



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH SPECIAL HEARING

May 7, 2019

The special hearing was called to order by Solicitor Brian Farrington who reviewed specifics of the hearing concerning 113 Sunset Drive. Sandra Cox, Code Enforcement Officer, presented information on violations and communication information from various parties and inspections. Dave Wuchina, Robin Wuchina, Steve Harris provided testimony. Solicitor Farrington stated that an extension might be considered by Council if the bank would provide security to cover demolition costs and administrative costs if a specified deadline for repair requirements was not met. The security amount to be specified by the Solicitor would need to be received by the Solicitor by May 10, 2019. Solicitor Farrington closed the record at 7:36 pm.

CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

May 7, 2019

The public meeting of the Borough Council of Connoquenessing was called to order at 7:36 pm at the Connoquenessing Borough building.

Present were Council members Lloyd Leslie, Mary Grace Ruediger, Rob Campbell, Francis Smith, and Dave Hilliard.

Also present were Sandra Cox, Steve Harris, Jay Penland, David Wuchina, Jennifer Gilliland Vanasdale, Amy Ramelli, Devin Stuebgen, and Vickie Forbes.

Devin Stuebgen, Life Scout from Troop 482 reviewed his proposed Eagle Scout project which would include rebuilding 3 benches in the community park, one with a cover. The project would be completed by July 1, 2019 and the project would require fund raising. Smith motioned, Campbell seconded to approve the project. Motion passed.

Jennifer Gilliland Vanasdale stated that she was running for Judge for Butler County and provided background information on herself.

Amy Ramelli stated that a wet area on her property existed due to the neighboring property owners blocking the natural flow of water and the stormwater pond in this area was always dry as though the original flow may have been altered. The Solicitor commented that the adverse condition on her property was created by another property owner and was a civil matter.

Ramelli also commented on a property located at 1204 Evans City Road that she had inherited. The property had not originally been connected to public sewage but now was being required to be connected because of amended Ordinance 18-01. The Solicitor stated that if the property had been grandfathered in by a previous ordinance, when the property changes hands, it must then be brought up to the current standards.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

Dave Bocci reported normal operations. A backflow flow check required by PA American Water had been completed.

BUSINESS

Smith motioned, Campbell seconded to approve the meeting minutes of April 2, 2019. Motion passed.

Campbell motioned, Ruediger seconded, to accept the submitted March 2019 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Recycle/Cleanup Day

The Recycle/Cleanup Day will be held at the Forward Township location on Saturday, May 11, 2019. Volunteers are needed to unload vehicles. One individual would be available from the County Prison but there would be no one available to transport the one individual.

Park Grants - 2019 Renovation/Development Grant

Two copies of the awarded contract were received to be executed, requiring the Council President's signature. The project will be organized with Lance Welliver, Park & Recreation Director for Butler County. The grant amount is \$7,500 with a Borough match of \$2500.

Leslie Farms – Developers Agreement

The original Developers Agreement was signed and dated 11/5/2018 for Phases 2 and 3. The Borough Engineer amended the Agreement to address just Phase 2 and was sent to the Developer for signature. Hilliard motioned, Ruediger seconded to approve the Council President to sign the revised Developers Agreement already signed by the Developer. Motion passed.



NEW BUSINESS:

Armstrong Utilities Inc. – Cable Franchise Renewal

Correspondence was received from the Armstrong General Manager requesting informal franchise renewal negotiations. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve extending the franchise. Motion passed.

Resolution Request to Amend RTK Law

An email and a sample resolution received by the Borough office requesting municipalities to draft a resolution to be sent to the municipality's state representative requesting relief from serial or vexatious RTK requesters was reviewed by Council. ~~The issue was tabled.~~ No action was taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Emergency Mgmt.: Hilliard reported on an Emergency Operation Planning meeting held at the Evans City Fire Hall on May 1, 2019. Terry Lonchena was appointed by the Executive Committee to a Deputy position of the Connoquenessing Valley Regional EMA.

Fire: No Report

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: Hilliard commented on street signs at Lloydmont Blvd. and Leslie Farms Drive. Leslie commented on potential repairs to Constitution Avenue between Main Street and Rt. 68.

Zoning/Planning: One Zoning Hearing Board position will expire on June 30, 2019.

Borough Building: No Report

Park: Campbell reported that bench swings were deteriorating and needed to be removed. The weedwacker used by the Park caretaker needed a new carburetor. The flag pole appears to be rusting at the bottom and will need repaired or replaced. A branch that dropped on the upper shelter during an ice storm during the past winter had done damage to several support pieces and will need repaired.

Sewage Financial: No Report

MISCELLANEOUS

Butler County Boroughs Association Meeting – 6/21/2019

At 9:18 pm, Hilliard motioned, Campbell seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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