

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Steinheiser at 7:00 p.m. on October 2, 2019 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. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer. Twenty people signed in on the public sign in record on file.

### **REVIEW MINUTES**

Steinheiser told Mr. Menchyk, Jr. that he made an executive decision to pass out last month's draft minutes before being approved. Steinheiser stated they were handed out late but asked if anyone had comments? After reviewing, Rupert motioned to accept the minutes of September 11, 2019. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$421,479.64 but after deposits of \$78,778.38 and checks in the amount of \$72,917.00 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$427,341.02. Lee Kradel stated the Escrow account beginning balance is \$47,893.90 but after deposits of \$1,550.00 and checks in the amount of \$90.25 are approved tonight, the ending balance is \$49,353.65. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$1,784.48 but with interest of \$5.20, the ending balance is \$1,789.68. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$344,291.67 but with interest of \$653.53, the ending balance is \$344,945.20. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 CD remained at \$517,767.12 which brings the total Act 13 fund balance to \$862,712.32. Kroll motioned to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

Barb Rader presented new pertinent information concerning Connoquenessing School Rd. maintenance discussed at last month's meeting. Mrs. Rader read minutes from a Borough meeting of June 7, 2011 stating the Borough would pay half to do drainage repair, grade and chip the road. Mrs. Rader showed a map from the County that shows the road goes 864 ft. which is to be shared between the Township and Borough down the middle of the road. Steinheiser continued with the meeting while she discussed the map with Mr. Braun.

### **BIDS**

Brenda Davis opened the bids submitted for 1,000 tons more or less Anti-Skid (AS1) which were as follows:

Glacial Sand & Gravel  
\$18.85/ton

McClymonds Supply & Transit  
\$16.05/ton

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. reviewed and approved both company's bid bonds. Kroll motioned to award the Anti Skid (AS1) bid to McClymonds Supply & Transit in the amount of \$16.05/ton. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

Ron Lefever was on the agenda but did not attend.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. & Mrs. Rimer from 2246 Shannon Mills Dr. were present with their completed modification request form requesting a second driveway to come off Dick Rd. Steinheiser stated they put on the form that they will park the RV 25 ft. off Dick Road. Kroll questioned the Rimers if they have permission from their housing development and whether the covenants allow two driveways or the RV? The Rimers were not aware of any such rules. Steinheiser motioned to approve the modification to allow a second driveway to be used for an RV parked 25 ft. back from Dick Rd. contingent on any covenants or restrictions on said property. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Mr. Eckels from the Vineyards was present and asked if the supervisors had made a decision on whether the sidewalk at 101 Silver Oak Drive can be removed. This discussion was tabled at last month's meeting. Mr. Eckels said the homeowners have agreed to remove the sidewalk and have it reseeded with grass. The board would like to see the trees removed because they are the cause of the sidewalk buckling and eventually will cause damage to the Township road. Mr. Eckels said he would ask the Township to give the homeowner enough time for the association to replant trees further back before the others need removed. Kroll asked Mr. Braun how long until the trees damage the road? Mr. Braun said it won't be long since they are already upheaving the sidewalk. Calvin Wonderly

mentioned other trees that were planted in Winchester Court the same way as these trees were planted and have had no problem affecting the sidewalks. Mr. Wonderly did state that the trees need to be trimmed back. Kroll stated that was just done last week. Steinheiser asked Mr. Larry Leroy, President of the Vineyards Association, if the homeowners were okay with having 2 years to plant new trees? Mr. Leroy said the homeowner has not been informed that the trees will need to come down but said he would let them know if Mr. Steinheiser requested. Mr. Steinheiser asked him to do so. Bill Braun asked if the association is still going to put ADA ramps in per PennDot requirements? Mr. Eckels said they will do whatever is required. Steinheiser made a motion to permit the removal of the sidewalk at 101 Silver Oak Dr. with the understanding that another ADA ramp will be put in on the parallel side of the road. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes. Bill Braun stated he was asked to investigate Connoquenessing School Road as to ownership and length of the road at last month's meeting. Mr. Braun stated he was not asked to find out how to fix the problem Mrs. Rader is complaining about. Mr. Braun said the road is half Township and half Borough, the whole length of the road which is .16 mile long around 800 ft. Steinheiser said the road needs fixed and asked Bill Braun to move forward with finding a solution to fix the road.

