



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

January 2, 2024

REORGANIZATION MEETING

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

Borough Code No. 1001B – Quorum – A majority of the membership of Council then in office shall constitute a quorum.

Nomination of President: Logan motioned, Campbell seconded to appoint Robert Campbell President of Council. Motion passed.

Nomination of Vice President: Campbell motioned, Logan seconded to appoint Francis Smith as Vice President of Council. Motion passed.

Campbell declared two positions vacant on Council pursuant to the direction received from the Election Bureau in their letter to the Borough dated December 18, 2023.

Campbell asked if there were any individuals interested in filling the vacant positions. Robert Martin and Jason Spears stated they were interested. Both individuals provided information about themselves and answered questions from Campbell and Logan.

Campbell motioned Logan seconded to appoint Robert Martin by Resolution 2024-02 to fill the position on Council for a two-year term. Motion passed.

Logan motioned Campbell seconded to appoint Jason Spear by Resolution 2024-03 to fill the position of Council for a two-year term. Motion passed.

Present were Council members, Robert Campbell, Chris Logan, Jason Spear and Robert Martin.

Also, present were Kathi Martin, Everett Lesko, Ryan Curtin, Daniel Cox, Lou Zimmerman, David Cottington, Matt McConnell, and Vickie Forbes.

Logan motioned, Martin seconded to appoint Dayna Walko to the secretarial position as a new hire to begin January 16, 2024. Motion passed.

2024 APPOINTMENTS

Vacancy Board	
Secretary/Treasurer	Vickie Forbes
Secretary	Dayna Walko
Open Records Officer	Secretary by Resolution
Butler County Tax Collector Committee	Vickie Forbes, Dayna Walko
Depositor	WesBanco Bank, PLGIT
Building Janitor	Vickie Forbes
Park Caretaker	Nathan Schultheis
Building Permits	Middle Dept. Insp. Agency
Zoning/Code Enforcement	Sandra Cox
Engineer	Gannett Fleming, Inc.
Sewage Enforcement:	David Ice
Solicitor	Lutz Pawk & Black
Emergency Management	CVREMA, Primary-Ray Betz, Alternate-Chris Logan
PA One Call	Dave Bocci
Butler County Boroughs Association	Ray Betz

Committee Appointments

Fire	Jason Spear
	Chris Logan
Law & Order	Ray Betz
	Robert Martin
Street	Chris Logan
	Francis Smith
Park	Francis Smith
	Robert Campbell
Sewage Financial	Francis Smith
	Robert Martin
Emergency Mgmt.	Ray Betz
	Chris Logan

Planning Committee

Robert Campbell	Mitch Leech
Chris Logan	John Eberle
Francis Smith	Steve Miller

Dan Cox, representing CVREMA, updated the progress on installing the generator and refurbishing the trailer.

Ryan Curtin stated that snow removal in parts of Leslie Farms is an issue that needs further investigation.

Matt McConnell with the CVFC stated that they had been successful in getting the 501C approval for tax exempt status. They will be conducting a large fund raiser in the Spring. Many of the members are receiving different certificates of accomplishments. Council requested continued updates on the progress of the new building as well as finance issues and levels of achievement with members.

Everett Lesko inquired about the financial position of the Borough regarding budgets verses actual expenditures.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

No Report

BUSINESS

Logan motioned, Spears seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of December 5, 2023. Motion passed.



MINUTES – 1/02/2024

Miller motioned, Spears seconded, to approve the submitted November 2023 Treasurer’s Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Leslie Farms Phase 2 Bond Release #6

Spear motioned, Martin seconded to approve a release of \$718,247.86, contingent on the Borough Engineer’s approval and resolving the unpaid escrow balance. Motion passed.

Council heard issues regarding unfinished work in Phases 1 and 2.

Resolution 2024-01 Fee Schedule

Spear motioned, Martin seconded to adopt Resolution 2024-01 Fee Schedule. Motion passed.

Ordinance 27-5 Alternative energy Source

Spear motioned, Logan seconded to approve the changes made by the Solicitor and have the Solicitor proceed with providing to the County for review and advertising for adoption. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gannett Fleming, Inc. Consulting Services Agreement for 2024

Spear motioned, Martin seconded to approve the Gannett Fleming Consulting Services Agreement for 2024. Motion passed.

Statement of Financial Interests

Copies were distributed and identified that all public officials and employees are required to file annually as per the Public Official and Employee Ethics Act. Completed forms are due by May 1 to the Borough office.

Kathi Martin, a resident of Leslie Farms, expressed concern about speeding on streets in Leslie Farms.

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: Council approved sending the tractor out for maintenance.
Applying for the Butler County Parks Grant was discussed.

Sewage Financial: No Report

MISCELLANEOUS:

Logan motioned, Martin seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer