



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

April 4, 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, and Mayor Harold Rader.

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

Dave Cameron stated that he was interested in fencing in his yard in Leslie Farms. The ordinance states fences must be set back five (5) feet from the property line. Cameron explained that homes in Leslie Farms are close together and placing a fence five feet from the property line creates issues. Council stated that the Borough Solicitor would be contacted to see what could be done.

Leslie Farms PRD – Final Plan Phase 2

Don Trant presented the revised final plan for Phase 2. Tom Thompson reviewed his comments as stated in a letter dated April 3, 2017. A letter was heard from the Planning Committee recommending to Council to approve the plan contingent on meeting the requirements and comments as set forth in the Engineer's letter dated March 22, 2017. Hilliard commented on the urgency for completing the recreation area. Thompson stated that the developer would be required to make the recreation a priority but would have to wait for permits to be approved before anything could be done in Phase 2. Hilliard motioned, Reed seconded to approve the revised final plan for PRD Phase 2. Motion passed.

Smith questioned the Borough Engineer if it was possible to crush portions of the existing sidewalk in poor condition, then using the crushed pieces as a base and covering with stone temporarily in lieu of cementing the sidewalk. Thompson stated that it might be possible but concerns about liability, property ownership, maintenance, would need to be addressed first. Thompson stated that the grant available through the Commonwealth Financing Authority's Multimodal Fund for development and rehabilitation, which could include sidewalks, had a comprehensive application process; and the priority for the grant was geared towards economic development. Leslie suggested that the Road Committee do a measurement on the bend of North Main Street to determine the 40 ft. width of the road.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

Bocci stated that over the past weekend, with the heavy rains, flows at the Plant were up to 90,000. The Plant was able to handle the increased flow. The annual back flow test required by PA American had been completed. Leslie commented that when the developer approaches Council for Phase 3 approval, the process for plant expansion will be started.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Dan Cox stated he would be attending quarterly training covering flood proofing with the County on April 5, 2017. Cox thanked Council for the use of the desk and file cabinet. He reported that he had explored the building to determine what might be needed to establish it as an emergency operation center. He also stated that after discussion with Bicehouse of the Butler County Emergency Services, he had begun development of a support plan. Hilliard and Leslie agreed to work with Cox on developing the support plan.

BUSINESS

Hilliard motioned, Reed seconded to approve the meeting minutes of March 7, 2017. Motion passed.

Hilliard motioned, Reed seconded, to accept the submitted February 2017 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26. Reed volunteered to hang the no parking signs.

Butler County – Radio Project

Butler County Emergency Services is hosting an interactive forum on May 10th a 6 pm at the Evans City Fire Department Hall. Hilliard stated that he would be attending.



NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2017-04 Disposition of Records

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to approve Resolution 2017-04 to dispose of identified records according to the Municipal Records Retention Act of 2008. Motion passed.

DEP – Burning Dumping and Disposal of Waste Model Ordinance

Council reviewed the information provided. Leslie discussed pros and cons of having one designated waste company picking up refuse in the Borough.

Bolton/Adams County – Proposed Resolutions

Council reviewed the information provided and the model resolutions.

Peoples – Request for 2017 Road Paving Schedule

Council reviewed the notice from Peoples. Discussion continued on cleaning the storm drains. Smith suggested that after the streets are swept, he would identify storm drains that needed cleaned. At the May meeting Council would review the information and authorize cleaning of the storm drains.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Fire:** Hilliard reported that a municipal meeting was scheduled to discuss the joint consolidation of the Fire Departments. The meeting may include discussion of the regional emergency management group.
- Law and Order:** No Report
- Streets:** No Report
- Zoning/Planning:** No Report
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** Smith stated the Boy Scouts intend to refurbish the Park Restroom as an Eagle Scout project. The Borough will furnish materials.
- Sewage Financial:** No Report

MISCELLANEOUS

Council discussed the ordinance violations by property owners at 1206 Evans City Road. Council agreed to temporarily discontinue the water-shut off until the Zoning Officer can inspect the property and the use of the accessory building as a rental. The findings will be sent to the Solicitor.

Rader requested that the unstable fence on Washington Street be inspected.

Reed motioned, Hilliard seconded at 9:20 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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