



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

December 06, 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, Dave Hilliard, and Mayor Ray Betz.

Also present were Lou Zimmerman, David Smith, Daniel Cox, Linda Smith, Dave Bocci, and Vickie Forbes.

Lou Zimmerman, Chief of the Connoquenessing Volunteer Fire Department, provided drawings of the proposed design for the new fire department building.

Dan Cox stated the generator exchange had been completed. Repairs to the trailer will be made and then will house the generator and a propane tank. A transfer switch had been furnished with the new generator. Cox proposed having the transfer switch installed at the Borough building at the expense of the CVREMA.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

Dave Bocci stated that during the recent hurricane rain period, the flows did peak at 72,000 gal. but has returned to normal operations with average flows at 36,000 gal. The new home at 132 Harmony Street had completed connection to the public sewer line.

Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve the Agreement for Maintenance and Operations of Sewage Treatment Facilities with Dave Bocci for a five-year period beginning January 1, 2023. Motion passed.

BUSINESS

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of November 1, 2022. Motion passed.

Hilliard motioned, Campbell seconded, to approve the submitted October 2022 Treasurer’s Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

2023 Budget

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to approve the 2023 Budget. Motion passed.

Resolution 2022-10 Tax Rate for 2023

Campbell motioned, Logan seconded to approve Resolution 2022-10 Tax Rate for 2023. Motion passed.

Act 41 – Building Improvement Reporting Requirements.

Council reviewed the interpretation of the Act provided by the Borough Solicitor. The Borough Solicitor has contacted the County Solicitor to remedy the differences in the interpretation.

Leslie Farms Phase 3 – Set-Aside Agreement

Council reviewed the revised Set-Aside Agreement with the added pump station information.

Leslie Farms Phase 2 Bond Payment

Hilliard motioned, Campbell seconded to put on the table for discussion and action the Leslie Farms Phase 2 bond payment request. Motion passed. Council reviewed items in Phase 2 that had not been completed and agreed to withhold the release of funds until the Borough Engineer verified all outstanding issues had been addressed and completed.

2023 Insurance Package

Council reviewed the 2023 insurance package.



NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting Dates

Logan motioned, Hilliard seconded to advertise the proposed meeting dates. Motion passed.

Resolution 2022-11 Harmony Street Sanitary Sewer Extension Project

Hilliard motioned, Logan seconded to approve Resolution 2022-11 for apply for grant funding for the Harmony Street sanitary sewer extension project. Motion passed.

Hilliard asked the position of Council concerning the request to install the transfer switch to the Borough building. Council agreed to require several quotes be obtained for details and costs of the installation before making a decision.

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: Campbell reported that he had been contacted by a student who was interested in building a covered bench at the Park as a senior project.

Sewage Financial: No Report

MISCELLANEOUS:

Campbell motioned, Hilliard seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer