



**CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 1, 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, Mitch Leech, Dave Hilliard, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Don Trant, Dave Bocci, Tom Thompson, Tom Hilliard, Dan Cox, and Vickie Forbes.

Don Trant reviewed the proposed drawings and information for Leslie Farms L.P. PRD – Final Plan Phase 3 which would consist of 61 single family home lots and a pump station. He stated that certain wetland areas would need to be mitigated for the road system. New wetlands would need to be established to offset these mitigated areas. Permits from the DEP could take from one to two years for this project. Thompson reviewed his revised comments dated August 1, 2017. The Planning Committee met on July 19, 2017, and recommended to Council to approve the Phase 3 plan presented contingent on the comments from Tom Thompson, Gannett Fleming Inc. dated 7/19/2017 being met. Hilliard motioned, Reed seconded to approve the Phase 3 plans presented contingent on the comments from Tom Thompson dated August 1, 2017, being met. Motion passed.

Reed questioned the progress on Phase 2 and specifically the recreation area. Trant commented that the permit was submitted on May 5, 2017 and the first meeting to review was on July 19, 2017. He stated the approval process is taking much longer than normal but hoped to begin the project in September.

**SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE**

Bocci reported on taking down the west aerator because of continued problems. A truck was brought in and tank was pumped, cleaned and repaired. The east tank will be done next year.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

Dan Cox reported on the meeting held July 17 which was represented by all municipalities. Cox stated that he was working on the development of a multi-municipal agreement and had contacted Rob Brady to obtain input. Expenses for training and organizing could amount to approximately \$10,000, and a plan would be developed to share this expense among the municipalities involved, possibly based on population. Cox stated that he had attended training with the County and would attend an upcoming training session to further his certification. The next regional meeting would be held at the Borough building on September 19, 2017, at 7 pm.

**BUSINESS**

Leech motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve the meeting minutes of July 11, 2017. Motion passed.

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Snow Removal Contract 2017-2018

Leech motioned, Smith seconded to renew the Peffer snow removal contract for the 2017-2018 season based on the agreement to maintain the current prices. Motion passed.

2018 Insurance Package

Hilliard motioned, Leech seconded to renew the insurance package for 2018 with C.W. Howard Insurance Agency. Motion passed.



Trick or Treat-Halloween Parade

Leech motioned, Smith seconded to have Trick or Treat in the Borough on Tuesday, October 31, 2017, from 6-7 pm. Motion passed. Cox will check with the Fire Department to see if these will host the Halloween Parade event.

Butler County Boroughs Association – September 14, 2017

Anyone interested in attending should contact the office prior to the September meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Fire:** No Report

**Law and Order:** No Report

**Streets:** Thompson reported that the specs had been submitted to PennDot for the sidewalk project which resulted in two issues needing to be addressed. These issues included changing the sidewalk width to five foot wide rather than four foot and submitting a pedestrian traffic flow plan for use during closure of the sidewalk. Thompson stated he would address these issues and resubmit for final approval, then bid the project. Discussion continued concerning a second tree that would need to be removed.

Leslie reported that a new home on Constitution Avenue had attempted to connect to the storm drain. A new box was needed. The Borough will furnish this storm drain box and the homeowner will furnish labor and equipment to install.

Reed questioned the status on the storm boxes and streets in Leslie Farms. Thompson stated he would address issues with the developer.

**Zoning/Planning:** The alternate position on the Zoning Hearing Board remains unfilled. Steve Miller had expressed interest in filling this position in addition to his current position on the Planning Committee. Council reviewed the requirements as identified in the Zoning Ordinance and determined that based on the ordinance, an individual could not be appointed to both positions.

**Borough Building:** No Report

**Park:** Smith stated that the Eagle Scout project to renovate the Park restroom would happen on 8/12/17 and 8/13/17.

**Sewage Financial:** No Report

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Leech motioned, Smith seconded at 8:20 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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