



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

August 1, 2023

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, and Mayor Raymond Betz.

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

John Stobert commented on the letter he received concerning a complaint that was made concerning his property. He stated that all equipment on the property was for his personal use for maintaining his property. His business is located in East Butler, and no commercial business was being conducted at 132 Harmony Street. The Code Enforcement officer, Sandra Cox, stated that since a complaint had been received by Connoquenessing Borough, she was required to proceed as identified by ordinance. Leslie stated that since Stobert indicated that there was no commercial actions being performed on the property, no further action was required.

Leslie referenced information received by the Borough officer concerning 1291 Evans City Road and requested the Code Enforcement Officer investigate.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

Bocci stated normal operations at Plant. Completed a sewage tap-in inspection in Hidden Springs.

BUSINESS

Logan motioned, Campbell seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of June 27, 2023. Motion passed.

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded, to approve the submitted June 2023 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Request for Investigation – 132 Harmony Street

This issue was addressed earlier in the meeting.

Village Center Plaza Building Development

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to give preliminary approval for the Village Center Plaza Building Development as presented contingent on addressing comments identified on the Gannet Fleming letter dated 7/26/23 and upon the review by the applicant of the suggestions by the Planning Committee concerning the location of the stormwater detention facility. Motion passed.

Security Cameras

Council reviewed options for security for the Borough building and the Park. Smith motioned, Campbell seconded to approve the purchase and installation of the equipment with self-monitoring. Motion passed.

Hidden Springs-Operation and Maintenance Agreement

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to sign and have recorded the Operation and Maintenance Agreement – Stormwater Management Best Management Practices. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Snow Removal Bid 2023-2024

Logan motioned, Smith seconded to advertise the Snow Removal Contract for 2023-2024 to be received no later than Thursday, August 31, 2023 at noon and to be opened at the September 5, 2023, meeting. Motion passed.

Local Share State Wide Grant Opportunity

Smith motioned, Logan seconded to apply for the grant for sidewalks in the Borough. Motion passed.



Subdivision to Forward Township - Boundary

Information regarding the Connoquenessing Borough/Forward Township boundary line and building lots identified in the Forward Township plan but being located in Connoquenessing Borough were discussed. Council elected to wait for additional information from the Borough Engineer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Emergency Management: Cox discussed two bids related to generators. One bid was for a new generator and installation. The second bid was for installation of the generator currently in possession of the CVREMA. The CVREMA would need to provide a cement slab for the generator and the cost to install the generator would be \$1900. The process to operate would be done manually. Council stated that they would like to wait till the September meeting to decide on how to move forward. Cox stated that the trailer would be moved to another location for repairs.

Fire: No Report

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: Logan reported that PA American Water had conducted water tank maintenance; but while draining the tank, damage was done to parts of Connoq Main Street due to a drain pipe issue. PA American should be contacted to make repairs to the street.

Smith reported that the stop sign at the intersection of Harmony Street and Connoq Main Street may be too high and might contribute to people not stopping at the intersection. Specifications will be obtain for the proper height for stop signs adjacent to sidewalks.

Zoning/Planning: Smith motioned, Campbell seconded to appoint Norman Graham to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion passed.

Borough Building: No Report

Park: Smith motioned, Campbell seconded to approve the bid to remove trees with RB Tree Services. Motion passed.

Sewage Financial: No Report

MISCELLANEOUS:

Campbell motioned, Logan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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