

Connoquenessing Township's Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Steinheiser at 6:00 p.m. on August 3, 2022 at the Connoquenessing Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors Terry Steinheiser, Larry Spangler 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. Forty-eight people signed in on the public sign in record on file. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steinheiser stated the Supervisors met immediately following the July 6, 2022 Supervisors' Meeting to consult with the Solicitor involving the collective bargaining agreement and possible litigation.

REVIEW MINUTES

Reviewed minutes of July 6, 2022. Kradel motioned to accept the July 6, 2022 supervisors meeting minutes. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Lee Kradel reported the beginning balance in the General Fund is \$264,428.20 but after deposits of \$41,425.52 and checks in the amount of \$55,798.34 are approved tonight, the ending balance will be \$250,055.38. Lee Kradel stated the beginning Escrow account balance is \$56,741.84 but with deposits in the amount of \$1,419.75 and checks in the amount of \$750.00 being approved tonight, the ending balance will be \$57,411.59. Lee Kradel said the Highway Aide beginning balance is \$34,186.12 with interest of \$4.19, leaving the ending balance at \$34,190.31. Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 Impact Fee fund beginning balance was \$474,682.29 but with interest of \$501.02, the ending balance is \$475,183.31. Lee Kradel said the Act 13 CD balance remained at \$730,478.47 for a grand total of \$1,205,661.78. Lee Kradel stated the American Relief Plan had a beginning balance of \$203,733.03 but with interest in the amount of \$229.63 the ending balance is \$203,962.66. Spangler motioned to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.

Lee Kradel stated the Act 13 CD matures on August 9, 2022 and she received new rates from Nextier Bank. The rates offered were 2.15% (6 month), 2.25% (9 month), 2.3% (1 year) and 2.4% (18 months). Steinheiser asked Lee Kradel's opinion. Lee Kradel suggests going with 1 year because rates might go up. The board discussed adding more to it from the Act 13 checking account. Kradel motioned to renew the current CD amount of \$730,478.47 for the 1 year term at 2.3%. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.

COMMENT PERIOD - three minute limit pertaining to agenda

Steinheiser mentioned he gave permission to 3 individuals listed under "Request to be Heard" before the meeting to go over 3 minutes because they have presentations. Steinheiser asked all others to limit to 3 minutes.

Lambert Rosenbaum, sewer authority member, stated he has a 20 year background in financing public sewer systems and the sewer authority board was given 7 options from HRG and he can't recommend any of them. Lambert went over numbers and stated there is no affordable, fundable

project here to pick from. Lambert suggests partnering with another community, hopefully Forward Township. Lambert said we need an "option 8" that has a smaller scope, affordable and has phases. The public applauded Mr. Rosenbaum's comments.

Ray Melder said he has read where the Chairman of the Sewer Authority board works for PennVest and the Sewer Authority is applying for money through PennVest and concerned if this is a conflict of interest or if PennVest is getting a kick back. Steinheiser stated the Chairman will abstain from these votes. Mr. Rosenbaum stated that PennVest is a government program and several other personnel will be looking over these contracts. Lambert asked that the "conflict of interest" rumor be squelched. Mr. Rosenbaum said the Sewer Authority is here to work for the public as honestly as they can.

BIDS

Kradel stated a sealcoat bid was advertised after last month's meeting so a motion to ratify the advertising needed made tonight. Kradel motioned to ratify the sealcoat bid advertisement for the opening on August 3, 2022. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.

Kradel stated no sealcoat bids for today August 3, 2022 were received and did not motion to re-advertise.

REQUEST TO BE HEARD - three minute limit

Please see below: These were listed on agenda but notes were supplied from residents:

Bill Long - below note supplied by resident

Laura Mason - below note supplied by resident

Fred Hensel - below note supplied by resident

Angela Fleegeer - below note supplied by resident

Chris Klink - notes by secretary

Dianna Edwards - notes by secretary

Larry Sumansky - notes by secretary

Carol Christner - below note supplied by resident

Dave Dreher - below note supplied by resident

Theresa Dreher - did not comment

Jason Bacher - notes by secretary

Donna Zang - notes by secretary

Mark Williams - below note supplied by resident

Estle Harp - notes by secretary

Copy of Resident's
Presentations

August 3, 2022 - Connoquenessing Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

From: William R. Long

Terry, as Chairman, and the other two Supervisors. I will try to make this short and to the point. I am presenting you with a copy of my address and my drafted version of sewage along the Rt 68 corridor for inclusion in tonight's minutes.

You as Supervisors have placed the Senate Engineering plan on hold due to its COST and proposed DEVASTATION to residential property.

At the meeting, where this was discussed, I sat and listened to the three then supervisors as all stating that you thought that the sewage would be along the Rt 68 corridor. It was stated by Ed in that meeting that any property touching the Rt 68 corridor should be sewerred. There were no dissenting comments from the board.

I took you gentleman at your word and, as an engineer, I drove and walked the Rt 68 corridor. I designed a draft version of what I considered your conception of sewage along Rt 68. I included Winterwood which would probably increase my costs. Taking Winterwood to BASA would probably be cheaper. I used the Senate drawings and counted each dwelling that bordered my drafted area. My draft uses both the Shannon Mills and Brandy Wine treatment plants after upgrading. The drafted rendition is mostly gravity fed. It services 681 EDUs. This is a very conservative number. I did not include any of the businesses, the ButterCup Camp Grounds, the church or Connoquenessing Elementary School. These businesses and other undertakings should certainly count for a significant increase in the EDUs.

Carol Christener has gone one step further with the draft and hired an engineering firm to somewhat verify it. Their work partially verified the attached draft and on the portion of the design that they studied found the deepest excavation needed was 15 feet. The CTSA was given a paper copy of this survey work including a thumb drive showing the same data as the drawings. Carols engineering firm's drawings showed a simpler hook up to Brandy Wine but with fewer EDUs than my work.

You, as Supervisors, asked the CTSA to investigate a reduced scope system. They put out a request for quote's. The request was very general. When I asked what the request was for, I was told by the chairman of the CTSA, that the engineering firm would know and they did not need direction.

Now where are we at after months of study. Higher costs and the same devastation of residential property that the Supervisors stopped months ago. WE HAVE GOTTEN NOWHERE. The CTSA chairman made the comment that trees are going to fall. It's not his decision to make since any revision to the 537 plan is up to the Board of Supervisors to make and not his.

Something is wrong here. Is this being driven as a 'stepping stone' in someone's career plans and not for the good of the citizens.

