

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Steinheiser at 7:00 p.m. on May 2, 2018 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. Fourteen 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 4, 2018. Rupert motioned to accept the minutes of April 4, 2018. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

The Planning Meeting was canceled April 18, 2018 - no March minutes were approved

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$480,630.79 but after deposits of \$82,384.81 and checks in the amount of \$94,748.43 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$468,267.17. Lee Kradel stated the Escrow account beginning balance is \$52,713.58 but with a deposit of \$712.00 and a check in the amount of \$200 is approved tonight, the ending balance is \$53,225.58. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$230,516.32 but with interest of \$9.79, the ending balance is \$230,526.11. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$165,581.44 but with interest of \$14.06 and the CD in the amount of \$503,155.65, the ending balance is \$668,751.15. Steinheiser motioned to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD - Three minute limit pertaining to agenda

NONE

REQUEST TO BE HEARD - three minute limit

Charlotte Grimme asked Steinheiser if anything was new with the Act 537 Plan for the placement of the Township's sewage plant? Steinheiser said "not really" but told her Bill Braun would be discussing under his report and she can question him at that time.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PLANS

Mr. Bole and Mr. Hilliard were present to present the Robert Hilliard Subdivision Plan.

The board asked for a maintenance agreement that assures the maintenance of the private streets to the new lots. Mr. Hilliard said he owns all lots surrounding and asked why he would need one?

Rupert told him in case any lots are sold later to someone else. Mr. Bole showed the board a notation in reference to private streets that the Butler County made him put on the plan and said this should be sufficient. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. disagreed and said he has the correct maintenance agreement that he will send to Mr. Bole for Mr. Hilliard to sign. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. also told Mr. Hilliard that some of the deeds of the properties are in his wife Rita's name so she must also sign

the maintenance agreement. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said two maintenance agreements are needed since there are two private streets. Kroll motioned to grant modification for providing contours per Article 7, chapter 245-14 stating articles 5 & 6 can be waived since this is a subdivision of three lots or less. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes. Kroll motioned to approve the Robert Hilliard Subdivision Plan as preliminary and final contingent on two signed Maintenance Agreement (one for each private street), Sewage Planning Module signed, submitted and approved by the DEP and the Butler County Planning letter comments dated April 19, 2018 being addressed. Kroll also added to the motion that the "120" prefix to the parcel numbers need put on the Plan and it needs stated on the Plan that the streets will remain "private" so they will never be dedicated to the Township. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, Kroll, yes. Steinheiser, yes. Rupert, abstained.

ENGINEER REPORT

Bill Braun stated a letter was sent to Connoquenessing Borough asking them to supply at least one of their residents to become a customer of our Sewage Plant. Mr. Braun said mainly a resident on Connoquenessing School Rd. Mr. Braun stated a response letter was received from the Borough stating they would not make a resident join, they would let it up to the resident. Mr. Braun stated this was not good news because if the Township could get someone from another borough, township, etc. it would increase the Township's lending opportunities. Rupert stated we could contact the residents on Connoquenessing School Road to see if they would be interested. Steinheiser stated Brenda Davis had already spoke to one individual but he/she wanted to know if the Township would pay for the associated costs to hook on and Steinheiser told the public he is not interested in that. Steinheiser said the DEP wants this sewage done and Mr. Braun said they could issue a "consent order" against the Township which would tell the Township when it needs completed and exactly what areas to include. Mrs. Grimme asked what properties the Township is looking at now? Steinheiser said, "it just depends". Steinheiser told her it would probably be her property if we are forced but if up to the board it would be another location. Steinheiser stated the board is really looking at Welsh Rd. but it is much more expensive and PennWest (who may be financing) would want us to go with the Grimme' property because it would be the cheapest. Mrs. Grimme also said funding institutions usually want to lend to participating communities so she doesn't know why we don't go with Evans City or Butler City. Bill Braun said it is because it is much more costly for residents of this Township. Mrs. Grimme said she just spent money putting the property into conservation and now she'll be spending more money to fight the Township and DEP. Steinheiser said he understands but this plan has to be the best for the majority of the residents. Kroll said the DEP wants our Act 537 Plan presented to them now and then they will determine if we should join with another municipality. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said that the State requires an Act 537 Plan from each municipality to accommodate their residents. One resident asked if all residents are connecting?

Steinheiser said, "no" mainly only the problem areas such as the Rt. 68 corridor. A resident from Brandywine also commented that this cost will affect everyone because he said he has a good working system now and a lot cheaper to run but all Brandywine residents will have to hook into the Township facility. In closing, Steinheiser said this sewage system will transpire and the board is trying the best they can.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. gave each board member a copy of the latest Floodplain Ordinance. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated this ordinance is State mandated and needed in order to adopt our Floodplain Rate Map so residents in the Floodplain area can get insurance. Kroll motioned to advertise the Floodplain Ordinance. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Secondly, Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated he is still working on the new fee schedule for Temporary Holding Tanks and had nothing new to report.

Bill Braun said he forgot to ask the supervisors if they were interested in applying for the SINC-UP Grant? Steinheiser said this is another grant to help with the timing of the lights that we have already received ARLE grant monies for and asked Mr. Braun if he feels we need this? Mr. Braun said there is also a 20% match required. Mr. Braun said he is waiting to hear from Butler Township on their plans because they are the ones we would apply with. Steinheiser said the board could call a special meeting if needed before the May 18, 2018 application deadline. Steinheiser tabled the discussion.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Steinheiser motioned to approve invoice for April 2018 in the amount of \$225.07. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets .

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Kroll mentioned that Brandywine Roads were never crack sealed and are crumbling apart since they have been adopted. Kroll said he received a quote from Suit-Kote for 750 gallons which includes labor and flaggers for a total of \$10,875 and suggests using them to fix the roads and then replace the funds with Brandywine bond money that was set aside for repairs to the road. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said he would have to review the maintenance agreement and bond details because it might say that Brandywine has the ability to fix it first. Steinheiser motioned to approve Suit-Kote to crack seal the road after the solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr. reviews the maintenance agreement and advises. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes. Kroll also asked Bill Braun to look at the three roads just adopted at Brandywine and give him suggestions on what to do before we lose their bond money.

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

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

- 8-18 - Jonathan McCaslin - Constitution Ave. - house - 4-4-18
- 9-18 - Halie Newpher - Meadow Dr. - mobile home - 4/17/18
- 10-18 - Tom Barnett - Daisy Ln Ext. - mobile home - 4/19/18
- 11-18 - Zoe Ann Fuqua - Rolling Valley Ln - mobile home - 4/20/18

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

NONE

SEO REPORT

NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

NONE

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Steinheiser stated the Township Office will be closed May 17, 2018 for office personnel to attend the Butler County Association of Township Officials 103rd Annual Spring Convention.

Steinheiser stated Connoquenessing Township, Connoquenessing Borough, Evans City Borough and Forward Township will have their joint annual "Clean-up/Recycling Day" on May 12, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 1: 00 p.m. A list of items and fees are posted at the Township office.

Kroll mentioned a check in the amount of \$47,519.87 has been received from Stonehenge for repairs to the roads they had bonded. Kroll stated they are requesting their bonds to be released. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated they will have to sign a "settlement agreement and release" with Stonehenge before the release. Kroll motioned to release the bonds to Stonehenge once they have signed the "settlement agreement and release" and giving himself the authority to sign the agreement. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Kroll motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. to an executive session to discuss pending litigations and real estate matters and stated the board would not return. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

