' Clean Up Day held on May 13, 2017. Mr. Cichra and Ms. Hockenberry stated it is a great program.

BIDS

Following are the dust oil bids that were tabled at the last meeting on May 3 , 2017 until Ray Kroll could ask each bidder if they would be supplying a power spray truck.

DUST OIL

Gallons	Material	Russell Standard Price per gallon	Suit-Kote Price per gallon	Midland Asphalt Price per gallon
7,000	CRS-2	\$1.413	\$1.349	\$1.71

Kroll stated the lowest bidder, Suit-Kote said they would supply a power spray truck, therefore Kroll motioned to accept Suit-Kote's bid in the amount of \$1.349 per gallon on the condition they use the power spray truck. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD - three minute limit

Roy Gilliland said the rip rap apron that the Township placed to stop the water from going into his field is not working. He stated the water is picking up sand and cinders and filling up the rip rap which in turn makes the water go right over the top of the apron. Kroll said he feels the rip rap is doing its job but it needs maintained. Kroll said the rip rap needs cleaned and he will address it. Bill Braun agreed. Mr. Gilliland asked if it was not legal to fix the problem the way he asked it to be done in the first place? Mr. Gilliland stated he would sign a paper stating he wants it that way and would save the Township all this yearly maintenance. Steinheiser asked Ray and/or Bill Braun to meet with Mr. Gilliland to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Steinheiser stated the traffic light at Whitestown Rd. and Rt. 68 has not been changing on a timely basis and Bronder stated it will need a part. Brenda Davis said Jason from Bronder is testing to see what the problem is and then will supply a quote to the Township on how much it will cost to repair. Kroll asked if we knew the cost? Brenda said, "not yet". Steinheiser asked Kroll to watch for the written quote and gave him authority to allow Bronder to fix the light. Rupert motioned to allow Kroll to have Bronder replace the needed part if not in excess of \$2,000. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Ken Tressler, resident, stated people coming from Evans City on Rt. 68 don't stop to turn onto Whitestown Rd. heading towards Butler. Mr. Tressler said this is very dangerous and asked if a sign could be put up? Kroll stated we could request this from PennDot but since Rt. 68 is a State road they would make the decision. Kroll stated a sign was placed near Eagle Mill Rd. stating not to pass on the shoulder which Calvin Wonderly, resident, stated has not worked. Mr. Wonderly said it should say "no turning from this lane". Kroll stated that is what the Township asked for but didn't get. Mr. Roy Gilliland said the police told him it is not illegal to go around the stopped vehicle in front of you. Steinheiser agreed stating if you are the first car, you are allowed. The board asked Lee Kradel to contact Dick Knapko at PennDot on who to address the letter to to request a "no turn on red" sign being placed on Rt. 68 turning right onto Whitestown Rd. In addition, Steinheiser asked Ms. Kradel to have all three supervisors sign the letter.

PLANS

NONE

ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Braun stated he had no new information to report on the Act 537 Update Plan for this month.

Mr. Braun had some good news to report that the Township received the Green Light Go grant in the amount of \$160,000 to be used on the signals at Rt. 68, Eagle Mill and Kriess roads. Bill Braun said the Township had agreed to match \$40,000 from the Act 13 fund if the grant was attained, therefore the total project will be around \$200,000. Mr. Braun stated Penn Dot has been informed of this since they are currently working on improving Rt. 68 so all activities will be coordinated. Mr. Braun said the Green Light Go is only to be used for the signals. Kroll stated long ago when Honda North came in he and Jack Kaltenbaugh wanted the lane widened and discussed with Penn Dot making sure the poles for the signals were placed far enough back so in the future the widening could be done. Mr. Kroll stated PennDot said they would be fine with future widening and questioned Bill Braun if he asked PennDot why now the signal poles may need moved back? Bill Braun said he would question PennDot on this. Rupert asked if the \$200,000 would cover moving the poles. Bill Braun stated \$186,000 is for the construction and \$13,000 is for the engineering. Mr. Braun read off what it included and it did state 4 new holes for the poles. Mr. Braun stated this is required now because PennDot has new standards. Rupert asked if ADA ramps will also be needed? Bill Braun stated this is not part of the Green Light Go project but said the Township should have PennDot incorporate those into their lane widening project.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Steinheiser motioned to approve General Code's eCode360 annual maintenance invoice in the amount of \$1,195.00 for continued service through April 2018. Andrew Menchyk, Jr. stated this is for keeping our ordinances up-to-date on our webpage. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes. Evelyn Hockenberry asked what all General Code does? Andrew Menchyk, Jr. said mainly posting new ordinances and making sure everything is kept current.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Kroll motioned to approve invoice for May 2017 in the amount of \$198.89. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

Steinheiser explained how permits that go to our building code officer (Dave Hazlet) do not get checked for setbacks because Mr. Hazlet only checks the building. Steinheiser stated there have been issues with this in the past and would like to suggest having our code enforcement officer (Leyne Lokhaiser) check all building permit application

setbacks before they are forwarded to Dave Hazlet. Lee Kradel asked if it could also be added in the motion to have Leyne make sure all ordinance requirements are met before issuing the permit, not only the setbacks? After further discussion, Steinheiser made a motion to have the code enforcement officer approve all setbacks and make sure all other areas of the ordinances are being followed before forwarding a building permit to Dave Hazlet. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Roy Gilliland said some crooked residents might move their stakes around just to meet the setbacks and then move them back after Leyne approves the building so he asked if Leyne will go out again after the building is built to re-check? Rupert and Steinheiser stated if that is suspected, it will be investigated and the resident may be ordered to tear the building down.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Kroll stated Weaver Master Builders (Brett Schultz) has agreed to supply a check to the Township in the amount of \$12,342.00 for the curb additions to Brandywine Blvd. on the condition their letter of credit in the amount of \$12,342.00 is released. Rupert asked Mr. Menchyk, Jr. if there would be any problem paying Wiest for this after we receive the check? Rupert and Kroll told Mr. Menchyk, Jr. this was agreed upon between Brett Schultz and the Township when adopting the roads that the Township would use Wiest to do the curbs. Andrew Menchyk, Jr. stated this agreement would need to be further looked into by himself and Weaver's attorney to make sure everything is in agreement. The board tabled until next month's meeting.

Kroll tabled the release of any road bonds until all gas companies' checks for their portions have been received by the Township.

Kroll said he received a complaint about a resident parking a tractor trailer on our roadway. The board stated this resident had been sent a letter in the past from Andrew Menchyk, Jr. in reference to damaging our road and parking on it. Steinheiser asked Mr. Menchyk, Jr. to send him a letter informing him not to park on the roadway because of maintenance reasons, fire hazards, etc. Kroll stated this resident is parked at the end of a cul-de-sac which would make it hard for fire trucks to make the turn.

Kroll mentioned development happening on Upper Harmony Rd. Kroll stated they came to get a driveway permit but it was not approved because of site distance and the contractor was informed to not move forward but he ignored being told and now there is a mess at that location. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. asked who owns the property? Lee Kradel said, "William Belsterling applied for the permit". Mr. Kroll said he called him and left him a message that he needed a land development application but has had no response. Bill Braun asked if the Conservation District has been notified. Kroll said, "not yet". Kroll said he heard Mr. Belsterling is clearing the lot to make a parking lot to store trailers. Rupert said the stormwater runoff is going onto the neighbor's property and Steinheiser said it is a major mess. Kroll motioned to have Andrew Menchyk, Jr. write Mr. Belsterling a letter for him to come into compliance and notify the Conservation District. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Discuss "Settlement Agreement and Release" from Columbia Midstream to accept \$108,717.25 for road damages and release their road bonds. **(this was on agenda but not mentioned)**

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

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

- 31-17 - R.E. Erdley & Sons - Shannon Mills Dr. - house - 5/9/17
- 32-17 - Vineyards at Brandywine - Silver Oak Dr. - house - 5/12/17
- 33-17 - Terry Jackson - Timberlee Dr. - deck - 5/23/17
- 34-17 - Steven Wright - Silver Oak Dr. - inground pool - 5/31/17
- 35-17 - Shannon Mills Partners - Kenlee Dr. - duplex - 6/1/17
- 36-17 - Ronald Pushak - Prospect Rd. - shed - 6/2/17

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

Kroll motioned to approve request of Judith Neely to refund Per Capita tax of her deceased husband, Thomas Neely for 2012-2016. Rupert questioned if 2017 should be reimbursed also or if Mr. Pawlowicz had this in the \$25.10 amount? Ms. Kradel did not know. Rupert seconded Kroll's motion but stated the amount is roughly \$25.00. Roll call, yes.

Rupert mentioned Mr. Pawlowicz had asked to stop collecting the delinquent Per Capita Taxes at year end and it was approved but Mr. Pawlowicz was to turn over the delinquent names to the Township office so they could decide who would collect. Rupert stated at this time the Township office has still not received. Brenda Davis stated she has requested the information several times. Rupert said he would contact Mr. Pawlowicz.

SEO REPORT

NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

NONE

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Received invoice from Connoquenessing Borough for Recycling/Cleanup Day held on May 13, 2017. The Township's share was \$695.89 and reported on the Financial Report.

Received letter from Gannett Fleming dated April 13, 2017 stating XTO proposes to construct a temporary water pipeline in Connoquenessing Township (PAW Vault to Lesney Temporary Waterline (TWL). Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter from Gannett Fleming dated April 13, 2017 stating Mountain Gathering proposes to construct a natural gas gathering pipeline in Connoquenessing Township (Lesney to Guiher Gas Pipeline). Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated May 5, 2017 from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) to inform that PennEnergy Resources is applying for coverage for a Permit to Drill and Operate an Unconventional Well from the PA DEP for seven (7) new gas wells (1H, 3H-8H) located in Jackson Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter from PA DEP dated May 9, 2017 stating they approved a request to rescind a Water Management Plan amendment dated May 3, 2017 for the Northwest District filed by XTO Energy. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter from XTO dated May 11, 2017 stating they are applying for a well permit for the proposed AK Steel A Unit 1H well located in Butler Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter from XTO dated May 23, 2017 stating they are in the process of applying for a well permit for the proposed Clair Cratty A Unit 3H well located in Franklin Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter from XTO dated May 23, 2017 stating they are in the process of applying for a well permit for the proposed Clair Cratty B Unit 5H well located in Franklin Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter from Gannett Fleming dated June 5, 2017 that Mountain Gathering is applying for coverage under the Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP-2) for Earth Disturbance Associated with Oil & Gas Exploration, Production, Processing or Treatment Operations or Transmission Facilities from the PA DEP. Project location is a linear project from the Stein Well Pad southeast to Kyne Well Pad located in Franklin and Connoquenessing Townships. Information is on file at Township office.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Steinheiser motioned to adjourn to an executive session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss personnel issues stating the road crews union contract is up in July. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.