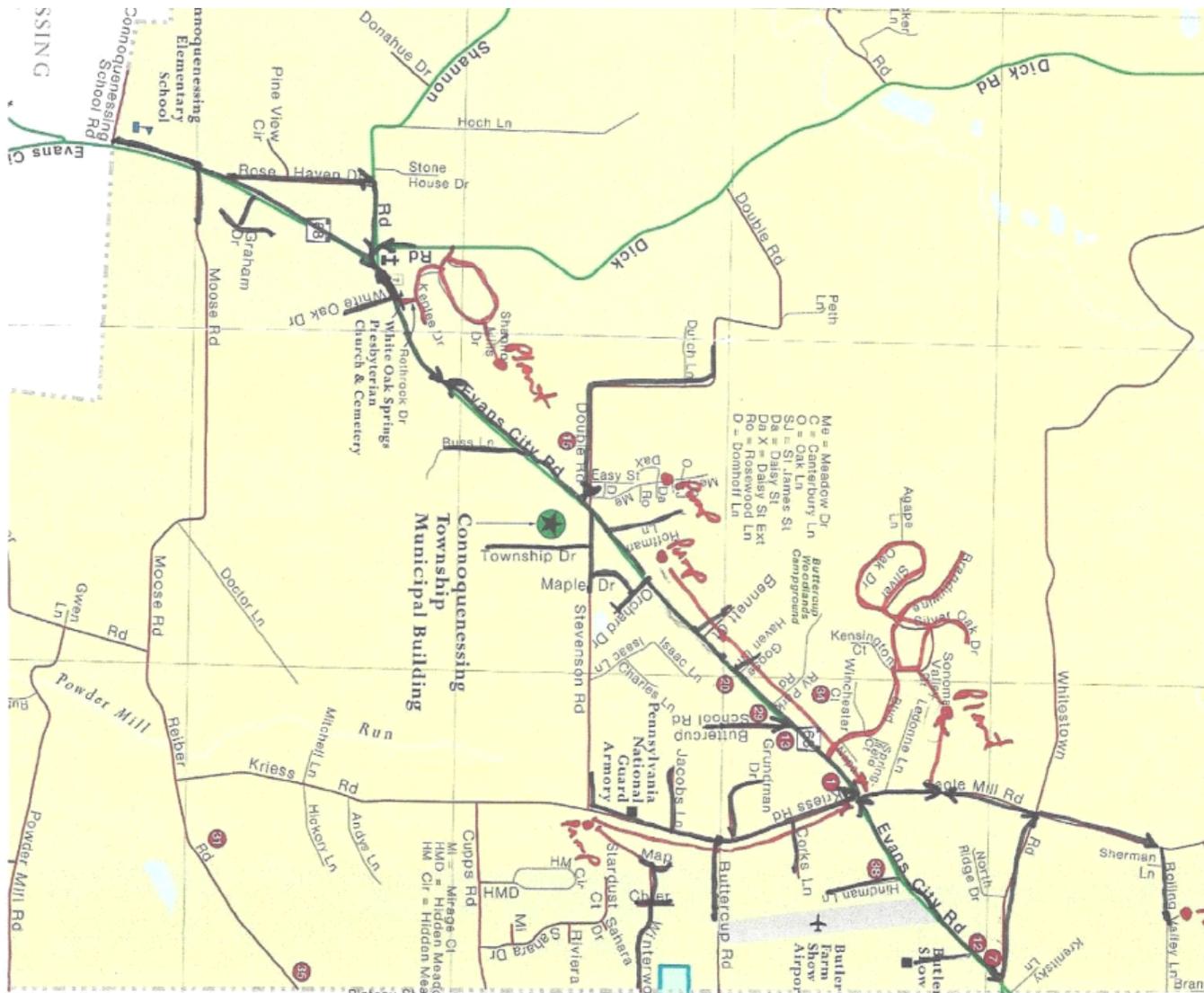
I do not think that a serious effort was made to reduce the scope of the Senate design. All that was done was to use the Senate Plan and take the sewage to Saxonburg or Evans City. Funny that one of the members of CTSA is a member of the Evans City Sewer Authority.

The DEP is not the 'big bad wolf' at the door. The DEP has not put out a mandate to sewer the Township. As a matter of fact - in conversations with them - they are HO HUM about the process. They know the Senate plan was rejected by the citizens and nothing more. Why are we trying to sewer a large area of the township? There is no mandate from the DEP that is causing a multi-million-dollar project to be undertaken. Again, in one of your meetings I heard it said that all of the systems marked as failed on your map have not failed. They were marked as failing because the SEO thought that they had a potential to fail. I have never seen the SEO at any meetings. Has he even done any dye tests to verify any system failures?

In a conference call with the DEP - they stated that it is the townships responsibility for seeing that any failed system is repaired. Why should we all be penalized for inaction on the township's part.

Why didn't the CTSA act on your behalf on designing a reduced scope. Instead -they have used HRG to design a higher cost system with the same or greater property devastation.

Steinheiser allowed Mr. Long to exceed 3 minutes . Kradel asked if Mr. Long had figures of the cost of Carol Christener Plan? Mr. Long said, "no".



8/3/2022 Laura Mason

1. DEP Communication: There has been no mandate from the DEP for Connoquenessing to implement a public sewage system. I have spoken to them 3 times and no such legal mandate or timeline exists. Their comments verbatim were *"the DEP does not mandate or state what the Township's 537 plan is nor timeframe"*. The DEP also allows for areas to be added and subtracted, and the township has to address the known problem areas in a multitude of ways. The citizens have asked multiple times what exactly are the specific "known issues" are, and there are none. No recent tests have been done. The DEP knows the 3 main areas of problems are 68, Winterwood and The Woodlands. They Woodlands is not even on HRG's reports and Winterwood could easily be absorbed into BASA, even if there is a price tag. I recall only quick correspondence with BASA regarding Winterwood and no heavy research. If you want my assistance with Winterwood & Basa, I would be happy to help. Are we ready to spend \$51M because of unconfirmed comments from Brendan & the board? I have heard many times the board saying, "the DEP will come do it for us if we don't" and that is absolutely false information being presented to the

residents you are supposed to represent. There is only fear and “one day we will be mandated”. Let’s not act on fear. Let’s act on mandates.

2. HRG presents themselves as very detailed and professional, however, I found many missing or inaccurate line items in their cost analysis. First, Eminent Domain is not free. **Eminent Domain is not free.** The township must present all landowners a formal “Declaration of Taking”. This includes a paid appraisal by the township, which is not line itemed. The industry standard for a 20 foot right of way and construction is \$5-7 a liner foot. HRG estimated only \$5 total and did not include all properties. Furthermore, as landowners we all have the right to not accept the offer or negotiation, regardless of legal representation. We can get a 2nd appraisal, and we will automatically get \$4,000 for legal and appraisal fees paid by the Township. This \$4,000 per EDU was not factored. That could be upwards of \$4.6M. Legal complaints can be filed, and many of these projects have ended in a jury trial. Let’s be clear...the landowners have the upper hand, and our lawyers can make it very difficult and expensive for all of us. Let’s just keep adding to the bill.

My second cost is a repeat of examples I have already shown you. Welsh road is a gravel road and does not even have winter maintenance. The very basis costs to upgrade this road as per DOT 10-ton load capacity regulations. We’re going to need roughly 11,151 tons in asphalt @ \$81 per ton (\$892,080) + 17,424 tons of gravel @ \$12/ ton (\$209,088) + subgrade and survey fees of \$700K + grading of \$200,000. It would cost at minimum \$2M to upgrade 1.8 miles for the Welsh Road plant.

3. Let me move on the business EDU calculation. Not once have I heard the accurate cost we would charge business for tap in and service fees. All I have heard is someone made some “casual” calls to businesses inquiring on their employee count and here is an outdated spreadsheet showing a very “casual” study of surrounding business, which interestingly shows only 3 people using sewage for this building. Looks to me like there is a lot more than 3 people in this business right now. The businesses should be absorbing most of these costs, not the homeowners who flush their toilets probably 100+ times less per day. Please show me the ACCURATE EDU costs for every single business these lines affect. Business cost absorption should be the second priority to study after the first priority to study of current failed septic systems. Both of these key reports are missing and we instead just want to rush a vote for \$51M+?!?!?

4. Let’s talk about failed procedures by the Township over the last decade:
Connoquenessing Code 205-28 states: *BASA is authorized in the course of its program of inspection and testing of privately and publicly owned facilities within the Township, when it identifies deteriorating sewer service laterals or other connections, devices or conditions which cause or permit inflow of storm and surface waters or infiltration of ground or subsurface waters into the publicly owned facilities of the BASA sanitary sewer system, to provide written notice to the property owner or owners as to the condition of such laterals and sewer service connections, devices or conditions, together with a statement that such deteriorating laterals and sewer service connections, devices or conditions, must, at the*

property owner's expense, be promptly repaired, replaced or rehabilitated. A copy of all written reports of deteriorating laterals and sewer service connections shall be kept on file and shall be used in determining whether certificates can issue.

Where are the reports? Where is BASA? Why has the Township failed to adhere to this code for decades and now we're acting on "fear" to implement an unreasonably financial project that will only solve a very small percentage of the real problem. **Lee Kradel stated that only applies to properties connected to BASA. Ms. Kradel stated BASA does not inspect onlot systems.**

There is no DEP mandate now. Why are we even considering spending more than \$1M right now shoving down a massive system in place with absolutely no proper profit return? It's your choice....either bankrupt this community and have sewage in pipes that will one day fail, or save our community and start testing problem systems & mandating repairs, which the sewage board could easily take on for the supervisors.

In closing, Laura Mason stated she has 20 years in construction and finance experience and has researched this project for over 1-1/2 years and wants to help. Mrs. Mason asked the board to utilize her help. Steinheiser corrected Mrs. Mason saying that it would not cost \$2,000,000 to fix Welsh Rd. for the Sewer Plant. Steinheiser said the construction would come in from the other side. Mrs. Mason said she would differ on that.

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Fred Hensel

My name is Fred Hensel. My wife and I are grandparents, parents, business owners, (I am an engineer and my wife is a CPA), citizens, and taxpayers. We have been residents of Napa Court, Connoquenessing Township, for 12+ years, and residents of Butler County for 50+ years. An email to reach me is ConnoQ@TSIQC.com and my cell is 724-822-4960.

I attended the sewer meeting on 7/25/2022 and here are my thoughts and notes since then.

The first presentation was \$51,359,000 projected costs, 1,151 EDUs served = \$44,621.19 per unit.

I spoke out about that being very high for the citizens/taxpayers of Connoquenessing Township, as that that is the equivalent of a mortgage of approximately \$242.28 per month, plus service costs, plus maintenance, etc. Now, they assume they can get grants and low interest loans to reduce that cost down, but by how much?

After making some texts and calls, I realized this is VERY fuzzy math. Because these 1,151 EDUs INCLUDED our development here at Napa Ridge. There are 250 units at Napa Ridge, with our very own fully functioning sewer system that we already had installed and pay about \$30 per month.

So the first presented cost estimate of \$44,621.19 per unit, is really disingenuous, (or an outright purposeful lie?) as these 250 units are already connected and working with their own system, so the real cost is closer to \$57,002.22 per new unit!

So IF everything goes right, we should expect our monthly bill to go to \$160 or MORE per month (but I think that is a pipe dream!) on top of tap in fees of \$3,000.00? \$4,000.00 or more?

In addition to the sewer pipe and excavation, there will likely be tons of lawsuits fighting the taking of our citizen's land, and with today's economic situation, costs are highly likely to escalate!

Surely, we can fix those "bad systems" for way less than spending \$51,000,000???

To me, it appears someone wants to be able to develop their land and make tons of money without paying for the infrastructure themselves! And they are making a lot of excuses and circular reasoning, and WE THE PEOPLE need to stand up and resist!

I am asking you to PLEASE attend tonight's township meeting and express your concern and your demand that we do NOT pursue this! We have already spent \$1,000,000 on this plan design! Why?

Please attend the Board of Supervisors Meeting Tonight at 6:00 pm at the Connoquenesing Township Building! (you might want to bring a chair just in case.)

Please pass this around to everyone in our township!

Thank you.

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Angela Fleeger

The community is asking that the supervisors do what they are elected to do - Look out for the best interests of the community.

This board appointed the CTSA to create a plan for your approval, as it is the role of this board to make a final decision on Act 537. What we were presented during the July 25 CTSA meeting was nothing short of the aggressive plans from the original Senate phases. The community was misled to believe the plans would primarily focus on the 68 corridor

This is why this board and the CTSA continues to create a massive trust issue with residents.

The plans presented were strongly siding with plan 1, which is not far from the original Senate plan at a new cost of \$51,000 +.

This is not in the best interest of the public, but rather the ambitious self-serving interests of this board and the CTSA.

The ask is for this board to keep public sewage to the 68 corridor, to have residents with failed septic systems fix their properties immediately, and for this board to not approval a plan that will financially devastate residents.

Angela Fleeger thanked Lambert for his words earlier and believes he has empathy for what the residents are saying and truly looking for another alternative.

Steinheiser called **Chris Klink** from Reiber Rd. She stated she has said many times the most commonsense thing to do is fix the broken systems. Mrs. Klink is frustrated that the residents have waited months for HRG's reduced scope and The scope is now bigger. Mrs. Klink mentioned SEO Dave Ice's testing results again from 2007, 2015 and 2016 and said these results were done only by a walk around, not an actual dye test. Mrs. Klink stated HRG concluded a possible 33 homes have malfunctions but that only mean 3.5% of systems are failing. Mrs. Klink stated there are grants for individuals to get their failed systems repaired and asked the supervisors again to get an ordinance in place to mandate failed systems being fixed.

Steinheiser called **Dianna Edwards** which stated the public has been objecting to the high cost and destruction of property for the last 1-1/2 years and need the Supervisors to listen, not just hear us. Mrs. Edwards asks that the supervisors spend the money on fixing failed systems instead of public sewage. Mrs. Edwards stated the majority of the residents don't need this and asks the supervisors to use their commonsense.

Steinheiser called **Larry Sumansky** who just reinforced what other residents already said about Senate Engineering already costing \$600,000, reducing the scope, contracting with HRG for other options and Senate had already did this work. Mr. Sumansky also agrees that DEP will work with the Township. Mr. Sumansky said the Chairman of the Sewer Authority said one of the HRG options would be approved and questioned the board how can he promise this with all the public opposition. Mr. Sumansky stated the most disturbing thing at the last sewer meeting was having an armed policeman being present. Mr. Sumansky asked if the policeman would have removed anyone. Steinheiser said he didn't know what he would do. Mr. Sumansky asked who will oversee the construction costs, will the Township hire another engineer. No comment from board. Mr. Sumansky asked if anyone will go talk to the DEP. No comment from the board.

