



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

November 1, 2016

The public meeting of the Borough Council of Connoquenessing was called to order at 7:30 pm at the Connoquenessing Borough building.

Appointment of Council member:

Linda Oertel, Nathan Reed, and Harold Rader introduced themselves and provided information about their interest in serving on Council. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve Nathan Reed to fill the Council vacancy. Motion passed. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to adopt Resolution 2016-09 appointing Nathan Reed to the Council position. Motion passed. Nathan Reed was sworn in to the position by Mayor Harold Rader.

Present were Council members Lloyd Leslie, Nathan Reed, Francis Smith, Dave Hilliard, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Tom Thompson, Daniel Cox, Dave Bocci, Linda Oertel, Linda and Len Schoettker, and Vickie Forbes.

Borough Engineer, Tom Thompson, reviewed information prepared to amend the original plan submitted to the DEP. Calculations will be based on 200 gallon per household per day. Bocci stated he had supplied to the Borough a spreadsheet showing actual flows for a five year period which supported the 200 gallon per day per household number. Council was in agreement with using the 200 gallon per day. Thompson will revise the Act 537 plan for Council's review before submitting to the DEP for approval. Approval could take up to a year. Once approval from the DEP is received, Council can determine how to move forward with the plan. The current projection for completion of the plant expansion needed for Phase 6 is approximately 2020.

Thompson reviewed the recent activity regarding the required adoption of a floodplain ordinance. Thompson provided to Council a revised model ordinance for review. Once the model is approved by Council, it will be submitted to the State for approval. Once approved by the State, Council will proceed with adopting the ordinance. Council elected to review the revised model ordinance and table further discussion until a future meeting.

Mayor Rader questioned Thompson on the pot holes on First and Main Streets. Thompson indicated they would be the responsibility of the Borough to repair and that a temporary fix would be to dig the holes out and pack with a #3 rock base. It should be determined if water is coming from the holes.

Sewage Plant Update

Bocci stated that he was making use of the nice weather by continuing to bag sludge. A full dumpster was replaced with an empty for the winter months. He was working with a contractor demolishing a house on Constitution Avenue determining location and depth of the sewage line and capping off of the line. Inspections of new taps in Leslie Farms has been increased in 2016.

Emergency Management Coordinator

Dan Cox reported that he is expecting to continue emergency management training this month at the County. He indicated that all officials should complete the ICS-100 and IS-700 which can be done online. He stated that a training class for these courses is still being considered to be held at the Fire Department.

The committees continue to meet regarding the merger of the Connoquenessing and Evans City Volunteer Fire Departments. Current meetings are focused on financials of both organizations by examining operating expenses, operating income capital expenditures and equipment. The group is also working on new bylaws. Rob Brady from the Governor's Center of Local Government, is aiding with the process.

Cox thanked Council for their support for the Halloween Parade held on Sunday, October 30, at the Fire Hall.

Code Enforcement/Zoning

Council discussed the suggestion to adopt the International Property Maintenance Code and determined that Council should take additional time to study the information provided.

BUSINESS

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to approve the meeting minutes of October 4, 2016. Motion passed.

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

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



OLD BUSINESS:

Backflow Assembly Quote

Council reviewed the quotes provided for installing the backflow assembly as required by PA American Water for the Park water supply. Smith motioned, Reed seconded to approve the \$2000 verbal bid from the Hilliards which includes all work required. Motion passed.

1206 Evans City Road – Solicitor’s Notification

Council reviewed the status of the notification to the property owner by the Solicitor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bronder Technical Services – School Flasher Maintenance Agreement

Hilliard motioned, Reed seconded to approve the annual maintenance agreement with Bronder Technical Services. Motion passed.

Information was reviewed concerning reports from the Connoquenessing Elementary School and from the Butler School District Maintenance Department regarding the number 15 portion of the flasher not working properly. Bronder had been notified and will check on Wednesday.

Solicitation Permit

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to approve the Solicitation Permit submitted by Planet Energy for November 7, 2016. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: Hilliard reported on an upcoming consolidation meeting of the officials from the four municipalities impacted by the volunteer fire department merger. The meeting will be held at the Connoquenessing Borough building on November 14, 2016 at 7 pm.

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: The request for a speed limit sign on South Main Street was reviewed and determined not to be needed based on the location of other speed limit signs on South Main Street.

The completion of the sidewalk section between 294 and 296 Main Street was discussed. The Engineer stated that to be ADA compliant, it must be 4 (four) foot wide and was not currently compliant. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to have the Engineer contact the Developer to remedy the situation. Motion passed.

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: No Report

Park: No Report

Sewage Financial: No Report

2017 Preliminary Budget The preliminary budget was reviewed. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to go to executive session to discuss employee wages at 9:05 pm. Motion passed. Reed motioned, Smith seconded to come out of executive session at 9:15 pm. Motion passed. Reed motioned, Smith seconded to increase wages for the Park Caretaker and for the Secretary/Treasurer by 2.5%. Motion passed. Reed motioned, Hilliard seconded to advertise the proposed budget. Motion passed.

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Hilliard motioned, Reed seconded at 9:20 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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