



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

September 05, 2023

The public meeting of the Borough Council of Connoquenessing was called to order.

Present were Council members Lloyd Leslie, Chris Logan, Francis Smith, David Hilliard, and Mayor Raymond Betz.

Also present were Dan Cox, Tim Fitzgerald, Dave Bocci and Vickie Forbes.

Tim Fitzgerald of 106 Constitution Avenue introduced himself and expressed interest in being appointed as the alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board. Hilliard motioned, Logan seconded to appoint Fitzgerald as the alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion passed.

Dan Cox reviewed information regarding the installation of the generator. Logan motioned, Hilliard seconded to proceed with the installation. Motion passed.

Snow Removal Bid One bid was received and opened. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to accept the snow removal bid from Sherry Peffer for the winter season of 2023-2024. Motion passed.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

Bocci reported on normal operations at the Plant. A dumpster was switched and bagging will continue until cold weather. Bocci described being contacted by the DEP regarding metals testing. Metal tests are provided monthly and are well below the limits. Bocci will send a letter summarizing the information. Flows at the Plant are low with the current dry conditions.

BUSINESS

Logan motioned, Smith seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of August 1, 2023. Motion passed.

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded, to approve the submitted July 2023 Treasurer’s Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Leslie Farms PRD-Parcels 2-1 & 3-3

Parcels 2-1 & 3-3 recreational area subdivision was originally approved November 1, 2021, with signing of the mylar would be contingent on an agreement being finalized between the homeowners associations and the developer. That agreement was signed in February 2023. Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to approve and sign the mylars upon them being reviewed first by the Borough Engineer. Motion passed.

Wiest Asphalt Paving Project

Leslie stated that there was a small add on to the project of paving around the newly installed storm drain. The total final cost of the project was \$70,503.17. Part of the payment will come from bond money received from Penn Energy, and the balance will be from Liquid Fuels. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to sign the Final Competition Certificate. Motion passed.

Leslie Farms Phase 3 Pump Station – Electric Service

The Developer has made application with Penn Power for service to the pump station. The Borough Engineer indicated that the electric account may need to be put in the Borough’s name. The Developer will be responsible for all costs until the Borough adopts the pump station.

Forward Township/Connoquenessing Borough Subdivision

Council reviewed drawings. It was the intent of the Borough to agree to subdivide property physically located in Forward Township, not property physically located in the Borough. Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to have the Borough Engineer work with the Borough Solicitor to resolve this issue. Motion passed.

Garage Issue – 135 Connoq Main Street

The Code Enforcement Officer provided to Council an email informing them of the condition of the garage and that it is a safety hazard. The Solicitor will move forward with the notifications required for scheduling a hearing possibly before the October meeting.



MINUTES – 9/05/2023

NEW BUSINESS:

Halloween – Trick or Treat

Hilliard motioned, Logan seconded to have Trick or Treat in the Borough on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, from 6-7 pm and to allow the Connoquenessing Volunteer Fire Department to use the Park for the Halloween Parade event on Sunday, October 29, 2023. Motion passed.

Butler County SALDO Ordinance – Solar Farms

Butler County updated their Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to include language addressing solar and solar farms and recommends that municipalities revise their own ordinances to address the issue. Council requested a copy of the Butler County Ordinance and would like input from the Borough Engineer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Emergency Management: No Report

Fire: No Report

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: Logan inquired as to whether PA American had been contacted regarding the repairs to Connoq Main Street after the issue with the maintenance of the water tower. PA American had been contacted.

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to have C. W. Howard Insurance Agency act as the agent for the Borough’s insurance coverage for 2024. Motion passed.

Park: Council reviewed the information received from Waste Management regarding the overfilled dumpster and requested Waste Management be contacted to suggest a solution. Smith reported that RB Tree Service had removed the dangerous trees along the trail in the Park.

Sewage Financial: No Report

MISCELLANEOUS:

Hilliard motioned, Logan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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