



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

February 1, 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, David Hilliard, and Mayor Ray Betz.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Matt McConnell, Lou Zimmerman, and Vickie Forbes.

Matt McConnell stated that the Connoquenessing Volunteer Fire Department was participating in the Pennsylvania Recognition Program with more than 50% of the members having their training at professional certification. Zimmerman reported on how the department was updating and upgrading their equipment to cordless equipment which is lighter and more efficient.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

Bocci reviewed information on organic and hydraulic flows for the plant as well as estimates on how this might change moving forward with additional phases in Leslie Farms. Bocci will review the annual Chapter 94 report at the March meeting which will include estimating growth expectations for the upcoming years. Even with the much colder temperatures, operations at the Plant were normal and will be continuing sludge removal in February and March.

BUSINESS

Smith motioned, Campbell seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of January 3, 2022. Motion passed.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution 2022-01 Fee Schedule – Storm Water Management

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to amend Resolution 2022-01 to include fees for Stormwater Management review which included a \$25 Administration Fee and a \$500 Engineer Review Fee. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Park Use for Food Truck

Council reviewed the request and opted not to permit Graeter’s Ice Cream Food truck to use the Park as a location for servicing local neighborhoods.

2022 Community Development Block Grant Program

Council reviewed the specifications for applying for the grant and determined that Connoquenessing would not meet the requirement of principally benefiting 51 percent or more of low-moderate income persons.

Butler County Renovation/Development Program Grant

After reviewing the proposed grant application for funding for playground equipment, Council agreed to move forward with the application for funding.

Resolution 2022-03 Butler County Park Grant

Campbell motioned, Logan seconded to adopt Resolution 2022-03 Butler County Park Grant required for applying for the grant. Motion passed.

Mayor Betz stated that he had several inquiries about snow removal in Leslie Farms. Council indicated that snow removal was done by a local contractor. The Borough does not maintain or employ the type of equipment used by local townships to remove snow. Phase 2 of Leslie Farms is still maintained by the developer.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Emergency Management: Logan reported that the CVREMA had held their reorganization meeting.

Fire: No Report

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: Hilliard motioned, Logan seconded to amend the Agenda to include street sweeping. Motion passed. Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to arrange for the annual street sweeping for late April. Motion passed.

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: Hilliard motioned, Logan seconded to amend the Agenda to include a request from Rep. Mustello's office. Motion passed. Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to permit Rep. Mustello's office to use the Borough building to provide a clinic to aid the community in filing Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications. Motion passed.

Park: Council approved having the Park caretaker remove the one remaining horseshoe pit.

Sewage Financial: No Report

MISCELLANEOUS:

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

Respectfully submitted,

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