



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

May 02, 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 Dave Bocci, Don Trant, Patrick Gauselmann, Donna Maranchi, John Michaels, Jordon Surkosky, Tom Thompson, and Vickie Forbes.

Leslie Farms PRD – Final Plan Phase 2

Don Trant summarized the current changes to the approved Phase 2. Changes involved wetlands at the intersection of Leslie Farms Drive and Hawthorne Drive. The lots and intersection in this area will be temporarily reconfigured to avoid the wetlands. Thompson provided comments. Hilliard motioned, Reed seconded to approve the changes to Phase 2. Motion passed.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

Bocci provided Council with daily flow information for a wet month of April and stated that the flows averaged 43,000 gallons per day with a 7-day maximum average of 59,000 gallons. This information will be used as additional phases are completed. In preparation for Plant expansion, Thompson stated that the 537 Plan would first be completed followed by the design work. Permits could take up to a year. Bocci commented that the dewatering system should be the first step in expansion to make solid handling and the transition less complicated.

John Michaels from Troop 482 explained that he would like to update and repair the Park restrooms as his Eagle Scout project. This work would include a new roof, two new skylights, and painting inside and out. Smith motioned, Reed seconded to purchase the materials needed for the project. Motion passed.

Reed stated that new nets were needed on the basketball hoop nets and new connections and a new net were needed on the tennis court. Leslie stated those purchases could come from Park maintenance spending. A contact will be made with Gary Pinkerton of Butler County to find a supplier for the items.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Dan Cox provided a report that stated: *“Development of the Support Emergency Operations Plan framework is continuing. I will be in touch with Mr. Leslie and Mr. Hilliard to set up a planning meeting when it is ready.”*

BUSINESS

Hilliard motioned, Reed seconded to approve the meeting minutes of April 4, 2017. Motion passed.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1206 Evans City Road

Pat Gauselmann’s report to Council stated **“It appears to be that the second residence is situated on the lot that the property could be later subdivided and both dwellings would meet the zoning requirements. Zoning Part 9 Supplementary Regulations 27-901 paragraph 3. See attached survey.”** Gauselmann stated he did not feel the second dwelling was in violation and could be covered by the subdivision language.

Leslie stated that the property was still in violation of the ordinance requirement to be tapped in to the public sewage system and was probably not being taxed as a dwelling unit. Thompson commented that the property owner had two options: first to discontinue the use until tapped in or second, to tap in and continue the use of the dwelling as a rental. Council requested Gauselmann give the property owner ten days to take action and then to proceed with filing a claim with the Magistrate against the property owner.

Gauselmann stated that the leaning fence on Washington Street was supported and was not obstructing any views or hanging over a sidewalk or street. Repairs were in process by the property owner.

Setbacks-Fencing

The Borough Solicitor provided to Council his interpretation of Ordinance 27-902-5. He determined the writing to identify a property owner’s fence could not be higher than the distance from the property line to the neighbor’s house and did not require a five (5) foot setback from the property line.

Recycle/Cleanup Day

This event will be held at the Forward Township location on Saturday, May 13, 2017. Volunteers are needed. Pete Kaufman has volunteered to pick up and return the work release individuals.



Butler County Park and Rec Local Park Renovation Program

The Borough has been awarded a grant from the Butler County Park and Recreation Department for the renovation of the existing trail in the Park. The amount awarded is \$7,500 and requires a \$2,500 match.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election Bureau – Poll Workers

Election Bureau has requested help in finding poll workers for Connoquenessing Borough.

Brownie Troop 28843 - Shelter

Reed motioned, Hilliard seconded to grant Troop 28843 permission to use a shelter for a day in lieu of the contribution they made to the Park of the Little Free Library. Motion passed.

Street Signs

Council reviewed the plan to replace signs and posts in the Borough to continue its effort to conform to the retroreflectivity requirements. Discussion continued on sign height on posts. PennDOT had been contacted regarding sign height on posts and specific signs required on the north end of Main Street in the area of the one-way entering town. PennDOT’s comments on the flooding in the intersection of Main Str. and Rt. 68 were that a study had concluded that there was adequate drop to a nearby storm drain, however, there were currently many other projects with higher priorities.

MDIA Building Inspector Change

The Borough had been notified that the residential inspector for the Borough will be changed to Keith Reiser. Dan Wilkerson will continue to do commercial inspections.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: Hilliard reported that a consolidation meeting will be held Monday, May 15, 2017. The municipal leaders are moving towards an insurance study on population to identify the best location for any potential new fire houses. Further action is needed from the Fire Departments on their desire to merge. Connoquenessing Township, Connoquenessing Borough and Evans City are open to a regional emergency management group with one Emergency Management Coordinator and deputies from the various other municipalities. Information is needed for creating a reciprocal agreement and a contact with PSAB will be made to see if there is information available.

Leslie Farms will be having a community yard sale with a contribution being made to the Fire Department.

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: Street Committee examined the Main Street right-of-way in the area of 120 Main Street and determined it would support a sidewalk. A tree would need to be removed. Smith will contact the property owner. Discussion continued on sidewalk replacement from 146 Main Street to 120 Main Street and the need to remove overgrowth along sidewalks.

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: No Report

Park: No Report

Sewage Financial: No Report

MISCELLANEOUS

Hilliard motioned, Reed seconded at 9:40 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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