



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING **November 6, 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, Mitch Leech, Francis Smith, Dave Hilliard, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Tom Thompson, Linda and Len Schoettker, Rob Campbell, Scott Irvin, and Vickie Forbes.

Bids for the 2017 Sidewalks/Curb Cuts Project were opened. The bid results were M and B Services, LLC-\$86,711; Santamaria Landscape & Cement Contractors, Inc.-\$84,725; Sowers Building-\$132,932.50; W.K.Thomas & Associates-\$94,230. Tom Thompson will summarize and provide a recommendation for the December meeting.

Act 537 Plan- Tom Thompson summarized that the Act 537 plan was used to determine the necessary upgrades to the Plant to support future development. Discussion continued. Thompson stated that once changes discussed were incorporated, the plan would be advertised for public comment. The plan could be reviewed by Planning Committee members.

Hilliard reported that storm sewer drains in Leslie Farms were creating unsafe hazards and repairs were needed. Thompson stated that he would contact the developer.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Hilliard provided a sample and reviewed some of the details of an Intermunicipal Agreement for creating a regional emergency management agency. He stated that a meeting would be scheduled to discuss the Borough’s emergency management group before moving forward with the regional agency.

BUSINESS

Hilliard motioned, Leech seconded to approve the meeting minutes of October 3, 2017. Motion passed.

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

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

Council discussed the unsafe condition caused by water puddling at the intersection of Main Street and Route 68. PennDOT had been contacted on numerous occasions without any action taken by them. A contact will be made with Rex Energy regarding the issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

School Warning Light Maintenance

Council reviewed the information received to replace the school warning light. Hilliard motioned, Leech seconded to have Right Electric replace the unit and to provide ongoing maintenance services to the unit. Motion passed.

Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer

Leech motioned, Hilliard seconded to adopt Ordinance 19-Municipal Code Association for the services of code enforcement and zoning issues. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2017-06 Auditor Appointment

Leech motioned, Reed seconded to approve Resolution 2017-06 appointing Diehl Accounting & Financial Services to perform the audit for 2017. Motion passed.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Fire:** No report
- Law and Order:** Mayor Rader stated that there have been multiple dead deer reported as a result of a virus.
- Streets:** Rader reported that Connoquenessing School Road has drainage issues.
- Zoning/Planning:** No Report
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** Smith reported that the Boy Scouts are finishing the bathroom project in the Park. Two weddings were held in the Park during the summer.
- Sewage Financial:** No Report
- 2018 Budget:** Council reviewed the preliminary 2018 budget for all funds. Smith motioned, Reed seconded to go to executive session to discuss wages at 9:10 pm. Motion passed. Leech motioned, Reed seconded to come out of executive session at 9:20 pm. Motion passed. Reed motioned, Smith seconded to increase wages by 2.5% of employees for 2018. Motion passed. Leech motioned, Reed seconded to advertise the proposed budget. Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Leech motioned, Reed seconded at 9:25 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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