



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

June 1, 2020

The public meeting of the Borough Council of Connoquenessing was called to order at 7 pm using Webex, a remote access format.

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

Also present were Janet Marburger, Thomas Thompson, Dan Cox, and Vickie Forbes.

Janet Marburger referenced several issues in Leslie Farms, including street drainage issues, potential stormwater system issues, drainage on upper plateau/green space area, and dirt and rocks on roadways in Leslie Farms. The Borough Engineer stated that the issues were being addressed and monitoring of these issues would continue.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

Dave Bocci reported the following:

The east aerator was taken down in May, drained (40,000 gallons), and cleaned out. Two airline diffusers were recovered and a small leak was patched. Plastic for skimmer lines and bagging operations were repaired and the bagging machine was put back online. The required metals tests were completed and submitted to the DEP.

Campbell inquired about plant volume during Covid-19 pandemic. Bocci stated that there was no significant volume impact to the Plant during the past few months.

BUSINESS

Hilliard motioned, Ruediger seconded to approve the meeting minutes of May 5, 2020. Motion passed.

Hilliard motioned, Campbell seconded, to approve the submitted April 2020 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Leslie Farms – Phase 1 Ordinances

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to adopt Ordinances 15-2 Amended Stop Signs, 21-1 Streets, 18-3 Sanitary Sewer Systems, and 17-1 Stormwater Systems for Leslie Farms Phase 1. Motion passed.

Leslie Farms – Phase 2 Bond Release

Thompson confirmed that work had been completed and recommended release of the bond requested. Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to approve the release of the request bond amount for \$124,351.99. Motion passed.

Park Road Paving Project

The Park Road paving project had been completed. Thompson reported that Change Order 1 reflects a reduction of \$19,298.84 with a revised contract value of \$28,651.76. Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to approve for payment Change Order 1. Motion passed.

Covid-19 Butler County Expense and Revenue Loss Tracking

Council reviewed possible revenue losses including, shelter rental revenue, real estate tax penalty revenue, and earned income revenue as well as expenses incurred including advertising, and signage, all to be reported to the County for the possible coverage by the Cares Act.

Dan Cox stated that the Fire Department will also be identifying losses.

Covid-19 CDBG-CV Funding

Council discussed and determined the Borough had no qualifying needs.

Connoquenessing Park Opening

Council agreed that with Butler County entering into the green phase, the Park should be reopened. A "No Trucks Allowed" sign and new speed limit signs will be ordered. Some areas along the newly paved road will need gravel to level up drop offs.



Thompson reported that the bid for the Park Trail may be out as early as next week.

Worker’s Comp Insurance Audit

The Borough has again been assessed additional charges for worker’s comp coverage for three subcontractors by Selective Insurance. Howard Insurance is taking action to contact supervision at Selective regarding this issue since it is a reoccurring issue every year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Campbell inquired as to what equipment would be in the Park in Leslie Farms. The Engineer will provide a drawing showing the original plan.

Campbell questioned the conversion of the detention pond in Phase 1 and whether there would be any change to the structure. The Engineer state there should be no change in structure but some minor modifications were being reviewed by Butler County Conservation and the DEP.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Fire:** No Report
- Emergency Management:** Next quarterly meeting will be held on 6/25/20.
- Law and Order:** No Report
- Streets:** No Report
- Zoning/Planning:** No Report
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** No Report
- Sewage Financial:** No Report

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded at 8 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Forbes

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Borough Secretary/Treasurer