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Carol Christner

I'm here this evening to express my dismay and displeasure in HRG's analysis of the sewer needs in the Township. I've looked at the proposed plans and have some serious questions about the designs. One item we all seem to be able to agree on is that the route 68 corridor to some degree requires sewage however there's a section that interestingly enough was not sewerred in senates drawing and HRG has continued to not included on their plans. It is the area in front of the old Bacchus nursery. Why is that?

One change that HRG has implemented is that they have solved all the future problems for the existing private on-site sewage plants in the vicinity by turning them into pump stations at the

townships expense. I'm not sure that's an effective use of Brandywine and Shannon Mills since they are newer plants and are operating below capacity

Another variation that was investigated is tying into Evans City. It is interesting because when HRG approached forward Township they made it very clear that the Township had no interest in sewer at this time. However, an interesting omission is that the sewer line would run directly past the Connoquenessing borough plant. I'd like to know why the inclusion of that plant was not considered to help defray some of the costs.

It appears that the leadership of the Township feels that the whole route 68 corridor lends itself to very quick development therefore will require sewage. The southern section is comprised of mostly small homes on small lots that would have to be purchased in mass to be useful as any type of a commercial venture and that is not a realistic expectation in the near future.

The other area it seems to be of some concern is the Winterwood plan . There had been negotiations to tie them into BASA but the stumbling block seems to be that nobody wants to pay for the infrastructure unless they get the customers. BASA wants the Township to pay for the infrastructure but not get the customers. As part of all these discussions it seems as though the financing always turns to grants which don't require repayment. This being the case why couldn't either the Township and or BASA get grant money to tie in Winterwood and therefore it would solve the problem without it costing either one for the infrastructure.

Talking about infrastructure grants, I believe some of them will even finance the repairs to on-site systems but the real question here is what are and where are the failed systems in the Township.

A few facts that might be of interest to the supervisors and the people here tonight. There's been a discussion about loans from the Butler County infrastructure bank. It might be of interest to note that HRG was instrumental in setting up that program and continues to be the engineer of record for the bank. Mark Gordon who heads the bank is also the chief of economic development and planning as well as the chairman of the planning commission for Butler County. It's an interesting situation that recently virtually every municipality along the 68 corridor is being pushed to install sewers and the carrot to dangle in front of us seems to be loans and grants. I sometimes wonder what we might be trading in community sovereignty for this money.

Steinheiser noted Mrs. Christner was given additional time.

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Dave Dreher

After reading the July 27th 2022 edition of the Butler Eagle posting legal notices of 'sale of delinquent taxes', our township has over 130 postings. That being the case, why does it appear we lead all of Butler County with the most delinquencies? This paper is a small representation of

the true Connoquenessing delinquencies. This indicate to me that there is a lot of residents who are already struggling with their finances.

What is the most cost-effective way that we as a small rural community can comply with the rule of the Act 537 Plan? We do not need to devastate our residents with this large financially burdening plan. After several large scenarios were provided by the sewer authority, each homeowner is looking at the following expenses they will be responsible for:

1. \$55,000 estimated EDU
2. Tap in fees of \$3,800 + in the OLD Senate plan. HRG does not even have numbers to present at this time, most likely in fear of how high they will be
3. Monthly fees were estimated at \$80+ per month by Senate. HRG does not even have numbers present at this time, most likely in fear of how high they will be
4. Physical excavation of lateral connections to sewage line estimated a conservative estimate of \$150 per foot up to 150+ feet. That is upwards of \$22,000!
5. Possible grinder pumps estimated at \$5,000
6. Probable increase in property taxes to fund resulting from township infrastructure needs
7. Decommissioning of existing septic systems up to \$4,000+
8. No restoration of land after massive land clearing and destruction
9. Negative property value impact from imposed right of way.
10. This adds up to close to \$100,000 per household!

We have gone from a \$22M system to a high proposed \$51M system. Why did HRG frown upon a reduced scope of the Route 68 corridor that we had been promised by our Supervisors? Should we not look at every possible option? Our taxpayer dollars have spent over a half of million dollars in engineering fees with no true reduced scope of the Route 68 corridor. When do we finally put the brakes on?

