



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

September 6, 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, Mitch Leech, Francis Smith, and Dave Hilliard.

Also present were Daniel Cox, Dave Bocci, Grant McCollough, Joyce Hays, Mike Slater, Linda and Doug Oertel, Marcia Sack, and Vickie Forbes.

Doug Oertel stated that he had made improvements to his property, he had fenced in items in his back yard and that he only had five vehicles on his property which should meet the ordinance requirements. Council stated that they had not received a report from the Code Enforcement Officer and would contact him to do an inspection.

Grant McCollough of 128 Harmony Street presented plans to combine his three lots into one lot. A survey of the property had been completed. Council reviewed. Leech motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve the lot consolidation. Motion passed.

Sewage Plant Update

Bocci stated that Tom Thompson had contacted him about sewage requirements for Phases 3-8 in Leslie Farms and the impact these phases would have on the capacity of the sewage plant. Bocci will be meeting with Thompson to discuss. Trant Corporation for Leslie Farms is preparing Planning Module Components and related documents for Plant capacity and a new pump station. Information will be presented at the October meeting.

Emergency Management Coordinator

Dan Cox stated that the NIMS Data Collection Form had been completed by the Borough. The Fire Department will complete their form and provide to the Borough. The Borough will send both forms to the Homeland Security Planner at Butler County. Cox reviewed training requirements and the Emergency Management Handbook for Elected Officials. Each Council member will receive a hard copy or an electronic link to the document.

Hilliard questioned if he could receive minutes from the last consolidation committee meeting.

Code Enforcement/Zoning

Council reviewed the complaint list submitted on 4/1/16. The abandoned house at 115 Leslie Lane had been demolished. Leech motioned, Smith seconded to have the Code Enforcement officer inspect the properties at 113 and 115 Sunset Drive and also at 242 Constitution Avenue. If properties are in violation of ordinance, notification is to be sent to the property owners. Motion passed.

BUSINESS

Leech motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve the meeting minutes of August 2, 2016. Motion passed.

Hilliard motioned, Leech seconded, to accept the submitted July 2016 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Bills reviewed by Council for approval included a bill from the Sewage Enforcement Officer for a dye test performed at 1206 Evans City Road which the property owner had not paid. Bills also included the invoice from Wiest Paving in the amount of \$37,090.35 which was less than the actual amount bid, \$39,129.20. Smith motioned, Leech seconded, to approve the bills as submitted. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Leslie Farms Phase 2-Developer's Agreement

Council reviewed the revised Developer's Agreement. The approval at the July 5, 2016, meeting was contingent on it including the Findings of Fact.

1206 Evans City Road – Sewage Tap-Rental Property

Council reviewed the status of the property. A letter had been sent on July 14, 2016, stating that a sewage tap fee of \$2,801 was required for the accessory building and that building must be connected to the public sewage system. The on-lot tank needed to be crushed or filled with stone. The property owner had taken no action on any issues. The property had been dye tested in May, and an invoice for the dye test had not been paid by the property owners to the sewage enforcement officer. Hilliard motioned, Leech seconded to send information to the Borough solicitor to take action against property owner, giving the property owner 30 days to remedy issues before any liens are filed or fines levied. Motion passed.



NEW BUSINESS:

PA American Water – Backflow Assembly

Council reviewed the requirement by PA American to install a backflow assembly for the water supplied to the Park/Borough Building. An appointment will be set up between a representative of Tudi Mechanical Systems, Inc. and the Park Committee to discuss options for installation.

Forward Township – 298 Main Street

Pictures and information from Forward Township concerning a washout of soil from a home located at 298 Main Street, in Connoquenessing Borough, onto Main Street, in Forward Township, was discussed by Council. Council concluded that they were not aware of any apparent violations by the contractor; and that no prior similar issues had occurred.

PA Municipal Planning Education Institute – Subdivision/Land Development Course

Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve the Secretary/Treasurer attending the course offered in October and November. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Fire:** No Report
- Law and Order:** No Report
- Streets:** Smith reported that the paving had been completed on South Main Street with excellent work done by Wiest Asphalt Products & Paving Inc.
- Zoning/Planning:** No Report
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** No Report
- Sewage Financial:** No Report

Miscellaneous:

Hilliard motioned, Leech seconded at 9:05 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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