



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

May 04, 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, Francis Smith, Dave Hilliard and Mayor Kate Stutz.

Also present were Chief Lou Zimmerman, Sandy Cox, Dave Bocci, and Vickie Forbes.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

Bocci reported on the new building and sewage connections happening in Leslie Farms. No increase in flows at this time. Discussion has started on the pump station for Phase 3. Money from the Federal Government may be available for Plant improvements. Hydraulic system is tight. Hauling out organic liquid sludge is a temporary alternative to Plant expansion. Currently one of the two 20,000 gallon tanks is also available for use.

BUSINESS

Hilliard motioned, Ruediger seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of April 6, 2021. Motion passed.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 18-4 Sanitary Sewers, Leslie Farms Phase 2

Smith motioned, Ruediger seconded to adopt Ordinance 18-4 Sanitary Sewers, Leslie Farms Phase 2. Motion passed.

Ruediger commented that the street repairs had begun in Phase 1.

Butler County Park & Recreation Local Park Renovation Grant

The Borough was awarded through the Butler County Park & Recreation Renovation Grant \$7,500 with a matching requirement of \$2,500 to be used along with additional funds, if received, from an application for grant funds through the DCNR. All grant monies will be used to purchase and install the Proform Climber No. 7 playground equipment. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to sign the Grant Agreement between Butler County and Connoquenessing Borough. Motion passed.

Park Trail Tree Removal

Two quotes were reviewed to remove dangerous trees along the new Trail. Hilliard motioned, Ruediger seconded to accept the lowest bid from G.B. Tree for the amount of \$7,800. Motion passed.

Leslie Farms Phase 1 As-Built Storm Ponds

The Leslie Farms Phase 1 As-built Storm Bond drawings were reviewed. The Borough Engineer commented that the drawings were acceptable and had requested that the developer provide the certifications so that the drawings could be recorded. Hilliard motioned, Ruediger seconded to approve the as-built drawings upon receiving certification. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ruediger proposed donating an existing garage on their property located at 280 Connoq Main Street to the Fire Department to use as training for a controlled burn of the structure. Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to allow for the controlled burn to be used as a training tool for the Connoquenessing Fire Department members with all hazardous materials being removed in advance and with notification given in advance to the neighbors and the 911 Center. Motion passed. Ruediger abstained from the vote.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Emergency Management:** Ruediger reported on a request for hazardous mitigation documents. The completed documents were submitted and a request was made to Emergency Management to delete the submitted forms in order to prevent duplication of the information and to provide that information to the EMC so that he could submit the information. Ruediger also stated that the Executive Committee was considering the capital expenses to be excluded from the budgeting process and changing the responsibility of capital improvement expense amounts to being divided equally between the three participating municipalities rather than by per capita. Smith stated that he was not in agreement with the proposed change. Leslie also was not in agreement.
- Fire:** A fund raising pulled pork dinner was being planned for Saturday, May 15, 20201.
Zimmerman reported receiving multiple grants from FEMA and Butler County and using the funds for new equipment.
- Law and Order:** Stutz reported on putting up and taking down signs for street cleaning in April.
- Streets:** Leslie stated that he was still trying to get bids for School and Second Streets. Smith stated he will organize the spraying of the vegetation along curbs.
- Zoning/Planning:** Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to appoint Alan Peffer to the Zoning Hearing Board for another term. Motion passed.
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** Council authorized the purchase of a new urinal for the Park restroom under maintenance repairs. Eagle Scout project for upper shelter and small shelter scheduled for August 28 and 29.
- Sewage Financial:** No Report

MISCELLANEOUS:

Recycle/Cleanup Day – Saturday, May 8, 2021

Sandra Cox stated she was working with Mayor Stutz on several code enforcement violations which involved multiple violations including safety issues.

Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded at 8:55 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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