



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

November 01, 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, Rob Campbell, Francis Smith, and Dave Hilliard.

Also present were Thomas Thompson, Lou Zimmerman, David Smith, Sandra Cox, Dave Bocci, and Vickie Forbes.

Smith motioned, Campbell seconded to amend the December 1, 2021, Agenda, as outlined by Act 65 of 2021, to include a “New Situation” received after the posting of this agenda, the Resignation of the Mayor. Motion Passed

Campbell motioned, Hilliard seconded to accept the resignation of the Mayor. Motion passed. Council opted to obtain the results of the election to be held 11/2/2021 before moving forward with filling the vacancy of the Mayor.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

Bocci stated they had finished bagging for the year, and the average flows for the month were about 30,000 gallons. Several tap-in inspections in Leslie Farms Phase 2 had been completed. Operations at the Plant were normal.

BUSINESS

Hilliard motioned, Ruediger seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of October 5, 2021. Motion passed.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Leslie Farms Parcel 2-1 and Parcel 3-3 Recreational Area Subdivision

Thompson reported that the revised submitted plans for the subdivision of the recreational areas in Phases 2 & 3 of Leslie Farms met ordinance requirements. Ruediger stated that the HOA members had reviewed the agreement regarding the responsibility of the recreational areas and were working on changes to the agreement to be presented to the developer. Hilliard motioned, Campbell seconded to approve the subdivision plans but not to sign the mylar until the agreement was finalized between the homeowners association and the developer. Motion passed. The homeowners association will notify the Borough office when an agreement is reached.

NEW BUSINESS:

Butler County Resolution No. 2021-26-Collection of Taxes

Council reviewed the resolution adopted by the County Commissioners to collect a fee for collection of real estate taxes by the County Treasurer for municipalities in the County. The fee will be \$3 per tax card.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Emergency Management: No Report

Fire: Ruediger stated that there was a great turn out for the Halloween Parade event at the Park.

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: A reflector was placed at the offset in the sidewalk in front of the Methodist Church. The brush was cleared from the bank along Constitution Avenue.

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: No Report



MINUTES – 11/01/2021

Park: Council reviewed the bid for resurfacing of the volleyball court and elected to wait until spring to have the work done. Campbell reported that the Eagle Scout project replacing the fall material under the playground equipment and the refurbishing of the playground equipment had been completed as an Eagle Scout project.

Sewage Financial: No Report

Lou Zimmerman, Fire Department Chief, reported that the Halloween Parade held at the Park was a success with a nice turnout and proposed using the Park for future Halloween events.

Code Enforcement: The Code Enforcement Officer reviewed activity concerning the complaint at 245 Connoq Main Street. This included information received from the Conservation District as well as an on-site meeting with the property owner. Hilliard motioned, Ruediger seconded to amend the November 1, 2021, Agenda, as outlined by Act 65 of 2021, to include a “New Situation” received after the posting of this agenda, the review of activity on a filed complaint. Motion Passed
Smith motioned, Ruediger seconded to send a letter to the property owner and the Conservation District stating that no approval was given by Council or the sewer authority to manipulate, change, or disturb in any way the sewer manhole system. Motion passed.

2022 Preliminary Budget: Council reviewed the preliminary budget items. Hilliard motioned, Campbell seconded to go into executive session to discuss wages at 8:35 pm. Motion passed.
Campbell motioned, Ruediger seconded to come out of executive session at 8:43 pm. Motion passed.
Hilliard motioned, Ruediger seconded to increase the pay of all Borough employees by 3% and add one paid vacation day for the Secretary/Treasurer. Motion passed.
Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to advertise the revised proposed 2022 Budget. Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS:

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

Respectfully submitted,

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