



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

December 4, 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, Francis Smith, Dave Hilliard, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dan Cox, Dave Bocci, and Vickie Forbes.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

Bocci stated that the plant and pump station ran normally during the recent snow and ice storm. Discussion followed on generators for backup power. Bocci reported on preparing for the additional tests required for the NPDES permit application as requested by the Borough Engineer.

BUSINESS

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to approve the meeting minutes of November 5, 2018. Motion passed.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

2019 Liability & Workers Comp Insurance

Council reviewed the insurance packages.

School Verification Light

Council reviewed the information from PennDot stating that there are no requirements for a verification light in a school zone. The information indicated that warning lights of any kind are not required in a school zone where there are no walking students. Any signage or light changes would require an application for a revised permit to be approved by PennDot. Council opted to take no action on the verification light request.

2019 Budget & Tax Ordinance 23-19

Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve the 2019 Budget. Motion passed.

Ruediger motioned, Smith seconded to adopt Tax Ordinance 23-19 with no tax increase for 2019. Motion Passed.

Leslie Farms – Phase 1 Final Inspection

Leslie stated the Street Committee would meet with the Borough Engineer to do a final walk through and inspection of Phase 1.

Leslie Farms – Operation and Maintenance Agreement SWM BMP

Hilliard motioned, Ruediger seconded to sign the Operation and Maintenance Agreement (SWM BMP). Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

2019 Proposed Meeting Dates

Ruediger motioned, Smith seconded to advertise the reviewed 2019 meeting dates with meetings starting at 7:30 pm. (1/8, 2/5, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 6/4, 7/2, 8/6, 9/3, 10/1, 11/4, 12/3) Motion passed.

Penn Power – Electric Rates

Council reviewed a letter received from Penn Power indicating that in the future rates will be based on hourly electric usage at prices that reflect the hourly wholesale price for power beginning in May 2019. Hilliard suggested a group he was familiar with attend an upcoming meeting to discuss options for electric suppliers.

BCTCC – Delegate Appointment

Council reviewed a written request from the BCTCC asking for confirmation of the delegate and alternates representing Connoquenessing Borough for 2019. The Secretary/Treasurer had previously been appointed as the delegate. The Council President will act as the first alternate.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Emergency Mgmt:** The Connoquenessing Valley Regional EMA's required annual meeting will take place on Thursday, December 6, 2018. The Regional EMA had an activation by Connoquenessing Township during the recent ice and snow storm event. The EMA worked with the Fire Department during this event. A warming station was opened at the Fire Department.
The Agency has developed a website. A meeting was held with an emergency management group from the Zelienople area.
- Fire:** Cox reported that he would be stepping down as President of the Fire Department for 2019. Fire Department elections would take place in the next week and voting would include revisions to the Bylaws.
- Law and Order:** Rader reported on a rat problem on Sunset Drive. Rader also referenced an electronic speed limit sign placed in the Borough on Rt. 68 by PennDot.
- Streets:** Smith stated that he would be working on having the old utility poles removed on Main Street.
- Zoning/Planning:** No Report
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** Smith stated that the Boy Scouts are looking for ideas for Eagle Scout projects in the Park.
- Sewage Financial:** No Report

MISCELLANEOUS

Leslie stated that new lights were needed to decorate the Borough tree for Christmas. Council agreed new lights should be purchased, and the old Christmas decorations should be discarded.
Council agreed that a solar light should be purchased for the flag pole.

Hilliard motioned, Ruediger seconded at 8:55 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Forbes

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Borough Secretary/Treasurer