



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

December 6, 2016

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, Dave Hilliard, Mitch Leech, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Rob Campbell, Marcia Sack, Doug Arnold, Brandi Maser, Daniel Cox, Dave Bocci, Linda and Len Schoettker, and Vickie Forbes.

Brownie Troop 28843 presented to Council a project that they had chosen and completed. This project identified as the Little Free Library is part of a Charter organization and is meant for the community to share books to read. Their request to Council was to put this Library in the Park for public use. Council acknowledged what an excellent job the girls had done and requested that they meet with the Park Committee to determine the best location in the Park for the library.

Doug Arnold stated that he had purchased the property at 112 Constitution Avenue. The original house had been demolished, and he intended to rebuild using the basic footprint. His plan would be to move the house back 20-25 feet from the street which would still allow him access to the garage in the rear of the property. The new house would be in line with the front of the neighbor's house to the east. Council stated that the demolished building was a nonconforming structure; and as long as the location of the replacement building was not more nonconforming and as long as the Zoning Officer inspected the setbacks, Council would not have an issue with his plans for the new structure's location on the property. Discussion continued concerning sewage connection.

Sewage Plant Update

Bocci stated that he had worked with Jack Kaltenbaugh during the demolition of the house at 112 Constitution Avenue and indicated that there was an issue finding the stem from the sewage line. He stated he may need to camera the line. He stated that at the Plant the sludge had been pumped in order to stay ahead for the winter months. He had also inspected a sewage connection at 100 Lloydmont Blvd.

Emergency Management Coordinator

Dan Cox said there had been discussion with the Fire Chief concerning emergency management training at the fire hall for members, officials and possibly those from neighboring municipalities. He indicated that his personal training as Emergency Management Coordinator would continue in 2017, and Council might consider budgeting funds for training.

Code Enforcement/Zoning

Council reviewed a complaint about garbage and litter located at 119 Harmony Street. The Code Enforcement Officer was contacted. He reported that after discussion with the resident and a follow-up inspection, the property had been cleaned up.

BUSINESS

Hilliard motioned, Reed seconded to approve the meeting minutes of November 1, 2016. Motion passed.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Proposed 2017 Budget, Tax Ordinance 23-17

The budget and the ordinance were advertised November 18, 2016, with no change to the tax millage for the Borough for 2017. Hilliard motioned, Reed seconded to adopt Tax Ordinance 23-17. Motion passed. Reed motioned, Smith seconded to adopt the 2017 Budget as advertised. Motion passed.

Property Maintenance Ordinance

Council reviewed the sample ordinance and the IMPC information but agreed not to move forward with a property maintenance ordinance.

Floodplain Ordinance

Council examined the floodplain map and discussed the requirement for a floodplain ordinance. After reviewing the proposed floodplain ordinance, Hilliard motioned, Reed seconded to submit the floodplain ordinance with the changes indicated to the State for approval. Motion passed.

MINUTES – 12/06/2016



Street Lights

Approximately a year ago, the Borough had the high pressure sodium street lights replaced with LED lights which created the opportunity for a potential savings of \$4000 per year (approximately 53% savings). In April, 2016, the power companies applied for a significant distribution rate increase that would eliminate all savings. The PUC and First Energy have come to a proposed settlement. If approved, the rates will be slightly lower than the original proposed rates; however, the rates for LED's will still increase approximately 40%.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2016-10 Plan Revision for New Development

Council reviewed the planning module submission and the requirement for an updated adopted resolution. Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to approve Resolution 2016-10. Motion passed.

2017 Insurance Package

Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to waive the terrorism coverage for the 2017 insurance policy. Motion passed. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve the 2017 Liability and Workers Compensation insurance package. Motion passed.

County of Butler Election Bureau

Information was distributed regarding positions for election in 2017. Petitions will be available at the County of Butler Election Bureau on February 10, 2017, the first day to circulate and file the petition is February 14, 2017. Last day to file the petitions is March 7, 2017 at 4:30 pm.

2017 Community Development Block Grant Program

Council elected not to apply based on the probability of not being able to meet the 51% or more of low-moderate income requirement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Fire:** Hilliard reported that municipal leaders met with Dan Cox and Commissioner Boozel. Discussion include how to encourage non-participating municipalities to participate in the merger discussions. A business plan will be developed to present to all involved.
- Law and Order:** No Report
- Streets:** The sidewalk repair at 294-296 Main Street was completed. The potholes were repaired on First Street. Discussion in the future may include a cement apron at the First Street and Main Street intersection. The portion of Main Street from the fire hall to the recently black-topped portion of South Main is currently in acceptable condition.
- Zoning/Planning:** Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to appoint Rob Campbell to the Planning Committee. Motion passed.
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** No Report
- Sewage Financial:** No Report

MISCELLANEOUS Smith reported that a poll watcher during the election stopped a resident from voting until further investigation of his address could be completed because his address was Evans City, PA. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to inquire with the Bureau of Elections about this issue and to ask for a response about the results of the investigation. Motion passed.

Marcia Sac inquired of Council if they intended to enforce property maintenance requirements for developers and contractors as well as residents. Council discussed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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