



**CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 04, 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, Dave Hilliard and Mayor Ray Betz.

Also present were Trent Geis, David Smith, Lori Maroni, Jeffrey Zebezinski, Dave Bocci, and Vickie Forbes.

David Smith comment on the Leslie Farms Phase 1 HOA not accepting the ponds in their current condition and his concerns about the inspections that were done. Leslie stated that there had been a meeting with the HOA management company who represents the homeowners association. The Borough engineer had indicated that the as-built drawings matched the original design. In the original design, the upper pond was constructed with two 1” pipes for drainage which would require regular maintenance. Per the developer, the construction of the ponds had been completed in 2021 and a request was made to the HOA management representative in August, 2021 with additional attempts over the following months to accept the ponds. Smith indicated that the HOA’s engineer completed an inspection at that time and found the ponds not to be functioning properly. Discussion followed including estimated costs to unplug the pond, modification to the two 1” pipes, and who would be responsible for the cost. Leslie indicated that these ponds were private property and really not the Borough’s responsibility but the Borough would continue to work with both groups to help resolve the problem.

Lori Maroni inquired about when street signs would be installed. Leslie stated that in the streets would be blacktopped and street signs would be installed in the next weeks.

**SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE**

Dave Bocci reported the average flows for the month were 23,000 gallons and hydraulically under 50%. Normal operations continue at the plant. Bocci stated that the property on Harmony Street on Lot 4 of the Clingensmith subdivision had obtained a permit from PennDOT to bore under the Harmony Street and connect to sewers via gravity flow.

**BUSINESS**

Hilliard motioned, Logan seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of September 6, 2022. Motion passed.

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Leslie inquired about the status of the collapsed garage and the unpermitted roof. Both issues were being addressed by the Code Enforcement Officer.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Renewal of Sewage Plant Maintenance Agreement**

Bocci stated that his five-year contract was ending at the end of 2022 and that he was interested in renewing it for another five years. Council stated that they were satisfied with the terms of the contract and were not opposed to renewing for five years beginning January 1, 2023.

**Resolution 2022-08 DCNR Grant Funds**

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to approve Resolution 2022-08 DCNR Grant to apply for grant funds for playground equipment. Motion passed.

**Resolution 2022-07 Real Estate Tax Penalty Waiver**

Hilliard motioned, Campbell seconded to approve Resolution 2022-07 Real Estate Tax Penalty Waiver. Motion passed.

**Modification – Zoning Permit Application – Act 41**

Council discussed the changes to Act 41 requiring certain reporting to the Butler County Assessment office. Minor changes were made to the Zoning Permit Application to assist in addressing these requirements for certain site improvements.



**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Emergency Management:** Logan reported that the CVREMA would be exchanging the large generator for a smaller 15 kilowatt generator with Evans City **Sewer Authority**. He requested the smaller generator be stored in the Borough garage while the trailer is being repaired. Council reviewed the proposed CVREMA 2023 budget.
- Fire:** Hilliard reviewed comments from Chief Zimmerman regarding snow removal.
- Law and Order:** No Report
- Streets:** The Street Committee requested a meeting with Forward Township to discuss a pavement issue on Lloydmont Blvd.
- Zoning/Planning:** No Report
- Borough Building:** Campbell reported that the precast trench had been installed across the building driveway to minimize erosion.
- Park:** Smith motioned, Campbell seconded to approve the quotation for \$470 to repair and resurface the basketball court by The Driveway Sealers, Inc. Motion passed.
- Sewage Financial:** No Report

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Mayor Betz discussed the request he received for a flag for two children in France. Council indicated that they were not opposed to him attempting to fulfill the request.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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