



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

January 05, 2021

The public meeting of the Borough Council of Connoquenessing was called to order at 7 pm using Webex, a remote access format.

Present were Council members Lloyd Leslie, Mary Grace Ruediger, Robert Campbell, Francis Smith, and Dave Hilliard.

Also present were Thomas Thompson, Dan Cox, Janet Marburger, Kate Stutz, Carl Aul, Chris Hinchberger, Ben Gutshall, and Vickie Forbes.

Council heard information presented by both candidates, Katherine Stutz and Ben Gutshall, for the open position of Mayor. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to appoint Katherine Stutz to fill the position of Mayor. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to appoint by Resolution 2021-02 Katherine Stutz to the position of Mayor. Motions passed.

Council heard information from two candidates, Carl Aul and Chris Hinchberger, for the two open positions on the Zoning Hearing Board. Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to appoint Hinchberger to the Zoning Hearing Board and Aul as the alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion passed.

Janet Marburger of Shelton Place Drive questioned when the repair would be done at the intersection of Shelton Place Drive and Leslie Farms Drive. The Borough Engineer indicated that the repair was supposed to have been done when the paving was done for Phase 2, however, was not completed due to a staffing issue. Since this oversight, several contacts had been made with the Developer to have the repairs completed; and as of today, the Developer indicated that if Shields, their regular contractor, did not take care of the problem, they would find another contractor to address the issue. Marburger also questioned why the Harmony Street access had not been constructed so that truck traffic in the developed community could be avoided. She also requested the dirt and stones from construction vehicles be addressed regularly. The Engineer indicated that the Harmony Street access was part of Phase 3 and would not be constructed until Phase 3 was started. Marburger agreed to providing pictures of debris on the roads, and the Engineer indicated that he would provide this information to the Developer.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

No Report

BUSINESS

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to approve the meeting minutes of December 1, 2020. Motion passed.

Campbell motioned, Ruediger seconded, to approve the submitted November 2020 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Hilliard motioned, Ruediger seconded, to approve the bills as submitted. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

2020 Audit – Agreed Upon Procedures

Campbell motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve the Agreed Upon Procedures for the 2020 Audit. Motion passed.

Safety Issue – 135 Connoq Main Street

The Borough Solicitor is working on the issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gannett Fleming – Annual Consulting Engineering Services for 2021

Smith motioned, Ruediger seconded to approve the Annual Consulting Engineering Services for 2021. Motion passed.

MDIA Fee Increase

Ruediger motioned, Campbell seconded to approve the MDIA increase. Motion passed.

Resolution 2021-01 Fee Schedule

Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve Resolution 2021-01 Fee Schedule. Motion passed.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Emergency Management: Cox stated that the annual meeting of CVREMA was held in December. The donated generator was still being evaluated. The Agency was working with C. W. Howard Insurance Agency to determine insurance needs. Connoquenessing Township submitted a letter at the December meeting indicating they would be leaving the Agency at the end of 2021. CT would like the Agreement changed to have equal cost sharing of capital purchases. Leslie and Smith expressed opposition to moving forward with refurbishing the donated generator.

Fire: Ruediger stated Connoquenessing Township would be donating money to the Fire Department rather than increasing the fire tax.

Law and Order: Leslie stated that Stutz, as the new Mayor, would report on Law and Order.

Streets: No Report

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to approve the upgrade to the Borough website. Motion passed.

Park: Smith motioned, Campbell seconded to approve the annual maintenance to the Borough tractor. Motion passed. Council discussed and recommended moving forward with applying for the 2021 Park Renovation and DCNR grants for Park improvements.

Sewage Financial: No Report

Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve the Committee appointments with the following additions:

CVREMA	Mary Grace Ruediger, Dave Hilliard-Alternate
Law & Order	Kate Stutz
Planning Committee	Kate Stutz

MISCELLANEOUS:

Council requested the Code Enforcement officer contact the owner at 126 Connoq Main Street and require a garbage container be used rather than the garbage being stored on the trailer by the renter.

Campbell motioned, Ruediger seconded at 8 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer