



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

March 2, 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, Dave Hilliard and Mayor Kate Stutz.

Also present were Thomas Thompson, Dave Bocci, Dan Cox, and Vickie Forbes.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

Bocci completed the annual Chapter 94 Municipal Wasteload Management Report for submittal to the DEP. He stated that the five year flow had been flat, approximately 35,000 gallon in the 80,000 gallon plant. Campbell motioned, Ruediger seconded to approve the signing of and the submittal of the Chapter 94 Report. Motion passed.

BUSINESS

Ruediger motioned, Smith seconded to approve the meeting minutes of February 2, 2021. Motion passed.

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded, to approve the submitted January 2021 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Borough Park Pond – Ice Skating Issue

The solicitor had reported that the Borough would be protected by the Pennsylvania Recreational Use of Land and Water Act. Current signage around the pond indicates any use of the pond except for fishing is strictly prohibited.

135 Connoq Main Str.-Tree Issue

The solicitor had reported that he was waiting for a response from PennDOT.

DCNR Grant Resolution – 2021-04

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to approve DCNR Grant Resolution 2021-04 to make application for grant funds for playground equipment. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

280-282 Connoq Main Street Lot Line Revision

Mary Grace Ruediger informed Council of the request to modify Parcels 370-S1-B34 and B35 by removing the lot lines and creating one parcel. The Borough Engineer provided comments dated 3/1/2021. The Planning Committee reviewed the request and recommended Council approve the lot line removal. Hilliard motioned, Campbell seconded to approve the lot line revision as presented. Motion passed.

Leslie Farms Phase 2 – Sanitary Sewer As-Built Plans and Adoption

The Borough Engineer reviewed the As-Built drawings and indicated that the DEP requires the adoption of the sewer lines by municipalities prior to new homes connecting. Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to proceed with the adoption of Leslie Farms, Phase 2 sewer lines. Motion passed.

Leslie Farms Phase 2 Update

Twelve new building permits have been issued for homes in Phase 2.

Peoples Natural Gas – 2021 Schedules for Road Repairs Request

Peoples Natural Gas requested any road paving schedules for 2021 in the Borough in order to minimize damage. Council indicated no paving jobs for 2021.



Water Shut-off Agreement with PA American Water

PA American Water is requiring a new water shut off agreement be executed for shut offs for non-payment of sewage. The Utility Service Tenants Rights Act requires the public utility to mail and post Residential Landlord Ratepayer notices for shut offs. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve, sign, and submit the new Water Shut-off Agreement. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Emergency Management:** Quarterly meeting will be held March 25, 2021. Cox recognized Pete Kaufman’s passing and his service to the municipality and fire department.
- Fire:** Installation dinner will be held in March. Council members and Mayor are invited. Fire Department is meeting with engineer and architect to begin the design process of the new fire department building.
- Law and Order:** Stutz reported on an incident involving a sign being hit with a BB while on a walk in her neighborhood. The State Police were notified however, there was no evidence as to whom was involved. Council approved a request by Stutz to draft a letter referencing vandalism of public property and public safety. The letter will be reviewed by Council at an upcoming meeting.
- Streets:** The Street Committee will evaluate School and Second Streets for possible repairs this year.
- Zoning/Planning:** No Report
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** No Report
- Sewage Financial:** No Report

MISCELLANEOUS:

The new Borough website is up and operating.

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded at 7:45 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Forbes

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