We ask that you keep our Township rural, protect our farms, streams, properties, and residents from this costly sewage system that we do not need. Please, once again, can we work on this as a community to be in control of our own future here? Thank you.

Steinheiser called on **Theresa Dreher** - Dave Dreher stated she wasn't needed.

Steinheiser called **Jason Bacher**, Holt Ln., who talked about his sewer repair costs to his residence back in 2013 was \$6,000 and doesn't feel any of these plans are affordable. Mr. Bacher said he might have to pack up and get out of here.

Steinheiser called **Donna Zang** who thanked Lambert for his comments and now has faith that some Sewer Authority member is listening. Mrs. Zang stated she was expecting a reduced scope and did not get one. Mrs. Zang also asked why the engineer would present a scenario and state the DEP probably won't accept this. Why even do the plan. Mrs. Zang stated HRG shows on one plan running lines down Stevenson Rd. where there are no malfunctions. Mrs. Zang asked why the previous planned sewer plant site on Boy Scout Rd. was canceled and when anyone is going to address the Woodlands.

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Mark Williams

Mr. Williams thanked Lambert for his comments.

Supervisors and community members:

After everything we've heard tonight from the community. I challenge you to stay informed, stay involved and look at the concerns voiced tonight.

Here are some thoughts on a few mentioned points that deserve our attention:

- There is no DEP Mandate for a 51 Million Dollar Sewer Project
- Where is the RT 68 Corridor Reduced Scope Evaluation
- Where are the thoroughly vetted EDU counts.
 - We need to demand they are accurately calculated and represented before moving forward with any scenario.
 - Especially from a business connection perspective.
 - The EDU count is the entire basis of accurately projecting a user level cost associated with the proposed scenarios.
- Where is the updated Projected Cost
 - We need to demand the CTSA provides an updated projected tap in and monthly fee cost with zero grant moneys
 - These may be a worst case scenarios but it will provide the community with a cost for our financial planning purposes
- Know your CTSA Board Members
 - Please look at the CTSA Board members, please have an understanding of potential ulterior motives and potential conflicts:
 - Remember these board members will be responsible for making decisions that will be impacting every aspect of this project.
 - The CTSA is a five member board,
 - will members be forced to abstain from critical votes because of potential conflicts?
 - we have seen this already on a vote involving an application for financing.
 - or maybe worse yet will they be permitted to vote when a potential conflict exists?

Please stay informed, stay involved and voice your concerns.

Steinheiser called **Estle Harp** who thanked Lambert for his comments and stated the options presented went from bad to worse. Mr. Harp feels the only people benefiting from this project are the engineers and construction company. Mr. Harp said DEP is not unapproachable. Mr. Harp said \$51,000,000 is just craziness.

Steinheiser asked if **HRG** had any comments on the Act 537 options. Chad Hanley from HRG said the study they did followed what they were asked to do; they looked at Senate Engineering's plan design and what supervisors submitted to DEP and approved by DEP and was asked to look at a reduced scope area and that is what HRG did. Mr. Hanley said if a smaller scope is requested they can do that for an additional fee.

Rick Kradel asked if HRG has an estimated cost for only doing the Rt. 68 corridor. Mr. Hanley said, "no". Kradel asked about the Brandywine plant that is 20 years old and asked HRG if it would be worth putting money into. Mr. Hanley stated the plant is re-habitable but would be a cost. Mr. Hanley wanted the public to understand that the low rate of \$33.00 for Brandywine residents sewage is just paying for the operational charges. Mr. Hanley stated when the houses were built all the constructions costs went to the new owner. Kradel would like to have the study done only on the Rt. 68 corridor. Steinheiser said that needs discussed among the Sewer Authority Board and then to supervisors.

Lambert Rosenbaum, vice-chairman of Sewer Authority, suggests joining with another public sewage plants because adding more users will reduce the cost to everyone. Mr. Rosenbaum said he failed the public because he assumed HRG was going to present a Rt. 68 corridor plan but he was mistaken on what they were asked. The public understood and were not upset with Mr. Rosenbaum. Mr. Rosenbaum recommended the idea to do it in phases and look at the costs to use the current Brandywine and Shannon Mills plants to cover the Rt. 68 corridor.

