

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Steinheiser at 7:00 p.m. on December 4, 2019 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser, Ed Rupert and Ray Kroll. Also attending was Attorney Kyrie Lokhaiser (on behalf of 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. Sixteen people signed in on the public sign in record on file.

REVIEW MINUTES

Reviewed minutes of November 6, 2019. Kroll motioned to accept the minutes of November 6, 2019. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$364,898.95 but after deposits of \$90,697.82 and checks in the amount of \$90,799.52 are approved tonight the ending balance will be \$364,797.25. Lee Kradel stated the Escrow account beginning balance is \$48,468.15 but after deposits of \$7,260.50 and checks in the amount of \$525.00 are approved tonight, the ending balance is \$55,203.65. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$1,789.76 but with interest of \$.07, the ending balance is \$1,789.83. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance is \$192,064.40 but with interest in the amount of \$206.01, the ending balance is \$192,270.41. Lee stated the Act 13 CD had a beginning balance of \$517,767.12 but had interest of \$2,388.25 for a total of \$520,155.37 which makes a grand total of \$712,425.78. Rupert motioned to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD - three minute limit pertaining to agenda

REQUEST TO BE HEARD - three minute limit

Brendan Linton was present to discuss the traffic signal project at the intersection of Rt. 68, Kriess and Eagle Mill Roads. Mr. Linton stated he is unsatisfied with the Township's stance on not having pedestrian crossings at this intersection until Penn Dot comes through and widens the road. Mr. Linton stated the widening of the road is not even on the 2026 Penn Dot Plan. Kroll stated he was on the board when the traffic light was installed and it was Penn Dot that didn't permit ADA provisions at the time. Rupert said he's been at 3 recent Penn Dot meetings and was told that Penn Dot will pave Rt. 68 in 2020 and in 2022 they will widen and repave Rt. 68 but at the last meeting someone at Penn Dot said this wasn't even on the plan. Rupert and Steinheiser both said that the Township doesn't want to spend money putting in the pedestrian crosswalks and then have Penn Dot come through and rip them out. Mr. Linton just asked the board to not put any signs up stating "no pedestrian crossing" at this intersection because he would not be legally allowed to cross the road and Butler Transit Authority bus would not be able to stop and pick up pedestrians per the PA Vehicle Code. Mr. Braun said Penn Dot is the one that made the Township take the Township's pedestrian crossing plan off the current traffic signal plan until Penn Dot comes through to widen the road. Mr. Braun stated he will contact Penn Dot for a current schedule of this plan. Mr. Wonderly said he has lived in Brandywine for 16 years and has never seen a pedestrian cross Rt. 68. and asked how much this is going to cost the Township? Steinheiser told Mr. Wonderly the Township will have to do whatever Penn Dot requires. Evelyn Hockenberry said instead of spending all this money on this, the Township should put a traffic signal at Double and Stevenson Roads. Steinheiser said the Kriess Rd. project needs done first but told Ms. Hockenberry that this is included on the Plan. Mr. Pickerd asked if Penn Dot is planning to put a third lane in for turning? Steinheiser said, "yes". Mr. Linton stated he would write letters or assist the Township in any way to get this Rt. 68 corridor expedited. Steinheiser said he appreciates anyone in the Township contacting Penn Dot to get this moving.

Matt Bricker stated he is planning on building a new home and is wanting a driveway off of Bricker Lane instead of Boy Scout Rd. Mr. Bricker showed the board a diagram. Steinheiser feels this should be presented to the Planning Commission because when subdividing you will need a maintenance agreement on the Bricker Lane and a cul-de-sac may need put on the subdivision plan because of another driveway being added.

OLD BUSINESS

Steinheiser stated KC Lezzer from Shannon Mills is requesting a full release of their land development improvement bond at Kenlee and Rothrock Drives in the amount of \$67,741.30. Bill Braun said he inspected them on November 21, 2019 and said their Stormwater Pond still needs completed and stated he talked to the contractor Mike Spinneweber who wants to wait until spring to complete. Mr. Braun recommends retaining \$15,000 of their bond. Rupert motioned to release \$52,741.30 to KC Lezzer from Shannon Mills and retain \$15,000. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PLANS

Bob Maher from Gateway Engineers was present on behalf of UPG Investments Land Development Plan. After the board reviewed, Kroll motioned to grant the modification request for the side yard setback to be 33' instead of the required 50'. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes. Rupert motioned to execute and sign the Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Agreement. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes. Kroll motioned to approve the UPG Investments Land Development Plan for preliminary and final approval. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

ENGINEER REPORT

Mr. Braun said Mr. Menchyk, Jr. sent #1 Cochran a letter based on last month's meeting to have them get the stormwater management, lighting and buffer trees staked. Mr. Braun stated the stakes are in but he requested they move 8 of them up the bank to shield Isaac Lane better. Mr. Braun stated they have agreed to use a spectrometer to check the foot-candles on the lights that are still shining onto Buttercup School Rd. to make sure they are set at 0.0.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Steinheiser stated the Golden L Mobile Home Park paid their Occupancy Permit fee.

Attorney Kyrie Lokhaiser stated the Township Sewer Authority Board has filed their notice of incorporation with the Secretary of State. Ms. Lokhaiser stated it has been advertised in the Butler Eagle and filed in the Butler County Legal Journal. Ms. Lokhaiser also said another lien was placed against the Tammac Holdings property located at 617 New Castle Rd. for the Township's expense to mow the grass.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Rupert motioned to approve invoice for November 2019 in the amount of \$464.08. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Kroll stated the road crew will start the maintenance on Connoquenessing School Road as soon as weather permits. Secondly, Kroll said Welsh Road is complete.

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

Steinheiser stated there was one permit applied for this month. It was:

55-19 - John Huselton - Powder Mill Rd. - carport - 11/29/19

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

Rupert motioned to approve invoice for postage expenses in the amount of \$164.92.

Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.

SEO REPORT

NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

NONE

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Kroll motioned to release Lipinski Logging bond for Smalstig and Fassinger Roads (2.0 mile) in the amount of \$25,000. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

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

Kroll motioned to refund sign escrow to Mary Waggoner in the amount of \$50.00. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Rupert motioned to refund sign escrow to William Robinson, Jr. in the amount of \$50.00. Kroll seconded.

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

Close of Business meeting has been set for December 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Woodland Meadows and Rolling Valley Estate Mobile Home Parks have been inspected and operating permits were issued.

Received letter dated November 8, 2019 from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) to inform that PennEnergy is applying for a renewal of coverage for a Permit to Drill and Operate an Unconventional Well from the PA DEP for one (1) gas well in Jackson Township. Information is on file at Township office.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Rupert motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Kroll seconded. Roll call, yes.