



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

August 02, 2022

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

Present were Council members Lloyd Leslie, Chris Logan, Rob Campbell, and Francis Smith.

Also present were David Neely, Janet Marburger, Dave Bocci, Don and Aubrey Kraemer, Richard Witchko, Jeffrey Zebezinski, Daniel Cox, Carol Kaufman, and Vickie Forbes.

Janet Marburger stated that over the years she had spent thousands of dollars on dealing with water issues on her property that is adjacent to a hillside and that she was aware of a complaint requesting the hillside be cut. She stated that she and her neighbors opposed cutting the hillside for many reasons which include the vegetation aided in stabilization preventing erosion, cutting the vegetation and leaving it created a fire hazard and an eyesore, the cut vegetation created a mess in the adjacent yards, and the cutting the vegetation created a conservation issue for the wildlife that lived there. Mr. Kraemer indicated that he did not want the hillside cut for all the same reasons. David Neely specified that the Request for Investigation stated that the uncut vegetation was a fire hazard and questioned the professional proof of the statement. Council commented that the information presented would be considered upon dealing with the filed Request for Investigation.

Richard Witchko of 143 Harmony Street detailed that he had experienced toxic smoke and fumes at his property from a neighboring property. He had contacted and discussed the issue with the property owner on Rose Drive. He questioned who he should contact if this continued. Leslie stated that he could contact the Mayor if the situation continued.

Carol Kaufman presented a letter providing the requirements for keeping tax records.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

Dave Bocci reported the average flows for the month were 24,000 gal. The seven day average was 25,000 gal. Normal operations at the plant. Minor maintenance had been done. Bocci stated that he had been working with the owners of a lot on Harmony Street. The owners assumed that they could connect to public sewers with gravity flow. Bocci indicated that when the pressure line had been put in by the Developer, the original drawings showed a gravity flow tap; however, the as-builts only show a stem for a grinder pump.

BUSINESS

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of July 12, 2022. Motion passed.

Campbell motioned, Logan seconded, to approve the submitted June 2022 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Leslie Farms – Phase 1 Ponds

Council discussed the issues with the Phase 1 ponds and the issues with the HOA's in Leslie Farms and possible resolutions to the issues. Council requested the Borough Engineer attend the September meeting to discuss the issues.

Leslie Farms – Phase 3 Extension

Logan motioned, Smith seconded to approve the amendment to the Developers Agreements for Phases 2 and 3 provided by the Borough Solicitor. Motion passed.

Radon – Borough Building

Smith motioned, Campbell seconded to approve the purchase of a portable radon meter for the office. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Investigation

Council reviewed the Request for Investigation. Due to additional information provided that the vegetation provided erosion control on the hillside, Council determined not to take action on this issue.



MINUTES – 8/02/2022

Snow Removal Contract 2022-2023

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to approve Contract Change Order 2, renewing and holding the contract prices of the Snow Removal Contract for 2020-2021. Motion passed. Discussion followed on plowing the apron at the Fire Department.

Insurance Package 2023

Smith/Campbell motioned to renew with C. W. Howard Insurance Agency for insurance coverage for 2023. Motion passed.

Park – Flat Tire Issue

Smith motioned, Campbell seconded to pay to replace the tire damaged by a piece of metal in the Park. Motion passed.

Municipal Infrastructure Program Application

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to adopt Resolution 2022-06 to apply for funding for stormwater control on South Main Street. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Emergency Management:** Dan Cox reported on obtaining insurance coverage for the CVREMA. Cox stated that the generator had to be moved and was being stored temporarily at the Borough building. He indicated that a smaller generator was being investigated for use and that the current generator may be needed to be taken off of the trailer so the trailer could be repaired and used to acquire the smaller generator. Leslie stated that the larger generator should not be taken off of the trailer at the Park but should be taken to another location if it needed to be removed from the trailer.
- Fire:** Cox reported that the Fire Department had a new website. Engineering for the new fire building was still in development, and the Fire Department would be doing its fund raiser at the Farm Show.
- Law and Order:** No Report
- Streets:** Council reviewed an email received about the condition of Constitution Avenue. The Borough Engineer will be contacted to evaluate the issue.
- Zoning/Planning:** No Report
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** An inspection of reported damage to the small shelter's roof was performed and found not to be significant and no repair was needed.
- Erosion during heavy rain to the driveway around the Borough building was discussed. Campbell will arrange to have a drainage culvert installed to redirect the water runoff.
- Sewage Financial:** No Report

MISCELLANEOUS:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer