



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

November 01, 2022

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 Dave Hilliard.

Also present were Aaron Bernstine, Lou Zimmerman, Mike Nanna, Matt McConnell, Dave Bocci, and Vickie Forbes.

Aaron Bernstine introduced himself as a candidate for the 10th Legislative District and stated that he welcomed being contacted with any issues.

Chief Lou Zimmerman reported on a recent letter received from the Office of the State Fire Commissioner regarding an audit that had previously identified an improperly expended fire relief association payment. Chief Zimmerman stated he had responded to the State Fire Commissioner and Auditor General’s offices indicating that the issue had been addressed when originally notified and that follow-up would continue with documentation to resolve the issue. McConnell stated that the new building was in final draft, but construction was probably a year away. He added that the Halloween event held at the Borough Park was a success with many attending.

Sandy Cox updated Council on the collapsing garage issue at 135 Connoq Main Street. Smith motioned, Campbell seconded to have the Borough Solicitor send a letter to the property owner. Motion passed.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

Dave Bocci normal operations at the Plant. The new build at the Harmony Street location still had not begun boring under Harmony Street to connect to the gravity flow sewer line.

BUSINESS

Hilliard motioned, Logan seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of October 4, 2022. Motion passed.

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded, to approve the submitted September 2022 Treasurer’s Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Act 41 – Reporting Improvements to County Assessment

Due to confusion on what is required by Act 41 to be reported to the Assessment Office, Campbell motioned, Logan seconded to request clarification from the Borough Solicitor. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Smith Lot-Line Revision

Campbell motioned, Logan seconded to approve the Smith lot-line revision waiving the contours at vertical internals requirement, waiving extending the existing 40 foot right-of-way five feet on Lot 1 but contingent on obtaining an approved driveway permit from PennDOT for Lot 2. Motion passed. The Sewage Facilities Planning Module was signed.

Leslie Farms Phase 3 Set-Aside Agreement

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to approve the Set-A-Side Agreement contingent on the addition of the financial security covering the pump station and the approval of the Borough Engineer for the amount covered. Motion passed.

Leslie Farms Phase 3 Developers Agreement

The revised Developers Agreement for Phase 3 was provided by the Borough Solicitor and reviewed by the Borough Engineer. Hilliard motioned, Leslie seconded to approve the Developers Agreement for Phase 3. A roll call vote was requested and resulted as: Leslie – yes, Logan-yes, Campbell-no, Smith-no, Hilliard-yes. Motion passed. Amended: **Campbell voted no due to the issues with Phase 1 ponds.**

Leslie Farms – Phase 2 Bond Reduction Request #5

Council reviewed the bond reduction request. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to table an action until the next meeting. Motion passed.



MINUTES – 11/01/2022 AMENDED

Resolution 2022-09 Auditor Appointment 2023

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to approve Resolution 2022-09. Motion passed.

Harmony Street – Sewer Connection

Council reviewed requirements to connect to public sewers. Discussion continued on installing a gravity flow line from Leslie Farms Drive east on Harmony Street and applying for grant money available to aid in the construction of such line. Logan motioned, Hilliard seconded to notify the new property owner of 156 Harmony Street that they would be required to connect to the sewer pressure line or a new gravity flow line within one year of ownership of 156 Harmony Street. Motion passed.

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to approve applying for the Cares Act grant funding for the construction of the sewage gravity line from Leslie Farms Drive to approximately 143 Harmony Street. Motion passed.

2023 Preliminary Budget

Council reviewed the preliminary budget for 2023. Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to go to executive session at 9:08 pm to discuss wages. Motion passed.

Campbell motioned, Hilliard seconded to return from executive session at 9:20 pm. Motion passed.

Campbell motioned, Hilliard seconded to increase wages by 3% for 2023 payments. Motion passed.

Hilliard motioned, Logan seconded to advertise the 2023 Budget. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Emergency Management: No Report

Fire: No Report

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve the Winter Maintenance Agreement for Lloydmont Blvd. dated October 28, 2022, with Forward Township. Motion passed.

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: No Report

Park: The resurfacing of the basketball court was completed.

Sewage Financial: No Report

MISCELLANEOUS:

Campbell motioned, Hilliard seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Forbes

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