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated the #96-19 ordinance has been advertised in the Butler Eagle and ready for adoption. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated this ordinance is to organize the "Connoquenessing Township Sewer Authority" and once it is adopted he can submit the permit application to Harrisburg to get Dept. of State approval on the Authority. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said after State approval the members of the Sewer Authority can meet and move forward with the implementation of the Act 537 Plan. Rupert motioned to adopt ordinance #96-19 to organize the "Connoquenessing Township Sewer Authority". Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Rupert motioned to renew the Township's TASC HRA agreement for one year effective December 1, 2019. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **PLANS**

\*NONE\*

#### **ENGINEER REPORT**

Mr. Braun stated #1 Cochran has submitted a revised stormwater management plan and mentioned his letter to them dated September 24, 2019 recommending three items which were 1. record (as-built) drawings of the SWM, a NPDES permit major modification to the existing NPDES permit is required by the PA DEP and 3. after final approval of the revised SWM Plan has been obtained, the plan will need to be recorded at Butler County. Mr. Braun stated the Township solicitor may require a new Operation & Maintenance (O&M) agreement for SWM to be executed. In addition, Mr. Braun said #1 Cochran has several stakes in for their Buffer trees but are not all planted yet.

Mr. Braun stated there are two grants available for use towards the Act 537 Plan. Mr. Braun stated they are the H20 Grant and the Pa Small Water and Sewer Program Grant and need applied for by December 13, 2019. Rupert stated these need applied for by our newly formed Sewer Authority.

#### **SOLICITOR REPORT**

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated he supplied the board with Resolution #5-19 for adopting rules for decorum for Public Meeting. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. said this will set the procedures for public meetings. The board stated they had reviewed and agreed to adopt. Kroll motioned to adopt Resolution #5-19. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated Golden L has been sent two notices from Township for payment of their yearly Mobile Home Occupancy Permit fee and has not paid as of this date. Steinheiser motioned to have Mr. Menchyk, Jr. send them a letter. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Rupert motioned to approve invoice for September 2019 in the amount of \$431.00. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

#### **ROAD MASTERS REPORT**

Kroll stated the new drainage pipe was put in on Whitestown Rd. and that Whitestown Rd. is finally being paved.

**BUILDING PERMIT REPORT**

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

47-19 - Randy Lipnicky - Smalstig Rd. - garage - 9/18/19

48-19 - Jared & Rebecca Lowery - Timberlee Dr. - garage - 9/18/19

49-19 - William Friedt - Semiconon Ln - garage - 9/23/19

**TAX COLLECTOR REPORT**

\*NONE\*

**SEO REPORT**

\*NONE\*

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT**

Rupert stated he attended the Connoquenessing Valley Regional Emergency Management Agency meeting and they're working on the 2020 budget. Rupert also said the new 911 radios are going to be put on a "soft start" test on October 18, 2019.

**MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

Steinheiser stated the BCATO 2019 Fall Convention will be held at the Slippery Rock Township Municipal Center on October 22, 2019. Registration is at 6:00 P.M. Steinheiser motioned to approve and pay for all Township Officials to attend for \$20.00/each. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser stated the first Budget meeting to be held October 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. and public is welcome.

Steinheiser also said the Connoquenessing Volunteer Fire Co. will hold their Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 27, 2019. Line up is 1:30 p.m. - Parade begins at 2:00 p.m. In addition, Connoquenessing Township will hold their -Trick-or-Treat on Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

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

West Park Manor Mobile Home Park has been inspected and operating permit was issued.

Received letter dated September 19, 2019 from Gannett Fleming notifying XTO Energy's intention to submit a Water Management Plan amendment to the PADEP for approval to purchase water from PA American Water for use in oil and gas exploration and development from an interconnection vault location along Dick Rd in Connoquenessing Township. Information is on file at Township office.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Rupert motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.