

Connoquenessing Township’s Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Ed Rupert at 7:00 p.m. on June 5, 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. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. Fifteen people signed in on the public sign in record on file.

REVIEW MINUTES

Reviewed minutes of May 1, 2019. Kroll motioned to accept the minutes of May 1, 2019. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$466,217.84 but after deposits of \$131,974.35 and checks in the amount of \$75,802.74 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$522,389.45. Lee Kradel stated the Escrow account beginning balance is \$46,721.65 but after deposits of \$800.00 and checks in the amount of \$275.00 are approved tonight, the ending balance is \$47,246.65. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$221,747.41 but with interest of \$9.42, the ending balance is \$221,756.83. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$248,306.82 but with interest of \$442.87, the ending balance is \$248,749.69 but Ms. Kradel added the Act 13 CD account balance of \$512,038.10 and interest in the amount of \$2,809.20 for a total of \$514,847.30 in the CD account and a grand total in the Act 13 account of \$763,596.99. Kroll motioned to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD - Three minute limit pertaining to agenda

Evelyn Hockenberry asked if the Floodplain Ordinance was updated? Rupert said, "yes" the new Floodplain maps were received and adopted by the Township. Andrew Menchyk, Jr. noted there is a slight amendment to the Floodplain Ordinance that he will discuss later under his section.

Brendan Linton, resident on Buttercup Rd., discussed the new traffic signal planned for Rt. 68 and Kriess Rd. when PennDot is widening the road and PennDot stated they are not planning a pedestrian crossing. Mr. Linton said he sees several people crossing there and feels if the proper pedestrian crossing is not going to be installed, PennDot should spend \$800 to remove the Pedestrian Walk signs that are presently at the intersection. Bill Braun stated PennDot told him the Pedestrian crossing was not warranted and to remove from the plan.

Secondly, Mr. Linton said at last meeting it was discussed sending a letter to PennDot to reduce the speed on Rt. 68 to 35 mph. Mr. Linton feels the accidents that have taken place are due to distracted drivers and does not agree Rt. 68 should be reduced to 35 mph. Rupert stated this had been brought to the attention of PennDot before and they said traffic studies don't warrant a reduction in speed. Mr. Linton also suggested installing roundabouts but Rupert stated that is very costly.

BIDS

Following are the sealed bids that were publicly opened and read aloud by Brenda Davis for the letting of June 5, 2019:

LIMESTONE

The bidders and amounts are below:

Tons	Material	IA Construction	McClymonds	Allegheny Mineral
		Price per ton	Price per ton	Price per ton
3,000	2A	\$30.85	\$19.59	\$18.80
300	8	\$37.60	\$24.34	\$22.70
100	1	\$32.60	\$20.84	\$20.55
250	2B	\$33.60	\$20.84	\$20.30
500	3	n/a	\$20.84	\$20.30

RIP RAP

The bidders and amounts are below:

Tons	Material	IA Construction	McClymonds	Allegheny Mineral
		Price per ton	Price per ton	Price per ton
100	#4	\$34.40	\$21.09	\$20.55
100	#6	\$44.90	\$39.09	\$33.50
100	#7	\$44.90	\$39.09	\$33.50

DUST OIL

The bidders and amounts are below:

Gallons	Material	Russell Standard Price per gallon	Suit-Kote Price per gallon
8,000	CRS-2	\$2.38	\$2.329

All above bidders enclosed their bid bonds which were reviewed and approved by Andrew Menchyk, Jr.

Kroll motioned to award the CRS-2 bid to Suit-Kote at the rate of \$2.329 per gallon. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to award the Limestone and Rip Rap bids to Allegheny Mineral. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD - three minute limit

Ronald Jordan was on the agenda but did not attend.

Janet Salusky stated she has called the Township for the last 3 months about the berm/ditch draining in front of her house at 359 Eagle Mill Rd. and gets no response. Mrs. Salusky said she gets all the runoff from the trailer park and the drain is totally clogged which backs up into her yard. Mrs. Salusky provided pictures. Kroll stated he could clean out the ditch but not her driveway culvert. Kroll said he would send the road crew over. Kroll asked Mrs. Salusky if she could lower her pond level because it is maxed out with water and with all this rain, the water goes out onto the road. Mrs. Salusky said she is working on it.

OLD BUSINESS

Rupert stated Scott Lipke was at last meeting and received a second driveway approval at 177 Camp Fatima Rd. contingent on Bill Braun going to the site and advising the board. Mr. Braun stated the site distance from the right is 15 ft. shy of our ordinance requirement. Rupert said he didn't have a problem approving this since this will only be used as secondary driveway. Kroll motioned to approve the second driveway at 177 Camp Fatima Rd. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Kroll motioned to approve retaining PA State Association of Boroughs as our Website provider at an annual rate of \$419.00. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

PLANS

William Fisher was present requesting a lot line revision to add 26 ft. from the neighboring property of Meyer to his current property. Mr. Fisher said he has been maintaining this for over 30 years. Mr. Fisher also is requesting a modification to the required 1-acre ordinance requirement because the new lot will only be .93 acre. Mr. Braun said our Planning Commission approved the plan after all his comments from his letter were corrected on the Plan. Kroll motioned to grant modification to waive the requirements of Articles V and VI since the plan is a lot line revision. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes. Kroll motioned to approve modification for new lot to be .93 acre. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes. Kroll motioned to approve Fisher/Meyer Lot Line Revision Plan for preliminary and final approval. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Ron Bole, representing the Robert Hilliard - R & R Irrevocable Trust plan stated he has corrected the sewage planning module that was rejected by the DEP and is requesting the board approve re-signing and re-sending to the DEP. Kroll motioned to approve the re-signing and re-sending of the Robert Hilliard sewage planning module to the DEP for their approval. Rupert stated he is a relative of Mr. Hilliard and would usually abstain from the vote but since there are only two supervisors tonight, he will second the motion. Roll call, yes.

ENGINEER REPORT

Bill Braun did not have any new updates on the Act 537 Plan.

Bill Braun stated there will be a bid opening on June 18th at 10:00 a.m. at the Township building for the new traffic signals to be installed at the intersection of Eagle Mill Rd., Rt. 68 and Kriess Rd. under the ARLE/GLG grants. Bill Braun stated we are still 18-20 weeks out on this project. Rupert asked if he has heard when PennDot will be working on the corridor? Mr. Braun said, "no" but stated they will have to have public meetings so they will be advertised.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Andrew Menchyk, Jr. stated he has received the signed easement agreement from Delores Wachsmuth who owns the parcel on Eagle Mill Rd. and Rt. 68 intersection that the Township needs a right of way on for improvements to be done at this

intersection. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated he left a signature line for Terry Steinheiser to sign this easement but needs the board to motion approval. Kroll motioned to approve signing the easement. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Secondly, Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated the annual invoice for General Code eCode 360 needs to be approved. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated this is for our website and code book updates. Rupert motioned to approve General Code eCode360 annual maintenance in the amount of \$1,195.00. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Thirdly, Mr. Menchyk, Jr. mentioned that when authorizing General Code to update the code a few months back with our new ordinances they questioned the Floodplain ordinance because some of the format was not correct, so in order to codify this ordinance the Township needs to put in an amendment to this ordinance before it is codified. Kroll motioned to ratify the advertisement of the Floodplain ordinance amendment. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes. Rupert motioned to adopt the Floodplain ordinance #93-18. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Lastly, Mr. Menchyk Jr. stated he has drafted a Sewer Authority Board ordinance and stated the board can review and discuss advertising the ordinance for adoption at next month's meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Kroll motioned to approve invoice for April 2019 in the amount of \$155.32. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

Kroll motioned to approve invoice for May 2019 in the amount of \$212.98. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Kroll is requesting a fourth road crew. Kroll said there have been four road crew in the past and with the additional Brandywine Rds. and the weather, he feels it is time for another road crew. Kroll motioned to advertise for an additional road crew. Motion did not pass for lack of second.

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

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

21-19 - Jeff Butterworth - Shannon Mills Dr. - shed - 5/1/19
 22-19 - Michael Pospisil - Camp Fatima Rd. - new home - 5/3/19
 23-19 - Eric Shiever - Dick Rd. - pool - 5/10/19
 24-19 - Andrew Menchyk, Jr. - Timberlee Dr. - shed - 5/15/19
 25-19 - Harry Shiever - Powder Mill Rd. - addition - 5/24/19
 26-19 - John McCaslin - Constitution Ave. - addition - 5/28/19
 27-19 - Nancy Nestler - Rolling Valley Ln - deck/ramp - 5/28/19
 28-19 - Samuel Terlizzi - Cupps Rd. - new home - 5/29/19
 29-19 - Darin Vietmeier - Jacobs Ln - porch - 5/29/19
 30-19 - Richard Dumbaugh, Jr. - Eagle Mill Rd. - carport - 6/3/19
 31-19 - Sophisticated Alloys - Grundman Dr. - addition - 6/3/19

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

NONE

SEO REPORT

Rupert stated a final inspection was done for Laura Mason.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

NONE

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Rupert motioned to release sign escrow to Ricky Kradel in the amount of \$50.00. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to release sign escrow to Marci Mustello in the amount of \$50.00. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to release sign escrow to Raymond Bopp (for Paula Painter) in the amount of \$50.00. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kroll motioned to release sign escrow to Kay Double (for Mark Scott) in the amount of \$50.00. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Rupert motioned to release sign escrow to Ray Kroll, Sr. in the amount of \$50.00. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

Received memo dated May 9, 2019 from PSATS asking townships to help promote and encourage participation in the "Associations Youth Awards Contest". Youth groups can pick up forms/information at Township. Entries must be submitted by July 1, 2019.

Received letter from Gannett Fleming dated May 1, 2019 notifying of XTO Energy's intention to submit a Water Management Plan amendment to the PA DEP for approval to withdraw water from and interconnection with Penn Energy utilizing the PA American Water Co. Ellwood-Harmony Rd. Vault located in Connoquenessing Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter from PA DEP dated May 23, 2019 stating they received three Water Management Plan Amendment applications, dated January 28, 2019 for the Northwest District filed by PennEnergy Resources, LLC. Information is on file at the Township office.

Received letter dated May 29, 2019 from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) to inform that PennEnergy Resources is applying to the PA DEP for an ESCGP-3 Permit for the Bloom Well Pad project. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated May 29, 2019 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) gas wells (Renick Well Pad) located in Center Township. Information is on file at Township office.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Kroll motioned to adjourn to an executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss litigation and real estate matters. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.