

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Steinheiser at 5:30 p.m. on February 3, 2020 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser and Ricky Kradel. Ed Rupert 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. Eight 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 January 6, 2020 "organizational" and "supervisors" meetings. Kradel motioned to accept the January 6, 2020 "organizational" meeting minutes. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes. Kradel motioned to accept the January 6, 2020 "supervisors" meeting minutes. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$326,952.85 but after deposits of \$97,756.93 and checks in the amount of \$49,707.16 are approved tonight, the ending balance will be \$375,002.62. Lee Kradel stated the beginning Escrow account balance is \$53,823.65 but after deposits of \$1,960.00 and checks in the amount of \$1,885.50 being approved tonight, the ending balance will be \$53,898.15. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance is \$1,789.91 with interest of \$.08, leaving the ending balance at \$1,78.99. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance was \$192,497.97 but with interest of \$220.71, the ending balance is \$192,718.68. Lee Kradel said the Act 13 CD remained at \$520,155.37 for a grand total of \$712,874.05. Kradel motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes.

Steinheiser mentioned the Act 13 CD matures on February 9, 2020 and stated the interest rate has gone down but feels we should reinvest for only another 6-month term. Kradel motioned to reinvest the Act 13 CD at the rate of 1.5% at Nextier Bank for 6-month term ending on August 9, 2020. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes.

The agenda stated that Maher Duessel will be in this week from Feb. 3-7, 2020 to audit the books for 2019.

### **COMMENT PERIOD (Three minute limit pertaining to agenda)**

\*NONE\*

### **OLD BUSINESS**

\*NONE\*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

\*NONE\*

**REQUEST TO BE HEARD (Three minute limit)**

Benedict Fallecker was present to tell the supervisors that he is planning to purchase 24 parcels of land that are physically located in Lancaster Township but taxed in Connoquenessing Township and requests that the parcels remain taxed in Connoquenessing Township. These parcels were mentioned in our minutes on November 6, 2019 because Dennis Davis was requesting these parcels be transferred to Lancaster Township and the Township agreed but now that Mr. Davis did not purchase the parcels, Mr. Fallecker would like them to remain taxed in Connoquenessing Township. Mr. Fallecker presented a letter to the Township dated February 3, 2020 requesting the above. Steinheiser motioned to rescind the Township's approval to allow the parcels to be taxed in Lancaster per the meeting of November 6, 2019 and retain these parcels in Connoquenessing Township. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.

**PLANS**

\*NONE\*

**ENGINEER REPORT**

Bill Braun updated on the 3 areas #1 Cochran is still working on which were: the lighting and stated he feels this is resolved, 2. the Stormwater which they were waiting on a NPDES permit to enlarge the retention pond and just received that from the Conservation District and not planning on fixing until Spring and 3. the buffer trees which Bill said he has looked at the stakes they have placed and approves their location. Mr. Braun said # 1 Cochran is requesting a letter approving their revised landscape buffer plan before planting the trees. Mr. Braun stated he and Brenda could write the letter. Steinheiser motioned to approve the revised landscape buffer plan and send the letter. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes. Roy Gilliland asked what size the trees have to be? Bill Braun stated our ordinance has 3 different buffer yards (10 ft., 15 ft., and 25 ft.) and trees need to be 50/50 mix between evergreens and deciduous and trees will have a 3" diameter trunk and about 6 ft. tall. Mr. Gilliland said that seemed like a good size tree.

Mr. Braun stated Trans Associates informed him that the signal poles ordered for the Rt. 68/Kriess Rd./Eagle Mill Rd. intersection are delayed by about 3 months and feels the Township should send a letter to PennDot requesting a time extension on the Green Light Go grant. Mr. Braun said he and Lee would write the letter requesting the extension.

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

\*NONE\*

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Steinheiser motioned to approve Sandi Cox's invoice for January in the amount of \$309.63. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes. Report in packets.

**ROAD MASTERS REPORT**

Kradel motioned to order 1,000 tons of road salt through the CoStars contract that runs from August 2020 to July 2021. Lee Kradel stated it must be ordered by March 15, 2020. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes. Evelyn Hockenberry asked who our salt supplier was this year? Lee Kradel said, Detroit Salt. Kradel said CoStars assigns by County where we get the salt from.

Kradel discussed promoting road crew member Charlie Yenick to be temporary road superintendent because the current one is on medical leave. Kradel requests this promotion be retroactive to January 8, 2020. Kradel and Steinheiser said they are very pleased with how Charlie stepped into the position. Kradel motioned to promote Charlie Yenick to temporary road superintendent and receive road superintendent's current rate and his pay be retroactive to January 8, 2020. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel discussed an agreement drawn up between Concord Township and Connoquenessing Township to trade a Highway SA-6C salt spreader owned by Concord Township for a plow, plow brackets and chip spreader box owned by Connoquenessing Township. Kradel said these items are not being used by the municipalities that own them but will benefit the other municipality. Steinheiser reviewed the draft agreement and pictures of the items that are part of the agreement and agreed to trade. Kradel motioned to sign the agreement. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel stated he would like a traffic study done on Lower Harmony Rd. Kradel said culvert work is being planned on Crab Run Rd. and Whitestown Rd. Ext. which can possibly get grants from the Dirt & Gravel road grants through the Conservation District but was informed that a traffic study would need done on Lower Harmony Rd. since some of the culvert goes under that road. Bill Braun said if the Township feels the road is traveled by 500 or less vehicles per day the road crew can actually do the study themselves between 3-6 p.m. Mr. Braun told the board he would contact the Conservation District and advise. Steinheiser motioned to approve the Lower Harmony Rd. traffic study per the engineers findings. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.

Calvin Wonderly questioned Kradel on the Brandywine catch basins that were never corrected. Kradel said he just heard about that problem early today and will be working on getting the problem resolved.

Roy Gilliland mentioned his past problem with drainage in his field and said the road crew put something in to correct it but never comes back to clean it out. Kradel told Mr. Gilliland that he will meet with him to see the situation.

#### **BUILDING PERMIT REPORT**

Steinheiser stated there were four building permits applied for this month.

They were:

- 1-20 - Robert Kosar, Jr. - Powder Mill Rd. - garage - 1/8/20
- 2-20 - Christine Muzzana - Kriess Rd. - storage building - 1/14/20
- 3-20 - Barry Bieber - Prospect Rd. - breezeway/garage - 1/21/20
- 4-20 - Samuel Terlizzi - Cupps Rd. - new home - 1/24/20

#### **TAX COLLECTOR REPORT**

\*NONE\*

#### **SEO REPORT**

Steinheiser stated a final inspection was done for Lutherlyn

**MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

Kradel motioned to release escrow to Frank B. Taylor Engineering for the Brocker/Gehm Subdivision Plan in the amount of \$499.00. Steinheiser seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel motioned to replace Terry Steinheiser with Lee Ann Kradel as voting delegate at the State Convention in May 2020. Terry Steinheiser stated he should abstain but needed to vote to pass the motion. Roll call, Kradel, yes. Steinheiser, yes.

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

Received letter dated January 16, 2020 from Gannett Fleming on behalf of XTO Energy stating they propose to construct a temporary water pipeline in Connoquenessing Township (Penn Energy Vault to Patton TWL). Information is on file at the Township office.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Steinheiser motioned to adjourn to an executive session at 6:10 p.m. to discuss ongoing litigation issues and stated the board would not return. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.