



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

December 05, 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, Dave Hilliard, and Mayor Raymond Betz.

Also present were Bob Martin, Shauna McChesney, Finley McChesney, Adam Black, Levi Black, Chase Black, Brady Schoch, Lauren Schoch, Matt McConnell, David Cottington, Lou Zimmerman, Dave Bocci and Vickie Forbes.

Lauren Schoch stated that members of Boy Scout Troop 482 were working on their communication merit badge by attending a public meeting.

Bob Martin stated that he had been elected to Council.

Matt McConnell updated Council on the status of the fire station project and that emergency calls had increased this year in comparison to last year.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

Bocci stated that he had been able to look at the new pump station and had recommended that locks be placed on the two hatches to avoid potential liability issues or damage. Tap connection inspections continue in Hidden Springs. Average flows were 29,000 gal per day with normal operations and flows at the Plant.

BUSINESS

Campbell motioned, Hilliard seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of November 6, 2023. Motion passed.

Hilliard motioned, Campbell seconded, to approve the submitted October 2023 Treasurer’s Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Forward Twp-Connoq Borough Subdivision

Building permits were requested to be issued from MDIA by Forward Township involving lots in the boundary dispute. The solicitor for the Borough agreed to allow permits to be issued as long as there was reservation of the legal rights relative to the underlying boundary dispute for the issued permits. All parties involved agreed. Smith motioned, Campbell seconded to have the Borough solicitor move forward with actions to determine the boundary between the municipalities and to request the costs be shared with Forward Township. Motion passed.

E. Blackburn Plan Subdivision-Tabled from November

Hilliard motioned, Campbell seconded to bring this tabled item back. Motion passed. Smith motioned, Logan seconded to grant the requested extension on the E. Blackburn Plan Subdivision for 90 days with the extension date beginning 12/5/2023. Motion passed.

Leslie Farms Phase 3 – Bond Release #5

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to approve Bond Release #5 in the amount of \$570,136.88. Motion passed.

Secretarial Position

Discussion on posting of available position and interviewing of potential candidates.

Stop Sign – Harmony Str/Connoq Main Street

Council reviewed the requirements provided by PennDOT, as well as the estimated cost of a flashing stop sign for the intersection. No action was taken.

Energy Ordinance

Council reviewed the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance addressing solar and wind energy and the recommendation by the Planning Committee to move forward with the ordinance. Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to have the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance reviewed by the Solicitor, sent to Butler County for review, and advertised for a public hearing. Motion passed.



MINUTES – 12/05/2023

2024 Proposed Budget

The proposed 2024 Budget was advertised for public review. Campbell motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve the 2024 Budget. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-07 Tax Rate for 2024

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to adopt Resolution 2023-07. Motion passed.

2024 Insurance Package

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to approve the 2024 liability policy with Selective Insurance and the workers' compensation package with the State Workers Insurance Fund. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fee Schedule for 2024

Council reviewed the fee schedule and elected to add a \$25 fee to cover expenses involved in physically posting a property for non-payment of sewer charges. This addition is to be included with the 2024 Fee Schedule Resolution.

Meeting Dates/Time of Meeting

Campbell motioned, Logan seconded to approve and advertise the proposed 2024 meeting dates with meetings starting at 7 pm. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Emergency Management: No Report

Fire: No Report

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: No Report.

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: No Report

Park: No Report

Sewage Financial: No Report

MISCELLANEOUS:

Campbell motioned, Logan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer