

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Steinheiser at 4:16 p.m. on January 6, 2020 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser, Ed Rupert and Ricky Kradel. 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. Twelve 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 26, 2019 "close of business" meeting. Kradel motioned to approve the December 26, 2019 minutes. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$354,616.07 but with deposits in the amount of \$1,982.14 and checks in the amount of \$29,645.36 are approved tonight, the ending balance will be \$326,952.85. Lee Kradel stated the beginning Escrow account is \$54,883.65 and with no deposits and checks in the amount of \$1,060.00 being approved tonight, the ending balance will be \$53,823.65. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance was \$1,789.83 and with \$.08 in interest, the ending balance is \$1,789.91. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee beginning fund balance was \$192,270.41 but with \$227.56 interest, the balance is \$192,497.97 and the CD remained the same at \$520,155.37 leaving a total of \$712,653.34 in the Act 13 account. Steinheiser 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

Steinheiser read a letter Ricky Kradel submitted to the Township regarding not participating in Township group health insurance plan at this time. Letter on file at Township office.

Lou Zimmerman and Matt McConnell were present to report on the Connoquenessing Fire Company for 2019. Lou Zimmerman said they had 160 (911) calls, 35 trainings and held 3 public relations events. Mr. Zimmerman supplied a report to the supervisors. Steinheiser stated anyone can request a copy from the Township. Mr. Zimmerman stated he is pleased to announce they gained approximately 14 new members since last summer. Mr. Zimmerman stated meetings are Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. and stated everyone is welcome. Mr. Zimmerman also stated they received a grant from Lowe's and received some new windows and updates to the banquet hall. Mr. Zimmerman said they have been researching replacing their 25 year old engine with a new one or just repairing it but both avenues are very costly and stated he would like to discuss with our Board in the future possible ways to get more fire company monies. The board thanked Lou and Matt for their time presenting this report and service to the community.

Steinheiser told the public that the Township's side door window was smashed out the previous weekend. Steinheiser stated Rupert came over and placed a police report and he and Steinheiser boarded up the door and cleaned up the glass. Steinheiser said there was no sign of anything being bothered inside and no sign of vandalism. Steinheiser said he contacted United Plate Glass for a repair and they had it fixed within a day. Steinheiser requested a letter be wrote to UPG to show our appreciation.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD

Evelyn Hockenberry stated she would like to hold her comment until a future meeting.

PLANS

John Taylor from Frank Taylor Engineering was present to present the Bruce E. Bocker, Trustee of the Mary Gehm Irrevocable Trust, u/a/d of 3/18/1998 Subdivision Plan. Bill Braun stated it is a 195 acre tract that is being divided

into 3 parcels. Mr. Braun stated one parcel (parcel 1) will remain with the present house and the other two lots will be made non-buildable agricultural. Bill Braun said the majority of the property is in Prospect Borough but since a small percentage was in our Township the plan had to come to both. Bill Braun stated his letter on December 3, 2019 to the supervisors said they will need to request a modification to waive the requirements of Articles V & VI per 245-14-A and DEP form entitled "Request for Planning Waiver & Non-Building Declaration should be completed by the SEO, Township Planning Commission and Township Supervisors. Rupert told the public it was the farm on Country Lane Road. Rupert motioned to approve the modification to waive the requirement of Articles V & VI per 245-14-A. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes. Rupert motioned to approve the Bruce E. Brocker, Trustee of the Mary Gehm Irrevocable Trust, u/a/d of 3/18/1998 Subdivision Plan for preliminary and final approval contingent on Prospect Borough's approval and the "Planning Waiver & Non-Building Declaration" form being signed and approved. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes.

ENGINEER REPORT

Bill Braun stated he is still addressing three issues with #1 Cochran. One being the buffer trees which he was just told that the additional landscaping stakes had been placed per his request but he hasn't stopped to verify that yet. Secondly, Mr. Braun stated they have not done anything with their stormwater yet and thirdly #1 Cochran did hire someone to do a footcandle test on the lights shining onto neighboring properties and based on our ordinance, they meet the requirements. Mr. Braun, however said they are willing to re-program the pole lights that come on at dusk to dim to 50% at 10:00 p.m. and turn off at 2:00 a.m. and only have the security lighting that is on the building stay on after 2:00 a.m.

Bill Braun stated at last meeting a gentlemen mentioned that the project on Rt. 68/Kriess Rd./Eagle Mill Rd. intersection is not even on the PennDot plan. Mr. Braun said he contacted the District #10 Penn Dot Project Manager Dave Layman and Mr. Layman said this project is in the preliminary design phase and should see advertisements in the local paper in 4-5 months requesting the public to attend their meetings. Mr. Layman also told Mr. Braun that PennDot does have this intersection on the "Transportation Improvement Plan for 2022" for construction. Mr. Braun stated, of course, these dates could always change.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. stated the Township is up and running with the Sewage Authority now that he has submitted the application to the State. Mr. Menchyk, Jr. told the board the first meeting of the Sewage Authority Board members can be coordinated through this office to be scheduled.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Steinheiser motioned to approve invoice for December 2019 in the amount of \$182.19. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

NONE

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

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

56-19 - Joseph Angiolier -Jacobs Ln - deck - 12/31/19

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

NONE

SEO REPORT

NONE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Rupert stated the 911 radio discussed at last month's meeting should be functional early in the next year.

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Rupert motioned to pay PSATS invoice for 2020 membership in the amount of \$1,363.00. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes,

Kradel motioned to pay the BCATO dues for 2020 in the amount of \$35.00. Rupert seconded. Roll call, yes.

Rupert motioned to pay Connoquenessing Borough for Township's share of 2020 Auto and Workers' Compensation Insurance Premium in the amount of \$12,788.10. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.

Rupert motioned to approve to pay for eligible officials to attend the PSATS convention in Hershey in May of 2020. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Rupert motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:48 p.m. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes.