



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH

February 2, 2016

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, Mitch Leech, Francis Smith, Dave Hilliard, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Linda and Len Schoettker, Marci Sack, Darryl Kirschner, and Vickie Forbes.

Darryl Kirschner thanked Council for the great job they have been doing. He stated that the new street lights are a plus for the town providing better lighting and being more energy efficient.

Linda Schoettker talked about gas wells, gas lines and about information she provided to Council over the past several years.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci reported that a new grinder pump had been installed at the pump station. Council discussed the pros and cons of rebuilding the used pump. Issue tabled. Minor maintenance work, including pumping sludge, was performed in January at the Plant and Pump Station.

Leech motioned, Smith seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of January 4, 2016. Motion passed.

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

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

Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve the maintenance agreement with Motta Heating. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Release of Bonded Streets – Columbia Midstream

All repairs to roads have been completed per the Borough Engineer. The as-built drawings have been received. Once the payment for a final invoice submitted is received, the bond can be released. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to release the bond once the final payment is received. Motion passed.

Diehl Accounting – 2015 Municipal Audit

Council reviewed the Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures – Summary of Findings. Leech motioned, Smith seconded to accept the report as presented. Motion passed.

Sewage Enforcement Officer Appointment

Hilliard motioned, Leech seconded to appoint David Ice as the Sewage Enforcement Officer. Motion passed.

Fee Schedule Resolution 2016-01 Amended

Hilliard motioned, Leech seconded to adopt Fee Schedule Resolution 2016-01 Amended with the addition of the Sewage Enforcement Officer Fee Schedule. Motion passed.

171-173 Main Street Development Proposal-Castillo

Council discussed information provided by Castillo and comments from the Borough Engineer regarding a development proposal. Council suggested Castillo take the proposal to the Planning Committee.

Blue Sox Ball Field Agreement

Council reviewed the revised agreement which includes language extending the life of the contract and language concerning establishing rules for the use of the field. Smith motioned, Leech seconded to approve the contract as submitted. Motion passed.



NEW BUSINESS:

2016 Butler County Park Renovation Grant Program

Smith motioned, Leech seconded to apply for the grant to make repairs to the existing trail in the Park and to adopt Resolution 2016-02 as part of the application process. Motion passed.

2016 Community Conservation Partnerships Grant Program

Council reviewed correspondence stating that the Borough's 2015 application for grant money was not selected to receive funds. Hilliard motioned, Leech seconded to re-apply for the 2016 grant to extend the walking trail in the Park. Motion passed.

Street Cleaning

Leech motioned, Hilliard seconded to contract Municipal Contracting Service Inc. to clean streets. Motion passed.

County Planning Commission Workshop – Storm Water Ordinance Implementation

The County Planning Commission will host a workshop on the implementation of storm water ordinances as mandated by DEP on Thursday, April 14 from 10 am to noon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: Smith reported that Dan Cox, Emergency Management Coordinator would like to schedule a meeting to discuss issues. The 2016 Officer Installation/Member Appreciation Dinner will be held Saturday, February 20.

Law and Order: Rader stated that he had been informed that a resident had been approached at their residence by a person soliciting electric suppliers. Discussion continued about a person frequently being on the corner of Main and Constitution.

Streets: New LED street lights have been installed at no cost to the Borough. These lights provide brighter and more direct lighting and a savings in electricity costs to the Borough.

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: No Report

Park: No Report

Sewage Financial: No Report

Code Enforcement: No Report

Rader stated that problems exist with the quality of public water. A water test was conducted revealing a hardness level of 10. Discussion continued concerning flushing of lines, fire hydrant maintenance, and water odor. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to contact PA American Water to obtain information on flushing of water lines, water odor, and hardness issues. Motion passed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer