



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

August 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, Ronald Kaufman, Mitch Leech, Francis Smith, and Dave Hilliard.

Also present were Daniel Cox, Patrick Gauselmann, Linda and Len Schoettker, Dave Bocci, and Vickie Forbes.

Sewage Plant Update

Bocci reported on doing five inspections for new sewage taps in Leslie Farms. Flows at the plant have been in the 17,000-18,000 gallon range with the dry weather for the 80,000 gallon plant. A dumpster had been recently switched out. Discussion continued regarding inspections being done in Leslie Farms.

Emergency Management Coordinator

Dan Cox reviewed requirements of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Requirements include training for elected officials which can be completed online. Non-compliance can jeopardize eligibility for federal assistance. The annual compliance reporting form will be completed by the Fire Department and the Borough office and the information will be passed on to the County.

The consolidation committee for the merging of Evans City and Connoquenessing fire departments met and continued discussion. Hilliard will serve as Vice-Chairman of the committee.

Code Enforcement/Zoning

Pat Gauselmann reviewed the status of the four properties being pursued for junk cars and car parts. Three of the properties had taken action and were in compliance. The repair shop at 215 Main Street had taken some action but had asked for an extension. Leech motioned, Kaufman seconded to grant an extension to September 5, 2016. If not in compliance by that date, a civil suit would be filed on both parcels. Motion passed. The property owners would be notified of the extension in writing. Gauselmann requested direction at the September meeting on which complaints from the list submitted 4/1/16 that he should take action on next.

Gauselmann also reported on a garage being built on the corner of Washington and School Streets. Setbacks had been identified and a drywell to manage storm water would be included.

Leech motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve the minutes from the meeting minutes of July 5, 2016. Motion passed.

Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded, to accept the submitted June 2016 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Leslie Farms Phase 2-DEP-Denial Letter

In response to a letter from the DEP denying the Sewage Facilities Planning Module Exemption application, Trant had submitted a Sewage Planning Module Component 3 for Borough signatures. The Borough Engineer reviewed and indicated the form was appropriate for signatures.

1206 Evans City Road – Sewage Tap-Rental Property

A letter was sent on July 14, 2016. Stating that a sewage tap fee of \$2,801 was required for the accessory building and the building must be connected to the public sewage system. The on-lot tank would need to be crushed or filled with stone. The letter also stated that the sewage billing would be changed to reflect the two units on the property.

NEW BUSINESS:

Snow Removal Contract

Leech motioned, Kaufman seconded to renew the Peffer snow removal contract holding prices as quoted on the October 2013 contract. Motion passed.

2017 Insurance Package

Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to renew the 2017 Insurance Package with C.W. Howard Insurance Co. Motion passed.



Resolution No. 2016-07 Independent Auditor

Hilliard motioned, Leech seconded to approve Resolution No. 2016-07 appointing Karen Diehl, CPA, to perform the 2016 audit. Motion passed.

Resolution No. 2016-08 Disposition of Records

Smith motioned, Leech seconded to approve Resolution No. 2016-08 Disposition of Records. Motion passed.

Trick or Treat – Halloween Parade

Leech motioned, Smith seconded to make Trick or Treat on Monday October 31, 2016, from 6-7 pm. Motion passed. The Fire Department will consider hosting the Halloween parade.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Fire:** Reported earlier in meeting.
- Law and Order:** No Report
- Streets:** The storm drains on Constitution Avenue were inspected and found not to be plugged. Discussion continued. Smith inquired about status of the unfinished sidewalk between 294 and 296 Main Street. A follow-up will be made with the developer.
- Zoning/Planning:** No Report
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** Smith reported that he had contacted one of the property owners identified for the proposed walking trail and had delivered the easement paperwork. Smith also reported that the dugouts had been painted.
- Sewage Financial:** No Report

Miscellaneous:

Leech motioned, Hilliard seconded at 8:40 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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