



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 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, Mary Grace Ruediger, Rob Campbell, Francis Smith, Dave Hilliard, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Janet Marburger, Daniel Cox, Dave Bocci, Len and Linda Schoettker, and Vickie Forbes.

Janet Marburger questioned if there were information on the timing of the grading of the terrace. Marburger suggested that before Council adopted Shelton Place Drive, the drainage issues should be addressed to avoid the potential of future damage to Shelton Place Drive. Discussion followed on Phases 2 & 3. Leslie stated that the Borough Engineer participated in a recent inspection and was aware of the issue.

Linda Schoettker stated that Dan Cox had reported back to her about the evacuation of Connoquenessing Elementary School due to a gas odor. Cox reported that a discussion with Steve Bicehouse of Butler County Emergency Management revealed that the County EM had not been contacted about the evacuation. A representative would be meeting with the school district to discuss the issue. Schoettker reported on the recent bankruptcy filing by Rex Energy and on a recent PA Supreme Court decision. Leslie stated that an update on the bankruptcy filing was received and the Borough was currently still receiving royalty payments.

Martha Brown from the Butler County Blight Mitigation Program had requested to address Council but did not attend the meeting.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

Dave Bocci reported that operations at the Plant were normal. A problem with the new grinder pump at the pump station remained unresolved. The pump was reseated on the rail system after the last meeting, but did not solve the problem. The pump had been adjusted, tested, and taken to Dumbaugh Electric on several different occasions. The impellor was not cutting properly and the pump lacked the power needed. Dumbaugh Electric, having the original specifications, is investigating to determine if changes had been made to the pump by Zoeller, the manufacturer.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Dan Cox reported that the Support EMP was available on the Borough website with links for other resources and information including community volunteers. A copy will be retained at the Borough office. The multi-municipal group met and began the development of a working agreement which would include information identifying how it would operate, the management of the group, and financial and communication details. Cox indicated that new members of Council would be included in EM training in the near future. Discussion followed on the mowing of grass and the removal of a dead pine tree on the Fire Department property.

BUSINESS

Hilliard motioned, Campbell seconded to approve the meeting minutes of May 1, 2018. Motion passed.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Tree Carving

Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to allow the Park Committee to decide on the carving decision. Motion passed.

Recycle/Cleanup Day Summary

Council reviewed the summary information from the event that was held on May 12, 2018.



NEW BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Fire:** No Report
- Law and Order:** No Report
- Streets:** Discussion on sidewalk project.
- Zoning/Planning:** Hilliard motioned, Campbell seconded to appoint Alan Peffer to the Zoning Hearing Board for another three year term.
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** Discussion on poison ivy treatment.
- Sewage Financial:** No Report

Hilliard motioned, Ruediger seconded at 8:45 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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