



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

June 7, 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, Ronald Kaufman, Francis Smith, Dave Hilliard and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Janet Marburger, Daniel Cox, Mittie Kaufman, Tom Hilliard, Linda and Len Schoettker, Tom Thompson, and Vickie Forbes.

Janet Marburger reviewed items of concern regarding the recreational area in Leslie Farms in relationship to the location of the patio homes. Discussion continued about the homeowner’s association for Leslie Farms.

The sealed bids for the repairs to South Main Street were opened. Hilliard motioned, Kaufman seconded to accept the low bid of \$39,129.20 from Wiest Asphalt Products. Motion passed.

Emergency Management Coordinator

Dan Cox reported on attending the 2016 PEMA Emergency Management Conference in Seven Springs on May 14-18 and thanked Council for supporting his attendance. Cox summarized information he received at the conference, including a strong movement towards using social media for communication. Cox also stated that talks had begun with Evans City Fire Department involving the possible merger.

Sewage Plant Update

Bocci stated that a dumpster had been changed and a load of stone had been delivered.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hilliard motioned, Kaufman seconded to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing held on May 3, 2016. Motion passed.

Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of May 3, 2016. Motion passed.

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded, to accept the submitted April 2016 Treasurer’s Report. Motion passed.

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

Leslie Farms Finding of Fact and Conclusions

Tom Thompson explained that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions was a formal copy from the Solicitor encompassing what was agreed to during the approval of Revision 2 of the Leslie Farms PRD. Hilliard motioned, Kaufman seconded to approve the Findings of Fact and Conclusions. Motion Passed.

Leslie Farms Phase 2, Developer Agreement

Tom Thompson explained that the Developers Agreement was a preliminary copy developed by the Solicitor for review. The Planning Committee could review at the time Phase 2 is reviewed and could include modifications along with their recommendations regarding Phase 2 to Council. A Planning Committee meeting is scheduled to review Phase 2 on June 22, 2016, at 7:30 pm.

Resolution 2015-5, Greenways Trails, Recreation Program Grant

Kaufman motioned, Hilliard seconded to adopt Resolution 2016-05 Trail Expansion with discussed modifications. Motion passed.

Code Enforcement/Inspections

The complaints filed April 1, 2016 were discussed. Council directed that the Code Enforcement Office should begin addressing the complaints related to junk cars and should keep Council informed or progress and status.

Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to change from using the existing “Complaint Form” to a “Request for Investigation” form with a fee of \$25. Motion passed.

Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve the use of the Zoning Permit Application form to be used for all potential zoning issues. A \$50 fee will apply. Motion passed.

Middle Department Inspection will no longer perform a zoning function in relationship to building permits.

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Council requested that these changes should be posted on the Borough website and in the Post Office.

1206 Evans City Road – Sewage Tap-Rental Property

A report from the Sewage Enforcement Officer was reviewed. Bocci commented that based on this inspection, he suspected the sewage from the accessory building was still going into a septic tank even though the Borough had documentation from the previous owner that stated that the building no longer had sewage service and that the septic tank had been filled with stone. The Borough also had documentation signed by the previous owner and the current owner stating that the accessory building did not have public utilities; and if in the future sewage service was needed for the building, a tap fee would be required. Council requested Bocci to determine if the building was within 175 feet of the sewage line.

Recycling/Cleanup Day

A summary of the Recycle/Cleanup Day was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS:

First Energy Rate Increase – Street Lights

An email from the Regional Energy Program Manager of the DEP was reviewed concerning a request for a rate increase by First Energy. If granted, this increase pertaining to street lights, would eliminate much of the savings identified by changing the lights from high pressure sodium to the LED lights which was completed in the Borough in early in 2016.

Burning, Dumping and Disposal of Waste - DEP

An email from the DEP concerning information regarding illegal dumping and burning of solid waste as outlined in the Solid Waste Management Act was received and reviewed by Council. The Borough Ordinance #20 deals with some of the concerns identified.

Constable

Council discussed the request by a resident to be appointed to the position of Constable and chose not to act on this request.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Fire:** Hilliard commented on the meeting he and Kaufman had attended pertaining to the merging of the Connoquenessing Fire Department and the Evans City Fire Department. He stated that both companies should be complimented on their level of professionalism, excellent communication skills, and their forward thinking abilities.
- Law and Order:** No Report
- Streets:** No Report
- Zoning/Planning:** Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to appoint Barb Rader to another three-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion passed.
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** Smith reported that the work on the ball field was continuing with delivery of the dirt for the infield this week. May weather had delayed the progress of the renovations.
- Sewage Financial:** No Report

Kaufman motioned, Hilliard seconded at 9:45 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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