



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

April 6, 2021

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, Dave Hilliard and Mayor Kate Stutz.

Also present were Chief Lou Zimmerman, Amy Marcinkiewicz, Thomas Thompson, Dan Cox, and Vickie Forbes.

Chief Lou Zimmerman reviewed 2020 fire department information and addressed questions.

Amy Marcinkiewicz, a resident of Jackson Township, provided information about herself concerning her bid as a candidate for District Magistrate.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

No update.

BUSINESS

Ruediger motioned, Hilliard seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of March 2, 2021. Motion passed.

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded, to approve the submitted February 2021 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Leslie Farms Phase 2 – Sanitary Sewer As-Built Plans and Adoption

The Borough Engineer will contact the Developer concerning bonding of the sewer lines in Phase 2 for 18 months and will have the information available for the May meeting.

Ruediger motioned, Hilliard seconded to advertise Ordinance 18-4 Adoption of Sanitary Sewer Systems, Phase 2. Motion passed.

Ruediger questioned the conversion of the storm ponds in Phase 1. Engineer reported that as-built drawings would be furnished to the Homeowners Association once completed. The Engineer will follow up with the Developer and Shields Paving to identify when the repairs to the road and storm sewers would be completed in Phase 1.

Audit 2020

Council reviewed the Findings and Comments from the 2020 Financial Audit supplied by Diehl Accounting.

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping will take place April 15, 2021. Stutz volunteered to put up and take down the "No Parking" signs prior to the event. Smith will meet with the contractor on the day of the event.

School and Second Streets

Leslie reported that the Street Committee met with the representative from PennDOT to discuss surfacing of School and Second Streets. A repair will be made at Leslie Lane and Connoq Main Street as well as an area at Harmony Street/Connoq Main Street. The Street Committee will obtain bids for the repairs.

Campbell questioned removing vegetation between the curb and street along Connoq Main Street and then sealing this joint. Smith will contact Ritenour to address the vegetation. Once vegetation is removed, bids will be obtained to tar seal the joint.

Stutz reviewed with Council a letter she created addressing community safety. The letter will be posted on the CVREMA's social media as well as on the Borough website.

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Stutz stated that a fund raiser for the Connoquenessing Fire Department was being organized. Stutz stated that she would like to work with the Code Enforcement Officer to address specific issues in the Borough. Discussion followed concerning Tower Drive and public use of this drive. During an investigation of this issue in the past, it was determined that this easement was granted for utility access only related to the water tower.

Leslie questioned when Council would like to resume in-person council meetings. May's meeting will continue to be both in house and using Webex.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2021-05 Disposition of Records

Hilliard motioned, Campbell seconded to approve Resolution 2021-05 Disposition of Records. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Emergency Management:** Ruediger gave an update for the CVREMA on the generator. Information included size, load analysis, installation details, connection to the Borough building, fuel requirements, storage of fuel, maintenance, etc. Leslie requested the Park Committee look into the details and report back to Council.
- Fire:** No report
- Law and Order:** No report
- Streets:** Smith reported on correcting a blocked stormwater line on Constitution Avenue and then the cleanout of six additional drop boxes. A thank you letter will be sent to the resident who aided with the repair.
- Zoning/Planning:** No Report
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** Smith reported that he is working with Butler County Parks to address trees that are overhanging the new Park Trail. Smith motioned, Campbell seconded to have the Engineer work with the contractor to obtain a price to re-cement the bathroom floor. Motion passed.
The Park Committee will evaluate the need for additional playground bedding material.
- Sewage Financial:** No Report

MISCELLANEOUS:

Smith stated that he was investigating acquiring a right-of-way between Dogwood Lane and Washington Street for a trail.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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