



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH

January 4, 2016

The Oath of Office was administered to newly elect Council members Lloyd Leslie and David Hilliard by Mayor Rader.

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

Those present were Council members Lloyd Leslie, Ronald Kaufman, Mitch Leech, Francis Smith, Dave Hilliard, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Bob Hilliard, Daniel Cox, Mike Slater, Sean Swidinski, Mittie Kaufman, and Vickie Forbes.

Lloyd Leslie was nominated to the position of Council President by Leech and was unanimously elected to the position.

Francis Smith was nominated to the position of Council Vice President by Leech and was unanimously elected to the position.

Mike Slater and Sean Swidenski of the Junior Blue Sox presented information for the renovations to the Park ballfield stating that the cost could exceed \$25,000. They requested extending the contract to four years and participation in managing the use of the field. Discussion also included placing signage on the fence advertising the sponsors, posting signs stating regulations for use of the field, and permission to paint buildings at the field. Leech motioned, Smith seconded to agree to a 4-year contract agreement with an option available for an additional two years. Motion passed. Details for signage and regulations for use of the field will be presented to Council at a later date.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci reported that a grinder pump at the pump station had quit working. Dumbaugh Electric had been contacted for a new replacement pump. Leslie questioned if any additional thought had been given to changes at the Plant. Bocci stated that changes to the operating process, which currently include regular bagging and periodic pumping at the Plant and Pump Station, were in a holding pattern; but there had been discussion with the Borough Engineer concerning possible changes in the future. Discussion continued on changes in the Leslie Farms plan and the need for as-built sewage drawings.

Council discussed information involving the use of an auxiliary building as a rental property located at 1206 Evans City Road. The property had not obtained a second tap for a second residential building. Leech motioned, Kaufman seconded to send a letter to the property owner billing for the tap-in fee and establishing monthly service for the second residential unit. Motion passed.

Leech motioned, Hilliard seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of December 1, 2015. Motion passed.

Smith motioned, Leech seconded, to accept the submitted November 2015 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Leech motioned, Kaufman seconded, to approve the bills as submitted. Motion passed.

Appointments were reviewed. Dan Cox was appointed as Emergency Management Coordinator. Neighboring townships will be contact to find a Sewage Enforcement Officer. Dave Hilliard was added to the Fire and Park Committees. All other appointments are unchanged. Leech motioned, Kaufman seconded to approve all appointments. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rt 68/Main Street Ponding Concern

Council reviewed information from PennDot regarding repairs and possible sharing of cost of the repair with the State.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gannett Fleming Annual Proposal

Council discussed and approved by earlier appointments.

2016 Butler County Block Grant Program

No action taken.

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Resolution 2016-01 Fee Schedule

Council reviewed and removed from Part 6 the section on Baseball Field. Leech motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve Resolution 2016-01 Fee Schedule. Motion passed.

Peoples – Road Paving 2016

Council reviewed and discussed potential work to be done on South Main Street. Peoples will be notified of potential work.

Park Rules and Regulations

The following will be added to the rules and regulations: Ballfield use will be based on availability and on Connoquenessing Borough written rules and regulations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: No Report

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: A request was received from Columbia Midstream to release the road bond for the construction of the pipeline in the Borough. A final inspection of required repairs to Borough streets was completed by Borough Engineer. A final invoice and a request for as-built drawings of the pipeline was sent to Columbia Midstream.

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: No Report

Park: The underground electrical service for the Park shelters was completed by Slater Electric & Sons. Extras at no additional cost included the install of a steel box rather than the quoted plastic box; grounding at the pole with a six foot copper rod; and the use of 02 wire instead of the quoted 04 wire. Two swing are ordered.

Sewage Financial: No Report

Code Enforcement: No Report

Dan Cox questioned how emergency management issues were addressed at Council meetings in the past. Discussion followed. Cox stated that the officer installation meeting will be held at the Fire Hall on February 20, 2016.

Leech motioned, Smith seconded at 9 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer