



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

May 1, 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, Mitch Leech, Francis Smith, Dave Hilliard, and Mayor Harold Rader.

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

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to accept the resignation of Nathan Reed from Council. Motion passed.

Mary Grace Ruediger and Rob Campbell expressed interest in the vacant Council position and provided information about themselves. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to appoint Mary Grace Ruediger to the vacant Council position by Resolution 2018-06. Motion passed.

Mary Grace Ruediger was sworn in by Mayor Rader.

Janet Marburger reviewed correspondence she supplied to Council for review and indicated that she had received the Stormwater Management Plan for Phase 1 but stated that it lacked detail. Leslie stated that he and the Borough Engineer had inspected the area and would be making a recommendation for a water terrace in the recreation area.

Linda Schoettker reported on information regarding the evacuation of the Connoquenessing Elementary School due to a gas smell. Les Schoettker requested an investigation by the emergency management group. Dan Cox stated that the Fire Department had not been contacted about the event and that he would reach out to the County Emergency Management Coordinator to obtain information.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

Dave Bocci stated that after the use of a camera to inspect the septic lines at 1206 Evans City Road, it was discovered that the accessory building was connected to the sewage line coming from the main house to the main sewage line. This connection was never reported to the Borough. Bocci also stated that the new grinder pump at the pump station was not working properly and may not be seated on the rail system correctly. Further investigation of the issue would take place in the upcoming week.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Council had the opportunity to review the draft Support Emergency Operation Plan over the past month. Dan Cox stated that a minor addition to that draft plan was the continuity of the operation of the plan, determining that the Council President first, Vice President next, and then in their absence Council could elect a President Pro Tem to authorize an emergency event. Hilliard motioned, Leech seconded to adopt the Support Emergency Operation Plan by Resolution 2018-07. Motion passed. The basic plan will be available on the Borough website.

BUSINESS

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to approve the meeting minutes of April 3, 2018. Motion passed.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

2017 Audit – Independent Audit Report-Zoning/Land Development Clarification

Council reviewed Diehl Accountings response dated 4/5/18 to Council's questions.

FEMA Floodplain Ordinance 30

Floodplain Ordinance 30 was advertised April 9, 2018 for adoption. Council reviewed Attorney Lutz's comments about optional information that could be added to the proposed Ordinance. Smith motioned, Leech seconded to adopt FEMA Floodplain Ordinance 30 as advertised. Motion passed.

Recycle/Cleanup Day – May 12, 2018

The Community Service Adult Probation group was contacted to see if they could provide help, but were unable to commit anyone for the event. Volunteers are need to unload vehicles.



NEW BUSINESS:

Connoquenessing Township Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan

Council reviewed Connoquenessing Townships request seeking permission to include the Borough residents on Connoquenessing School Road in the Township's Act 537 Plan Study. Leech motioned, Smith seconded to notify Connoquenessing Township Supervisors that Council concluded that the decision to connect to the Township's sewage system should be a decision made by the Borough residents and Council would not make it mandatory for the residents of Connoquenessing School Road to connect. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Fire:** No Report
- Law and Order:** No Report
- Streets:** Smith stated that five drop boxes were plugged and would have them cleaned out. A walk through was done with the contractor for the sidewalk project. Rader stated a new stop sign was need on Rose Drive.
- Zoning/Planning:** No Report
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** Discussion on storing diesel in garage of Borough Building
Discussion on carving stump
Discussion on purchasing barrels, baskets, garbage bags for Park.
- Sewage Financial:** No Report

Secretary/Treasurer requested permission to do more bill payments electronically after approval by Council. Permission granted.

Leech presented a letter of resignation. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to accept the resignation. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to appoint Rob Campbell to the vacant Council position by Resolution 2018-08. Motion passed.

Rob Campbell was sworn in by Mayor Rader.

Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded at 9:40 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes

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