



**CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING** **December 5, 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 Darryl Kirschner, Tom Hilliard, Dave Bocci, Dan Cox, Linda and Len Schoettker, and Vickie Forbes.

Darryl Kirschner reviewed details of the Western Pennsylvania Cert, a volunteer organization. This organization unites, trains and prepares cert teams to work in support of and in conjunction with professional emergency responders during disasters. Kirschner stated that the WPC could work with the Borough's emergency management group.

**SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE**

Dave Bocci reported that one of the two pumps at the pump station had to be replaced and that the lead time on the special order pump was about 6 weeks. Leslie questioned if the Borough should have a backup pump in inventory. Bocci stated the warranty on each pump was only a year. The pump could basically sit on the shelf and upon being put into service if there was an issue, the warranty may have ended. A discussion followed concerning the current Agreement for Sewage Treatment Facilities Maintenance which ends on 12/31/17. Due to the 2016 Workers' Comp audit still in dispute regarding the subcontractors used by Bocci, Reed motioned, Leech seconded to grant an extension of the current agreement with Bocci on a month to month basis until the dispute is settled. Motion passed.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

Dan Cox stated that he continues to work on an emergency plan structured to fulfill the requirements of Butler County's plan. Cox stated that a sample Intermunicipal Agreement had been provided to Council for review and changes. Cox proposed a meeting sometime in January to discuss.

**BUSINESS**

Leech motioned, Reed seconded to approve the meeting minutes of November 6, 2017. Motion passed.

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded, to accept the submitted October 2017 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

2017 Sidewalks/Curb Cuts Project

Council reviewed the summary of the bids provided by Tom Thompson. Leech motioned, Reed seconded to approve Santamaria Landscape & Cement to do the project at the bid price of \$84,725. Motion passed.

Act 537 Plant Revised Draft

The revised Draft Act 537 Plan was made available after the 11/6/17 meeting to Planning Committee and Council members. Tom Thompson stated that letters were required from the County and the Borough's Planning Committee stating that no comments were offered. The plan should then be advertised allowing public comment for 30 days. Council agreed to allow possible comments until the January meeting.

Leslie stated that he and Francis Smith had attended a meeting regarding an Act 537 Plan being developed by Connoquenessing Township. Connoquenessing Township has seven possible plans with at least three different plant location possibilities. One of the plans includes properties located in the Borough on Connoquenessing School Road that are not currently included in the Borough's sewage system. The proposed monthly rate for sewage for the Township's proposed systems would be \$70/month. The Borough's current monthly average rate is \$45. Council discussed and agreed that the Borough would not be interested in being part of a regional system that would include the Borough at the significantly higher monthly rate.

2018 Budget/Tax Ordinance 23-18

The 2018 Budget and Tax Ordinance 23-18 were advertised for public review on 11/17/17. Reed motioned, Hilliard seconded to adopt Tax Ordinance 23-18, reflecting no change to the millage for 2018. Motion passed. Hilliard motioned, Reed seconded to adopt the 2018 Budget. Motion passed.



**MINUTES – 12/05/2017**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2018 Meeting Dates

Leech motioned, Reed seconded to advertise the 2018 meeting dates identified as 1/2/18, 2/6/18, 3/6/18, 4/3/18, 5/1/18, 6/5/18, 7/2/18, 8/7/18, 9/4/18 10/2/18, 11/5/18, 12/4/18.. Motion passed.

Family Council-Category 4 Casinos

Council discussed a PA gambling expansion law authorizing the placement of 10 category 4 casinos in the Commonwealth. The Family Council stated that municipalities wishing to prohibit the location of a casino within their municipality should adopt a resolution stating their desire to prohibit that casino within the municipality by 12/31/17. No action was taken.

2018 Insurance Policy – Terrorism Coverage

Leech motioned, Reed seconded to approve the 2018 Insurance package, rejecting the Terrorism coverage. Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Fire:** No report

**Law and Order:** No report

Linda Schoettker stated that there had been a wrecker parked on Dogwood Lane at three different times with lights flashing.

**Streets:** Leslie stated that the Watch Children sign was down on Main Street near the Methodist Church.  
Rader stated that Connoquenessing Township was going to address the water issue on Connoquenessing School Road.

**Zoning/Planning:** No Report

**Borough Building:** No Report

**Park:** Smith reported that the parking lot around the Borough building had been repaired.

**Sewage Financial:** No Report

**MISCELLANEOUS** Butler County Boroughs Association – 1/18/2018

Leech motioned, Reed seconded to permit the purchase of a new office chair, not to exceed \$200 in cost. Motion passed.

Leech stated that a quarterly report by the Emergency Management Coordinator may be more beneficial to all involved.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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