



## **CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 5, 2022**

The public meeting of the Borough Council of Connoquenessing was called to order.

Present were Council members Lloyd Leslie, Chris Logan, Rob Campbell, Francis Smith, David Hilliard, and Mayor Ray Betz.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Denny Frost, Jeffrey Zbezinski, Lou Zimmerman, Thomas Thompson, and Vickie Forbes.

Denny Frost, 145 Shelton Place, expressed concern regarding the unsafe speeding issue on Shelton Place Drive. Thompson stated that a review of the area had been done, and Phase 1 signage was compliant based on PennDOT standards. Signage in Phase 2 will be installed by the Developer prior to the Borough adopting the streets. Based on PennDOT standards, stop signs cannot be used to control speed. Zbezinski questioned the use of a traffic monitoring device to identify traffic flow issues. Thompson stated that information obtained from the device could be examined to identify any needs.

### **SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE**

Bocci stated normal operating conditions at the Plant.

Chief Zimmerman clarified issues with the recent Volunteer Fireman's Relief Association Audit. This audit covered four years due to the pandemic. He also reviewed the first quarter calls made by the Fire Department. Zimmerman indicated that EMS groups were experiencing staffing issues. The Fire Department is continuing with training to obtain State certification for many of its members.

### **BUSINESS**

Campbell motioned, Logan seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of March 1, 2022. Motion passed.

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded, to approve the submitted February 2022 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### Recycle Day – May 7, 2022

Changes to the upcoming event include a request for a \$50 contribution from each participating municipality to aid with the tire recycling program. A contact was made with Noble Environmental which is a company that collects electronics and chemicals, to see if they would participate in the May 7 event. They were unavailable due to being booked every Saturday until October, except for September 3. There may be Thursdays, 3pm – 7 pm, available as an option.

#### 2021 Audit

The audit results were reviewed.

#### Leslie Farms – Garbage and Dump Sites

Information was reviewed received from the Developer regarding the trash and dump site in Leslie Farms. Campbell stated that most dumpsters are not covered and cement was just being dumped over the hill. Thompson indicated that today's normal practice is to have a dump site boxed in but is not mandatory. This could be requested for future phases.

Smith questioned if the property owner of 135 Connoq Main Street had been contacted by the Code Enforcement officer regarding the roof collapse of the garage. It was reported that a letter had been sent, with no response; and a second letter would be sent.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### Easements in Leslie Farms Phase 2

An easement agreement, prepared by the Borough Solicitor, was reviewed. Thompson reported that the standard is to not allow an obstruction on an easement. An easement agreement provides the option of allowing an obstruction based on the property owner and all future property owners accepting financial responsibility for any obstruction being removed for any type of issue regarding the easement. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve the Easement Agreement and to add the fee associated with filing the agreement by the Borough to the Fee Schedule. Motion passed.

## MINUTES – 4/05/2022



### Armstrong Franchise Agreement

Allen Hassler from Armstrong contacted the Borough regarding a new franchise agreement. The new agreement was not yet available to be reviewed. Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to table the issue until the May meeting. Motion passed.

Campbell commented on only one access into Dogwood Lane. Discussion followed.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Emergency Management:** Betz and Logan reported on the recent meeting. The insurance package for the CVREMA was approved at that meeting with a cost of approximately \$2,000.

**Fire:** Report at beginning of meeting.

**Law and Order:** Betz questioned whether a connection with the State Police was needed.

**Streets:** The issue of signage in Leslie Farms was addressed above. Smith commented on the drop off on the edge of the sidewalk in areas of Leslie Farms. Campbell commented on parking along Connoq Main Street creating an unsafe issue.

**Zoning/Planning:** No Report

**Borough Building:** No Report

**Park:** Thompson reported on the specs requested for the repair of the tennis/pickle ball court. He will provide the specs to three contractors. Smith/Campbell will meet with them if necessary.

**Sewage Financial:** No Report

### MISCELLANEOUS:

Betz reported on the Butler County Boroughs Association meeting that he attended. The next meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2022.

Council reviewed the information received from PennDOT addressing a request from a resident to place a hidden driveway sign along Rt. 68. Council will discuss further at the May meeting.

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to amend the agenda to include information received from LIHWAP requesting the Borough become a vendor to this group. Motion passed.

LIHWAP (Low Income Household Water/Sewer Assistance Program) is part of an emergency effort, funded by the federal Dept. of Health and Human Service, to provide payment of existing arrearages caused by the pandemic and to prevent the disconnection of drinking water or wastewater services for low-income households. Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to provide the information required to become an approved vendor for LIHWAP. Motion passed.

Smith motioned, Logan seconded to amend the agenda to include the request by Michael Daniels to be reimbursed for the 18-month security of \$2,250 for the pressure gas line install for the Clingensmith subdivision and for the sewer connection fee collected by the Borough for the Derrick Stobert tap fee. Motion passed.

Smith motioned, Campbell seconded to approve payment to Michael Daniels for the 18-month security of \$2,250 and for the \$699 sewer connection fee for the Derrick Stobert tap fee. Motion passed.

Discussion on sewer loan being paid in full.

Campbell motioned, Logan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Borough Secretary/Treasurer