



**CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 3, 2022**

The Oath of Office was administered to the newly elected officials, Raymond Betz, Robert Campbell, Christopher Logan and Francis Smith.

Mayor Raymond Betz accepted nominations for Council President. Lloyd Leslie was nominated to the position of Council President and was unanimously elected to the position.

Mayor Raymond Betz accepted nominations for Council Vice President. Francis Smith was nominated to the position of Council Vice President and was unanimously elected to the position.

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 Ray Betz.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Teresa Betz, Dan Cox, and Vickie Forbes.

Dan Cox reported that Connoquenessing Township will remain a member of the CVREMA for 2022. He stated that the CVREMA was working on insurance coverage for the organization and that Connoquenessing Township requested that the premium of the insurance policy be split equally among the member municipalities. Cox stated that the hazard mitigation plan was to be adopted by Butler County and that municipalities would be able to adopt the Butler County plan by resolution. The CVREMA reorganization meeting will be held on January 20, 2022. Cox reported that Connoquenessing Township had adopted a 2 mill fire tax.

**SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE**

Bocci stated that he would be working on the annual Chapter 94 report and would be estimating growth expectations for the upcoming years, influenced by the significant growth in 2021. Council discussed. Operations at the Plant were normal with regular liquid hauling.

**2022 APPOINTMENTS**

Vacancy Board	Vickie Forbes
Secretary/Treasurer	Vickie Forbes
Open Records Officer	Secretary by Resolution
Butler County Tax Collector Committee	Vickie Forbes
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	David Hilliard, Chris Logan
Law & Order	Ray Betz, David Hilliard
Street	Lloyd Leslie, Francis Smith
Park	Francis Smith, Rob Campbell
Sewage Financial	Francis Smith, Dave Hilliard
Planning Committee:	Lloyd Leslie, Rob Campbell, Chris Logan
	Mitch Leech, John Eberle, Steve Miller

**BUSINESS**

Smith motioned, Campbell seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of December 7, 2021. Motion passed.

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded, to approve the submitted November 2021 Treasurer’s Report. Motion passed.

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



**OLD BUSINESS:**

DCNR-Bureau of Recreation and Conservation 2021 Grant Application Result

Council reviewed a letter indicating the 2021 grant application for the Community Conservation Partnerships Program for playground development for the Park was not able to be funded. Lance Welliver with Butler County Parks and Recreation suggested reapplying in 2022. Council agreed the Borough should move forward with working with Welliver to reapply for the playground development grant.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Gannett Fleming-Annual Consulting Engineering Services for 2022

Council has accepted Gannett Fleming as the Borough engineering firm for 2022 by reappointing them in the 2022 Appointments.

Polling Location Agreement

Smith motioned, Campbell seconded to approve the use of the Connoquenessing Borough building as a polling location for general and primary elections by signing the provided agreement from the Butler County Bureau of Elections. Motion passed.

Resolution 2022-01 Fee Resolution

Council discussed adding a fee for Storm Water Management as suggested by the Borough Engineer but opted to obtain additional information regarding the use of this fee before adding it to the Fee Resolution. Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to adopt Resolution 2022-01 Fee Resolution. Motion passed.

Resolution 2022-02 Butler County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to adopt Resolution 2022-02 Butler County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Emergency Management:** Reported earlier in meeting.
- Fire:** No Report
- Law and Order:** No Report
- Streets:** No Report
- Zoning/Planning:** No Report
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** Council approved sending the Park tractor out for annual servicing.
- Sewage Financial:** No Report

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Leslie thanked Campbell for taking care of the town Christmas tree.

Leslie reported on the roof of a garage collapsing at 135 Connoq Main Street. Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to have the Code Enforcement Officer address the health and safety violation with the property owner. Motion passed.

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Vickie Forbes*

Vickie L. Forbes  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer