



## **CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 7, 2017**

The public meeting of the Borough Council of Connoquenessing was called to order at 7:30 pm at the Connoquenessing Borough building.

Present were Council members Lloyd Leslie, Nathan Reed, Francis Smith, Dave Hilliard, Mitch Leech, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Kelly Noronha, Daniel Cox, Dave Bocci, Linda and Len Schoettker, Tom Hilliard and Vickie Forbes.

Kelly Noronha commented on her attempt to walk her children to school and on the poor condition of the sidewalks in town. In some places there are no sidewalks. She questioned whether homeowners are required to have sidewalks, if they are required to maintain them, and what responsibility is the Borough's. Leech motioned, Smith seconded to have the Borough engineer do a study and prepare an estimate to install sidewalks on the west side of Main Street from Constitution Avenue to St. John's Church. Motion passed.

### **SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE**

Bocci reported that the annual Chapter 94 Municipal Wasteload Management Report for 2016 had been completed. The twelve month average for flows is currently about 30,000 gallon for an 80,000 gallon plant. A copy of the report will be in the office for review. Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to sign and submit the report to the DEP as presented. Motion passed. Normal maintenance at the plant continues except for a capacitor being replaced at the pump station. The 5-year agreement for maintenance and operations at the plant ends 12/31/17. Discussion continued.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

Dan Cox stated that the IS-700a training would be held on February 23, 2017, at the Fire Hall at 6:30 pm and many of the surrounding municipalities and fire departments had been invited. He indicated that the Callery Borough Chief had expressed interest in a regional emergency management group. Hilliard stated that he would be willing to be involved in attempting to coordinate an emergency management organization with the surrounding municipalities.

### **BUSINESS**

Leech motioned, Reed seconded to approve the meeting minutes of January 3, 2017. Motion passed.

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded, to accept the submitted December 2016 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grant-Resolution 2017-03**

Council reviewed the details of the grant. Leech motioned, Reed seconded to approve Resolution 2017-03 to be submitted with the grant application. Motion passed.

#### **Butler County Park Renovation/Development Program Grant -Resolution 2017-02**

Council reviewed the details of the grant application. Reed motioned, Leech seconded to approve Resolution 2017-02 to be submitted with the grant application. Motion passed.

#### **Durci-Failure to Tap In to Sewage System**

Council reviewed the different options available as defined by the Borough Solicitor to address the issue. Reed motioned, Leech seconded to inform the Durci's in writing that they must resolve the issue in 30 days or water service to the property would be disconnected. The Sewage Committee would be available to meet with them. Motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **2016 Audit-Independent Account's Report, Representation Letter**

Council reviewed the Independent Accountant's Report on Applying the Agreed-Upon procedures. Hilliard motioned, Reed seconded to approve the audit results and to sign the Representation Letter. Motion passed.



PSAB Training Discount Program

The information received from Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs about the flat rate of \$125 per year to cover all training provided by PSAB for all Borough staff was reviewed.

Butler County Tax Collector Committee (BCTCC)

Carol and Ronald Kaufman have resigned as the alternate delegates to the committee. Council elected to not appoint an alternate but to have the appointed delegate contact the executive committee if unable to attend a meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Fire:** Hilliard reported on attending the meeting held by Butler County Emergency Services regarding the proposed public safety radio system. The current equipment will no longer be supported in the near future. The County has contracted with Motorola and will pay 75% of the costs. Municipalities are being required to cover the additional 25% of the cost. Discussion continued with sharing the cost and possibly using Act 13 funds. Payments are due to the County in mid-2018.  
The 2017 Officer Installation/Member Appreciation Dinner will be held at the Fire Station on Saturday, February 18, 2017.
- Law and Order:** No Report
- Streets:** Discussion on street light rate increase.
- Zoning/Planning:** No Report
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** Smith reported the Little Free Library was installed by the Borough building. The Borough received the 2016 grant for Trail
- Sewage Financial:** No Report

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Rader questioned the installation of sidewalks in the Borough.  
Smith stated he had resolving the voting issue with the Election Bureau.  
Leslie stated that an issue had developed with the Leslie Farms plan. The Corp of Engineers had determined that the wetlands encompassed a larger area than originally defined requiring the plan to be modified. Leslie anticipated the revised plan to be brought to Council in the upcoming months.

Leech motioned, Reed seconded at 9:05 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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