Calvin Wonderly, member of Sewer Authority Board and President of the Brandywine/Vineyards Master Community Association stated that the Brandywine Association has 5 members who own the Brandywine Sewage Plant and all 5 members voted to give Connoquenessing Township the plant on the condition that Brandywine residents do not have to pay for tap in. Steinheiser felt using the Brandywine Plant would just put a bandage on the Act 537 plan. Steinheiser thanked Mr. Wonderly for his comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Act 537 sewer design plan update was on agenda but no comments during this section.

Kradel said a final draft of the Flag was provided by Wise Business Forms. The board passed around copies to residents to review but tabled any action until next meeting.

Steinheiser asked the other board members their opinion on the Township getting appraisals on the land PennDot is condemning or just accept their offer of \$49,000. The board agreed to get other appraisals. Steinheiser motioned to solicit for an appraiser. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Menchyk, Jr. asked if the board was ready to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Union employees. There was a brief discussion in reference to the Dental Benefits section of the agreement needing changed. Steinheiser tabled the agreement until both parties discuss.

PLANS

NONE

ENGINEER REPORT

William Braun stated that all physical work has been done at #1 Cochran but still need to submit a revised SWM Plan and the as-built drawings. Mr. Braun said their cash bond needs retained until these issues are complete.

Kradel asked Bill Braun about any stormwater affect the township could incur from a new housing plan going in off Cupps Rd. Kradel stated our road superintendent Bill Chuba is concerned. Kradel asked Mr. Braun to contact Jesse Hines, Butler Township Zoning Officer, to discuss and update the board on his findings.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Andrew Menchyk, Jr. stated there are no new updates with the Armstrong Franchise Agreement.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Spangler motioned to ratify paying June 2022 invoice in the amount of \$250.54. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes.

Spangler motioned to approve invoice for July 2022 in the amount of \$217.88. Kradel seconded. Roll call, yes. Reports are in packets.

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Kradel discussed with the board his next year's paving projects. Kradel stated the "4 barrel" culvert will need replaced on Lower Harmony Rd. so Whitestown Rd. Ext. and Crab Run Rd. will need bindered because they will be used when Lower Harmony Rd. is closed to replace the culvert. Steinheiser asked Kradel to bring a cost analysis to next month's meeting.

Kradel stated 15 road signs and 4 stop signs have been stolen in the last month. Kradel stated the police have been notified and was told they will monitor the roads.

Road superintendent report for July 2022 in packets.

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

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

They were:

39-22 - Alan Fry - Whitestown Rd. Ext. - shed - 7-5-22

40-22 - Jean Gartner - Upper Harmony Rd. - deck - 7/7/22

41-22 - Robert Cotherman - Crab Run Rd. - pole building - 7/15/22

42-22 - Matt DeLorenzo - Winterwood Dr. - deck - 7/15/22
43-22 - Robert Wissinger - Rose Haven Dr. - deck roof - 7/19/22
44-22 - Kevin Neubert - Winterwood Dr. - shed - 7/27/22

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

NONE

SEO REPORT

Kradel motioned to release sewage escrow for AAAA Storage in the amount of \$150.00. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

Matt McConnell with the Connoquenessing Volunteer Fire Company stated the Butler Farm Show is next week and the Fire Company will be selling 50/50's and if anyone would like to help sell, please let him know. Mr. McConnell stated the Farm Show sales are their biggest fund raising event.

MOTIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Steinheiser stated the below was on the agenda for information.

Annual operating license applications have been mailed to our four mobile home parks. As they are received, Sandra Cox will go inspect and advise.

Received letter dated July 20, 2022 from Moody and Associates on behalf of PennEnergy Resources to inform they are applying for a Permit to Drill and Operate an Unconventional Well from the PADEP for eight wells located in Forward Township. Information is on file at Township office.

Received letter dated July 19, 2022 from Civil & Environmental Consultants (CEC) on behalf of PennEnergy Resources to inform they are applying for a Permit to Drill and Operate an Unconventional Well from the PADEP for eight gas wells located at the McElhinny Well Pad located in Forward Township. Information is on file at Township office.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Steinheiser motioned to adjourn to an executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss personnel, collective bargaining agreement, PennDot condemnation, litigation and real estate issues and stated the board would not return. Spangler seconded. Roll call, yes.