

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Steinheiser at 7:00 p.m. on May 1, 2019 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser, Ed 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. Twenty two 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 3, 2019. Steinheiser motioned to accept the minutes of April 3, 2019. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$426,450.40 but after deposits of \$112,705.39 and checks in the amount of \$72,937.95 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$466,217.84. Lee Kradel stated the Escrow account beginning balance is \$50,297.90 but with deposits in the amount of \$923.75 and checks in the amount of \$4,500.00 being approved tonight, the ending balance is \$46,721.65. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$221,737.69 but with interest of \$9.72, the ending balance is \$221,747.41. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee checking account beginning balance is \$247,850.50 but with interest of \$456.32, the ending total is \$248,306.82. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 CD remained at \$512,038.10 leaving a total Act 13 account ending balance in the amount of \$760,344.92. Steinheiser motioned to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

### **COMMENT PERIOD - Three minute limit pertaining to agenda**

Roy Gilliland stated when sewage comes through he will take a big hit because he has several rentals that will require him to tap in but he is especially concerned about a single tenant with only a \$700.00 monthly income having this hardship of paying for sewage. Mr. Gilliland said the Township's estimated charge is also \$53.00 higher than BASA's. Steinheiser told Mr. Gilliland that the Township is forming a Sewage Authority that will work with the public on these issues and Rupert stated possibly there will be grants available for residents with hardships. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated the implementation of the Act 537 plan will fall under the Sewage Authority which will be created through an ordinance in the next few months. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said the Authority will work on grants, financing and everything associated with bringing sewage to the Township.

Mark Scott, resident, thanked the Board for the opportunity to make a comment but stated he did not have all the information gathered that he was going to talk about the roads so he would speak at a later date.

Harold Rader who lives on Connoquenessing School Rd. stated he was getting terrible water runoff from the Connoquenessing School and Rt. 68 and had discussed early today with our road crew on rectifying this. Mr. Raider stated the water is running through his son-in-laws garage who has spent thousands of dollars diverting the water around his garage. Steinheiser said he will have our engineer come out with Ray Kroll to look at a solution. Kroll told Mr. Rader that Bill Braun is coming over Friday to look at. Kroll stated it needs done correctly and cost effective. Mr. Rader said the retention pond at the School doesn't have a drop of water in it, the water from the School comes his direction.

Jennifer Gilliland-Vanasdale stated she was running for Judge and wanted to introduce herself.

**BIDS**

Following is the one sealed bid that was publicly opened and read aloud by Brenda Davis for the letting of May 1, 2019:

**LIMESTONE**

<b>McClymonds</b>		
<b>Tons</b>	<b>Material</b>	<b>Price per ton</b>
3,000	2A	\$19.59
300	8	\$24.34
100	1	\$20.84
250	2B	\$20.84
500	3	\$20.84

**RIP RAP**

<b>McClymonds</b>		
<b>Tons</b>	<b>Material</b>	<b>Price per ton</b>
100	#4	\$21.09
100	#6	\$39.09
100	#7	\$39.09

McClymonds bid bond was reviewed and approved by Andrew Menchyk, Jr.

Brenda Davis stated there were no bidders for the 8,000 gallons of CRS-2.

After discussing, Kroll motioned to re-advertise the Limestone & Rip Rap bid based on only one bid being received. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated this is good business practice. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes. Steinheiser motioned to re-advertise for CRS-2. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

**REQUEST TO BE HEARD - three minute limit**

Roy Gilliland addressed Kroll about a road drain at 304 Reiber Rd. that was put in back in the 70's and is now below the ditch line because of the road crew over time raising the road up. Mr. Gilliland would like to dig and raise the pipe and put some flexible pipe in and then re-cover with dirt and asked Kroll for his permission. Kroll told him he has already seen the area and told him to go ahead and raise it up.

Mark Scott spoke under comment period.

Harold Rader spoke under comment period.

**PRE-APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

Scott Lipke was present and requested having two driveways on his lot. Mr. Lipke said he intends to use the second driveway to go to a new garage to be built near the house. Mr. Lipke said if he uses the existing driveway it would require his contractor to haul in over 600 tons of dirt because the ground is a hillside. Mr. Lipke said he only has 444 ft. road frontage of the ordinance requirement of 600' of road frontage on Camp Fatima Rd. to allow two driveways and is requesting a modification to permit the other driveway. Mr. Lipke said he would like to use an existing old logging road for the second driveway. Kroll said he doesn't have an issue if he has the correct site distance. Kroll told Mr. Lipke he would need to get a driveway permit and then the road superintendent would come out and do the calculations for site

distance and discuss what kind of driveway culvert would be needed. Steinheiser motioned to approve the requested modification to allow two driveways if all the requirements of driveway permitting are met. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

\*NONE\*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Steinheiser stated that over the years residents on Lower Harmony Rd. have started shortening it to Harmony Rd. which makes it difficult for 911 to make sure they know the correct location in an emergency. Steinheiser said there is an Upper Harmony Rd. and a Harmony Street in the Borough which also complicates this issue. Rupert said the road has always been Lower Harmony Rd. Evelyn Hockenberry stated Lower Harmony Road turns into Whitestown Rd. in Lancaster Township and asked Rupert if that road name was being changed? Rupert said, "no" only our Township road. Roy Gilliland asked how the residents will know to change their address to Lower Harmony Rd? Rupert said residents on Lower Harmony Road will receive a letter from the Township. Steinheiser motioned to approve and sign the 911 "Road Name Change" form to change Harmony Rd. to Lower Harmony Rd. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **PLANS**

\*NONE\*

#### **ENGINEER REPORT**

\*NONE\*

#### **SOLICITOR REPORT**

\*NONE\*

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

\*NONE\*

#### **ROAD MASTERS REPORT**

Kroll stated PennEnergy has agreed to mill, binder and top Whitestown Rd. from where the Township left off to Rt. 68 after school is out.

Kroll said berming will start soon and some roads will be paved so watch for road closure signs and flaggers.

Kroll stated Bill Braun is meeting with #1 Cochran engineer Friday morning to discuss their retention pond that is not properly sized. Kroll said #1 Cochran is going to place a diversion ditch in so water does not go onto neighboring properties. Kroll said #1 Cochran has also put pine trees out for bid for the buffer zone. Kroll said he was told they have corrected the lighting but has not checked.

Kroll requested a letter on Township letterhead be sent to all PennDot representatives requesting Rt. 68 speed limit through our Township be lowered to 35 mph. Kroll said there were 4 accidents within the last two weeks with one involving a pedestrian. Steinheiser stated it is a real battle working with PennDot to get results. Steinheiser said he has been working on Rt. 68 for more than 9 years to get a third lane and better lighting and signals. Kroll motioned to have Mr. Menchyk, Jr. send letters to PennDot requesting the speed be reduced to 35 mph. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes.

Roy Gilliland addressed Kroll about Welsh Road stating Kroll had said Welsh Rd. would be getting some attention but he said only the beginning and end of road look good. Kroll said the gas company has damaged the middle part and he is working with them to have them correct with their funds instead of using Township dollars. Steinheiser agreed with Mr. Gilliland that Welsh Rd. needs attention.

### **BUILDING PERMIT REPORT**

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

- 10-19 - Kenneth Rieger - Cherry Blossom Dr. - deck - 4/9/19
- 11-19 - David White - Silver Oak Dr. - shed - 4/10/19
- 12-19 - Karen Demitras - Oak Ln - mobile home - 4/10/19
- 13-19 - Vince Gemma - Fox Dr. - addition - 4/12/19
- 14-19 - Shannon Mills LP - Kenlee Dr. - duplex - 4/12/19
- 15-19 - Shannon Mills LP - Kenlee Dr. - duplex - 4/12/19
- 16-19 - Shannon Mills LP - Kenlee Dr. - duplex - 4/12/19
- 17-19 - Donald Phipps - Lower Harmony Rd. - garage - 4/23/19
- 18-19 - Russel & Connie Kelley - Spring Valley Rd. - new home - 4/23/19
- 19-19 - Robert & Jacqueline Carson - Blair Ln - addition - 4/23/19
- 20-19- David Cox - Fassinger Rd. - porch roof - 4/24/19

### **TAX COLLECTOR REPORT**

\*NONE\*

### **SEO REPORT**

\*NONE\*

### **MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

Kroll motioned to return XTO Energy's Temporary Holding Tank escrow in the amount of \$3,600.00. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

Office will be closed May 16, 2019 for office personnel to attend the Butler County Association of Township Officials 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Convention.

Connoquenessing Township, Connoquenessing Borough, Evans City Borough and Forward Township will have their joint annual "Clean-up/Recycling Day" on May 11, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 1: 00 p.m. A list of items and fees are posted at the Township office.

Received letter dated April 9, 2019 from PADEP stating they have received four Water Management Plan ("Plan") Amendment applications, dated February 25, 2019, for the Northwest District filed by Penn Energy Resources, LLC. The new water sources are Connoquenessing Creek-McElhinney, Connoquenessing Creek-Lamperski, Little Connoquenessing Creek-Dick Rd. and Connoquenessing Creek-Eckstein. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated April 17, 2019 from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) to inform that Penn Energy Resources is applying for coverage for a Permit to Drill and Operate an Unconventional Well from the PADEP for six (6) gas wells (Bricker Well Pad). Information is on file at the Township office.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Steinheiser motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. to an executive session to discuss litigation issues and stated the board would not return. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.