

# CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

**January 8, 2019** 

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, Rob Campbell, Francis Smith, and Dave Hilliard

Also present were Niki Vigna, Dave Bocci, and Vickie Forbes.

Niki Vigna, an energy broker/consultant for Premier Power Solutions, presented information to Council which would generate a 20% savings on electrical power costs for the Borough. Hilliard motioned, Campbell seconded to commit to a three year contract at the fixed rate presented. Motion passed.

# SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

Bocci reported normal operations at the plant and pump station. Bottles had been ordered for sampling as required for by the NPDES permit application. Discussion followed concerning a quote to do a video inspection of the sewage lines in Phase 1 prior to the Borough adopting these lines

### **BUSINESS**

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to approve the meeting minutes of December 4, 2018. Motion passed.

Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded, to accept the submitted November 2018 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### School Verification Light

Council reviewed the current information from the PennDot representative stating that an updated permit would not be required as long as the State Police did not use the verification light to make arrests in the school zone for those pulling into the school zone from side roads. There are no requirements for a verification light in a school zone. Council opted to take no action on the verification light request.

### <u>Leslie Farms – Phase 1 Final Inspection</u>

Council reviewed a letter from Thomas Thompson, Gannett Fleming, summarizing the inspection done on Leslie Farms Phase 1 on December 13, 2018. All items on this document are to be addressed by the Developer.

### Leslie Farms – ADA Ramps

Council reviewed inspection details provided pertaining to the lack of ADA ramps in Phase 1. ADA ramps on all locations referenced will be required before the Borough adopts the streets in Phase 1. Discussion followed on the sidewalk requirement on the west side of Leslie Farms drive at the recreational area.

# Leslie Farms -Stop Sign Ordinance

The Borough Engineer notified the Borough that the stop signs in Leslie Farms Phase 1 would need to be added to the Borough's stop sign ordinance. Borough Ordinance 15-213 references stop signs but provides no detail. Campbell motioned, Hilliard seconded to have the Borough Engineer provided an ordinance that meets the requirements for a stop sign ordinance to the Borough for review. Motion passed.

### Leslie Farms - Operation & Maintenance Agreement SWM BMP

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to have the Solicitor record at the Courthouse the document approved at the December meeting. Motion passed.

### Leslie Farms –Video Inspection of Sanitary Sewers

Council reviewed a quote to do an internal video inspection of the sewage lines in Phase 1 prior to adoption of the lines. Council discussed, reviewed comments made by Bocci, and elected to take on action on the video inspection prior to adoption of the lines.



Harold Rader

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### 2019 Appointments

Council reviewed the appointments. Campbell motioned, Hilliard seconded to make the appointments as read. Motion passed.

2019 Appointments Committees:

Vacancy Board Vickie Forbes Fire: David Hilliard

President Pro Tem ------ Mary Grace Ruediger Municipal Code Association Executive Committee Law & Order David Hilliard

Secretary/Treasurer: Vickie Forbes

Open Records Officer: Secretary by Resolution Street Lloyd Leslie Vickie Forbes Francis Smith Butler County Tax CC WESBanco Bank Park Depositor: Rob Campbell Francis Smith **Building Janitor:** Vickie Forbes Park Caretaker: Nathan Schultheis Sewage Financial David Hilliard

Building Permits: Middle Dept. Insp. Agency Francis Smith Zoning/Code Enforcement: Municipal Code Association Planning Committee: Mitch Leech

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Solicitor: Gannett Fleming, Inc. Harold Rader John Eberle
Solicitor: Rob Campbell Steve Miller

Emergency Management Coordinator: Daniel Cox PA One Call: Dave Bocci

### 2018 Audit Engagement Agreement – Diehl Accounting

Smith motioned, Campbell seconded to sign the 2018 Audit Engagement Agreement. Motion passed.

#### Fee Schedule Resolution 2019-01

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to approve Fee Schedule Resolution 2019-01. Motion passed.

#### Gannett Fleming Annual Consulting Engineering Services

Hilliard motioned, Campbell seconded to approve the Gannett Fleming Annual Consulting Engineering Services. Motion passed.

#### 2019 Municipal Election

The summary of election information was reviewed and established to be correct.

#### 2019 Community Development Block Grant

Council reviewed the program and the requirement to benefit 51% or more of low-moderate income. Projects and applications would require doing a survey. No action was taken.

#### WWTP Solar Power

Information provided was reviewed regarding the potential for developing a Solar Photo Voltaic electric generation facilities at the sewage plant. Council agreed that a Penn State Extension representative should visit the site to determine if the project should be considered.

# Peoples Natural Gas

A request was received regarding road paving in the Borough for 2019. Peoples Natural Gas would like to coordinate construction activities to minimize potential damage to newly paved roadways. Council discussed possible improvements to the upper Constitution Avenue.

## **Tractor Maintenance**

Council approved the scheduling of the Park tractor for maintenance.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Emergency Mgmt:** Hilliard reported that the Connoquenessing Valley Regional EMA's held its annual meeting on December 6, 2018.

Fire: No report

### MINUTES - 01/08/2019

Law and Order: No report

Streets: No report

**Zoning/Planning**: No Report

**Borough Building:** Motion light at side door needs repaired.

Park: Smith stated that the Boy Scouts are looking for ideas for Eagle Scout projects in the Park.

Sewage Financial: No Report

# **MISCELLANEOUS**

Statement of Financial Interest forms must be completed and returned to the Borough office.

Campbell motioned, Hilliard seconded at 9:15 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes

Borough Secretary/Treasurer

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