

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors "Close of Business" meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Steinheiser at 6:00 p.m. on December 27, 2018 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser, Edward Rupert and Ray Kroll. Also attending were Solicitor Andrew Menchyk, Jr., Treasurer/Asst. Secretary Lee Kradel and Secretary/Asst. Treasurer Brenda Davis was present to take the minutes. Engineer Bill Braun did not attend. Two people signed in on the public sign in record on file. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

REVIEW MINUTES

Rupert motioned to accept the "supervisors meeting" minutes of December 6, 2018. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$442,245.97 but after total deposits of \$59,399.93 and checks of \$73,712.22 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$427,933.68. The Escrow account beginning balance was \$48,567.08 but after deposits of \$1,902.50 and checks in the amount of \$485.00, the ending balance is \$49,984.58. Lee Kradel said the the Highway Aide balance remained the same since the December 6, 2018 meeting at \$581.41. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund remained the same at \$246,184.05 and with the CD in the amount of \$509,150.59, the total Act 13 Impact Fee fund is \$755,334.64. Kroll motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Rupert motioned to adopt 2019 budget as resolution #1-19. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD (Three minute limit pertaining to agenda)

NONE

REQUEST TO BE HEARD - three minute limit

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

Rupert stated at last meeting it was motioned to spend \$375.00 to place a verification light on the signal at Connoquenessing Elementary School contingent on PennDot approval. Rupert stated PennDot said it would be fine and our current signal permit with PennDot does not need changed so the Township can now move forward and have the contractor install the verification light.

NEW BUSINESS

Rupert motioned to accept Bruce & Merrilees proposal for a 12 month term starting January 1, 2019 for maintenance and repairs to our traffic signals and sign the agreement. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

PLANS

Jim Spurk was present to present the Michael Gross Lot Line Revision Plan. Rupert stated one lot has a log home on it and the other lot has a shed which they will tear down and build a garage and needed to combine their lots for this purpose. Rupert motioned to grant modification for providing contours on plan since plan is a lot line revision. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes. Rupert motioned to approve Michael Gross Lot Line Revision Plan for preliminary and final approval. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

ENGINEER

NONE

SOLICITOR

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. presented another retaining tank ordinance for the board to review. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated Tomisa from DEP has discussed with the Township that holding tanks can be used for residential purposes to abate a nuisance or to avoid causing a public health hazard when there are no other options. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. mentioned this ordinance will help the Winterwood Drive properties that have no other way to remedy their sewage problem. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated these tanks can only be used until public sewage comes through. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated the original retaining tank ordinance, which will remain, is for commercial use only, has a 18 month period and usually used for gas companies. Brenda Davis asked if the fees will be the same as the other ordinance?

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated a resolution to set the fees for this ordinance will have to be passed at the time the ordinance is adopted. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated if the board wants to move forward with this ordinance it can be motioned to advertise at the January 7, 2019 meeting and then adopted at the February 6, 2019 meeting.

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. mentioned the property at 1100 Evans City Rd. is up for sheriff sale which the Township has a lien against it for cleaning the swimming pool and in order for the Township to collect on the judgment a representative from the Township needs to be present at the sale and state the Township has a claim against property and state the amount of the claim. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated Sandi Cox, code enforcement officer, showed an interest to attend and Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said her rates are lower than his and feels she is qualified to represent the Township. Rupert said most sheriff sales go back to the bank and until sold the Township would not get the money. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated the Township will get our money as long as someone appears at the sale. Lee Kradel asked how we would get our money if it was a private sale? Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated a title search at closing would show the lien and then the closing agent would contact the Township to satisfy the lien. Lee Kradel asked why the same process can't work for a sheriff sale? Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated that Butler County courts want someone present at sheriff sales to present the lien.

ROADMASTER

Kroll said he will compute a new rate for providing snow removal on Kennedy Road for Prospect Borough and let Brenda Davis contact them to see if they accept the new rate.

Kroll said Shields Paving did make some paving repairs after receiving a letter from Bill Braun in October but their repairs are not acceptable and requests that Bill Braun write another letter to Shields Paving stating the problems and how they can be corrected. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated Bill Braun should write the letter.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Kroll motioned to approve invoice for December 2018 in the amount of \$193.82. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

SEO REPORT

NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

Rupert motioned to approve Connoquenessing Valley Regional EMA invoice for disaster in the amount of \$783.22. Rupert said this was for the costs of the warming center and travel time inspecting the Township roads. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

Steinheiser stated there was one permit applied for this month. It was:
52-18 - Larry Double - Double Rd. - shed - 12/14/18

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

2019 Butler County Farmland Preservation Program Applications are accepted between January 1-31, 2019. Information is on file at the Township office.

Received letter dated November 30, 2018 from Gannett Fleming on behalf of XTO Energy stating they are submitting the attached Notice of Termination (NOT) to the PADEP for approval to terminate coverage of ESCGP permit number ESX17-019-0010 that was issued by the PADEP for authorization to commence earth disturbance activities associated with the PAW Vault to Lesney Temporary Waterline in Connoquenessing Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated December 7, 2018 from Civil & Environmental Consultants (CEC) to inform that PennEnergy Resources is applying to the PADEP for an ESCGP-3 Permit for the Bricker Well Pad Expansion project. Information is on file at Township office.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Rupert motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.