



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

April 3, 2018

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, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Janet Marburger, Daniel Cox, Mary Grace and Eric Ruediger, Dave Bocci, Rob Campbell, and Vickie Forbes.

Janet Marburger provided to Council pictures and correspondence concerning the asphalt problems, sidewalk issues and water issues in the Shelton Place area of Leslie Farms. Council stated that the issues would be reviewed with the Borough Engineer and discussed during the upcoming inspection of the roads and storm drains in Phase 1.

Mary Grace Ruediger stated that the zoning officer had met with her at the 282 Main Street property. Council reviewed the zoning officer's comments provided in his March 21, 2018, letter and based on his comments in the letter, determined that there were no issues preventing the Ruedigers from converting the garage to a residential dwelling.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

Dave Bocci reported higher flows in March due to the excessive precipitation. Minor repairs are planned to replace some plastic piping, and bagging will begin as soon as the weather warms up.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Dan Cox stated that he had attended training provided by Butler County concerning damage assessment and also reported on a First Net Program which had broad band capabilities could supplement the County radio system. Cox reported on meeting with Leslie and Hilliard and on developing a draft emergency operations plan for the Borough. A copy of this draft plan is available for Council members to review and then to take action on at the May meeting. Cox discussed procedure on declaring an emergency. Upon adoption of the Borough's emergency operations plan, work would continue on the development of a multi-municipal emergency operations group.

Hilliard questioned the progress on the new County radio system.

BUSINESS

Hilliard motioned, Reed seconded to approve the meeting minutes of March 6, 2018. Motion passed.

Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded, to accept the submitted February 2018 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

2017 Audit – Independent Audit Report

Council reviewed the report provided by Diehl Accounting and asked for clarification on their comments on the Zoning/Subdivision/Land Development.

FEMA Floodplain Ordinance

Floodplain Ordinance 30 was reviewed, approved by PA DCED, and returned to Council. Hilliard motioned, Reed seconded to advertise Ordinance 30 Floodplain Ordinance for adoption at the May meeting. Motion passed.

2018 County Park Renovation Grant Program

A letter was received from the Butler County Board of Commissioners stating that the Borough was not selected to receive the 2018 County Park Renovation Program Grant. Lance Welliver, Director of Butler County Parks and Recreation, informed the Borough that he would be organizing a conference call between himself, the DCNR, the Borough solicitor, and Borough personnel to initiate Phase 2 of the trail.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Keystone Marker Trust-Restoration of Marker

Hilliard motioned, Reed seconded to have Keystone Marker Trust repair the Connoquenessing Keystone Marker as identified in the correspondence dated March 5, 2018. Motion passed.

Recycle/Cleanup Day

Recycle/Cleanup Day will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2018, at the Forward Township location from 8 am to 1 pm with four (4) municipalities participating. Currently, the County Prison is unable to furnish work release individuals to assist with unloading vehicles during the event. Discussion followed on the use of volunteers from the Butler school's National Honors Society.

Purchases-Lowes and Home Depot

Accounts have been established at Home Depot and Lowes for purchases by specific Borough individuals. Purchases would be tax exempt and would be billed to the Borough. Council approved the use of the accounts by Bocci for the sewage plant and by Nathan Schultheis for park maintenance. Council agreed that regular park maintenance items essential to normal operations would be permitted without prior approval. All other purchases would need prior approval. An inventory list of purchased equipment should be maintained.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Fire:** No Report
- Law and Order:** No Report
- Streets:** Linda Schoettker reported that two individuals walked off with the Dogwood Lane sign. The street committee will investigate.
The Borough Engineer will schedule a meeting with the contractor and the street committee to review the sidewalk project.
Discussion followed on the storm drain and road issues in Leslie Farms Phase 1 in advance of adoption.
- Zoning/Planning:** No Report
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** Smith discussed planting of dawn redwoods in the Park.
- Sewage Financial:** No Report

Reed stating that he would be resigning his position due to moving from the Borough.

Reed motioned, Hilliard seconded at 8:50 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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