

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Ed Rupert at 7:00 p.m. on January 7, 2019 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Ed Rupert and Ray Kroll. Terry Steinheiser did not attend. 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. Five 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 December 27, 2018 "close of business" meeting. Kroll motioned to approve the December 27, 2018 minutes. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$427,933.68 but with deposits in the amount of \$16,942.13 and checks in the amount of \$28,756.22 are approved tonight, the ending balance will be \$416,119.59. Lee Kradel stated the beginning Escrow account is \$49,984.58 and with deposits in the amount of \$1,655.50 and checks in the amount of \$1,075.00 being approved tonight, the ending balance will be \$50,565.08. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$581.41 and with \$.02 in interest, the ending balance is \$581.43. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee beginning fund balance was \$246,184.05 but with \$415.80 interest, the balance is \$246,599.85 and the CD remained the same at \$509,150.59 leaving a total of \$755,750.44 in the Act 13 account. Kroll motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **COMMENT PERIOD** (three minute limit pertaining to agenda)

\*NONE\*

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

\*NONE\*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

\*NONE\*

#### **REQUEST TO BE HEARD**

\*NONE\*

#### **PLANS**

Kroll motioned to close Dan Reamer Lot Line Revision Plan (#4-18) that was tabled for 90 days on December 6, 2018. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes. Rupert stated Mr. Reamer will need to re-apply.

#### **ENGINEER REPORT**

Mr. Braun stated he did not have any update on the Act 537 because he has not received any response from the DEP.

Mr. Braun stated he met with the engineer of #1 Cochran in reference to residents' complaints on Buttercup School Rd. in reference to their bright lights and not enough buffer. Mr. Braun stated the engineer said they would turn off the front parking lot lights and dim the other lights and Bill Braun said the buffer is sparse and said their landscape architect will provide the Township with a plan to review so more buffer can be added in the Spring.

Mr. Braun stated the drawings for the intersection signal design for the GLG and ARLE grants were submitted in October and comments have been received from DEP and Trans Associates is addressing them. Mr. Braun stated PennDot requires quarterly updates on the project which Trans Associates provides. Mr. Braun stated the grants must be used by the end of 2019 but currently we are on schedule. Lee Kradel stated she has received two Senate Engineering invoices related to the Arle grant. Bill Braun told her she can submit for reimbursement.

Rupert mentioned the slope in the road located near 693 Dick Rd. that PennDot has had numerous complaints on and stated PennDot's fix was to put two "Bump" signs up on each end of road and one has already come up missing.

#### **SOLICITOR REPORT**

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. presented ordinance #95-19 which would permit residential retaining tanks to abate a nuisance or other public health hazard. Rupert questioned #4E in the ordinance which requires the homeowner to have a maintenance agreement in place with the Township and asked Mr. Menchyk, Jr. if this was already prepared?

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated, "yes", it will be very similar to the one used now with our 18-month Temporary Holding Tank ordinance. Kroll motioned to advertise ordinance #95-19. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

\*NONE\*

#### **ROAD MASTERS REPORT**

Kroll stated Rupert had mentioned at the last meeting that the dates on the Highlift tires to be purchased should be the most current. Kroll said there are no dates on these type of tires but the warranty starts with the date of purchase. Kroll motioned to purchase four Michelin tires from Skander Tire per quote provided. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes. Kroll stated two of the tires will be retained by the Township and sold on Ebay.

Secondly, Kroll stated he has talked to Dick Knapko from PennDot about upcoming paving of Double Road and Moose Rd. for an estimated cost of \$400,000 and tar & chip on Fassinger and Smalstig and partial tar & chip on Little Creek, Woodlands, Lower Harmony and Kniess Roads for an estimated \$161,000. Kroll motioned to advertise Double and Moose Roads together and also advertise Double Road by itself. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes. Kroll motioned to advertise tar & chip on Fassinger, Smalstig, Little Creek, Woodlands, Lower Harmony and Kniess Roads. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes. Kroll said he is not advertising for Whitestown Rd. because he will have PennEnergy do their own paving.

Kroll mentioned he would like to contact the Connoquenessing Fire Dept. to see if the Township could regain usage of the building the fire dept. uses on our property. He said there is only one fire truck in the building.

Kroll said when Honda North is test driving cars they are using Kriess, Cupps and Buttercup Roads and using excess speed, starting and stopping and would like to contact them with the Township's concern. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. was requested to send them a letter.

#### **BUILDING PERMIT REPORT**

\*NONE\*

#### **TAX COLLECTOR REPORT**

\*NONE\*

#### **SEO REPORT**

\*NONE\*

#### **MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

Kroll motioned to refund William Pagonis sewage escrow in the amount of \$575.00. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to pay PSATS invoice for 2019 membership in the amount of \$1,363.00. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to pay the BCATO dues for 2019 in the amount of \$35.00. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to pay Connoquenessing Borough for Township's share of 2019 Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurance Premium in the amount of \$16,416.32. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to approve to pay for eligible officials to attend the PSATS convention in Hershey in April of 2019. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **Rupert said the below, which was on the agenda, is for information:**

Received letter dated January 3, 2019 from Butler Co. Election Bureau stating they are partnering with Penn State Extension to host a "Toss Your Hat in the Ring" presentation on February 11, 2019 at Butler Co. Community College. This program is beneficial for anyone considering running for office. Flier is on outside bulletin board.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** Kroll motioned to adjourn to an executive session at 7:23 p.m. to discuss litigation and real estate issues and stated the board would not return. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.