



**CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 3, 2017**

The public meeting of the Borough Council of Connoquenessing was called to order at 7:30 pm at the Connoquenessing Borough building.

Present were Council members Lloyd Leslie, Nathan Reed, Francis Smith, Dave Hilliard, Mitch Leech, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Gary Pinkerton, Daniel Cox, Dave Bocci, Linda and Len Schoettker, Tom Hilliard and Vickie Forbes.

**Gary Pinkerton-Butler County Parks & Recreation**

The Borough has been awarded a \$40,000 grant by the Borough from the Community Partnerships Program administered by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). This grant requires a \$20,000 match and is for the new proposed portion of the walking trail in the Park. In 2016 the Borough received a \$7,500 grant through the Butler County Park and Recreation Local Park Renovation Program which can be used as part of the \$20,000 match. Mr. Pinkerton suggested applying for the 2017 Community Partnerships Program grant and for the 2017 Butler County Park and Recreation Local Park Renovation grant for the renovation of the existing trail. The Borough has funds available in the Act 13 Gas and Oil Development account for the matching funds required.

**SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE**

Bocci reported that he would be taking a load of liquid sludge from the pump station and plant as routine maintenance done during the winter months. The Plant is operating normally without issues. He reported that he would be starting the annual Chapter 94 Municipal Wasteload Management Report for 2016.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

Dan Cox discussed possible training for the National Incident Management System consisting of ICS 100 Introduction to Incident Command System and IS 700 National Incident Management. Plans are being formulated for offering a class on IS 700 at the Fire Hall for anyone interested including individuals from neighboring municipalities and fire departments. No consolidation meetings were held in December. January 9, 2017, is the next scheduled meeting.

**ZONING/INVESTIGATION**

No Report

**2017 APPOINTMENTS**

Vacancy Board:	Vickie Forbes
Secretary/Treasurer:	Vickie Forbes
Open Records Officer:	By Resolution
Butler County Tax Collector Committee:	Vickie Forbes
Depositor:	WESBanco Bank
Building Janitor:	Vickie Forbes
Park Caretaker:	Kenneth Schultheis
Building Permits:	Middle Dept. Insp. Agency
Zoning/Code Enforcement:	Patrick Gauselmann
Engineer:	Gannett Fleming, Inc.
Sewage Enforcement:	David Ice
Solicitor:	Larry Lutz
Emergency Management Coordinator:	Daniel Cox
PA One Call:	Dave Bocci

**Committee Appointments:**

Fire: David Hilliard  
Nathan Reed

Law & Order: Mitch Leech  
Harold Rader



**Committee Appointments-continued:**

Street:	Lloyd Leslie Francis Smith
Park:	Francis Smith David Hilliard
Sewage Financial:	Francis Smith David Hilliard
Planning Committee:	Mitch Leech Lloyd Leslie Harold Rader John Eberle Stella Graham Rob Campbell

Leech motioned, Reed seconded to accept the appointments as identified. Motion passed.

**BUSINESS**

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to approve the meeting minutes of December 6, 2016. Motion passed.

Leech motioned, Reed seconded, to accept the submitted November 2016 Treasurer’s Report. Motion passed.

Hilliard motioned, Reed seconded, to approve the bills as submitted. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Butler County Bureau of Elections – Election Day Issue

Council reviewed the letter sent to the Bureau of Elections on December 8, 2016. Leech motioned, Hilliard seconded to have Smith go to the Election Bureau to obtain the results of the investigation concerning this issue and to obtain information from the Election Bureau on steps they will take to prohibit similar activity in future elections. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Gannett Fleming Annual Consulting Services for 2017

Council stated approval was given based on the motion to approve all appointments identified earlier in the meeting which included Gannett Fleming as the Borough’s engineering firm.

Proposed Public Safety Radio System

The new proposed system will cost 9.9 million with half the cost being for the end user equipment. The County will be asking for emergency services to absorb some of the cost. Cox stated the last time the system was updated was in 2004 and that this current system would no longer be supported after 2018. Cox commented that he planned to attend the public forum on January 31 at BCCC. Hilliard stated that he would also attend this meeting.

Butler County Council of Governments (COG)

Council reviewed, discussed, and agreed not to join at this time.

Fee Resolution 2017-01

After review, Leech motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve Fee Resolution 2017-01. Motion passed.



Leslie Farms Phase 2 Planning Module Component 3 Approval Letter

Council acknowledged receipt of the approval letter from the DEP for the 30 single family residential subdivision, Phase 2.

Use of Borough Building for Homeowner Association Meetings

Council reviewed and discussed the request to use the Borough building for association meetings. Council agreed that the Borough building is to be used only for political meetings, therefore, could not grant this request to use the building.

Borough Directory

The Borough Directory was updated and distributed. Any changes should be sent to the Borough office.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Fire:** Hilliard commented that the committee was working on a business plan for the merging fire departments. This plan would be presented to all municipalities involved. Leslie stated that the Connoquenessing Volunteer Fire Department was chartered under Connoquenessing Borough and questioned how that would change under a merger.
- Law and Order:** No Report
- Streets:** No Report
- Zoning/Planning:** No Report
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** The Little Free Library will be installed Saturday.
- Sewage Financial:** No Report

**MISCELLANEOUS** Rader stated that there were several municipalities challenging the requirement to adopt a floodplain ordinance.

Leech motioned, Smith seconded at 8:45 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Vickie L. Forbes*

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