



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

April 2, 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, Mary Grace Ruediger, Rob Campbell, Francis Smith, Dave Hilliard, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Barb Rader, Wink Robinson, Donna Maranchi, Eric Ruediger, and Vickie Forbes.

William Wink Robinson reviewed his employment history and stated he was running for the Judge in Butler County.

Donna Maranchi requested an update on Leslie Farms.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

No report

BUSINESS

Hilliard motioned, Ruediger seconded to approve the meeting minutes of March 5, 2019. Motion passed.

Hilliard motioned, Campbell seconded, to accept the submitted February 2019 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Stop Sign Ordinance 15-1 Amended; Ordinance 19 Municipal Code Association

Smith motioned, Ruediger seconded to adopt Stop Sign Ordinance 15-1 Amended. Motion passed.

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to repeal Ordinance 19, Municipal Code Association. Motion passed.

Leslie Farms – Phases 2 & 3

The Borough Engineer provided information from a discussion with the Leslie Farms developer, stating the developer was committed to moving forward with Phase 2, but would be unable to provide bond for the Harmony Street connection until the start of Phase 3. Smith motioned, Campbell seconded to permit the developer to move forward with the playground area and Phase 2 without bonding the Harmony Street connection until the start of Phase 3. Motion passed.

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2019. Hilliard volunteered to put up no parking signs prior to April 25.

2018 Municipal Audit

Council reviewed procedures performed and associated findings as provided by Diehl Accounting & Financial Services.

Park Grants – Walking Trail – 2019 Renovation/Development Grant

A verbal update was provided to the Borough office by Lance Welliver. Bid packages for the trail should go out in the next few weeks. Connoquenessing Borough was awarded the 2019 Renovation Development Grant for playground equipment.

Audit – Liquid Fuels

The Liquid Fuels audit for the year 2017 was conducted on March 19, 2019. An Examination Engagement Letter is available for review. Final results of the audit will come later.



Audit – Selective Insurance

Selective Insurance conducted an audit on 2018 and identified the sewage plant operator and the snow removal people as employees, requiring the Borough to provide worker's comp insurance for these individuals, accessing additional premiums for the 2018 year. These charges were challenged by the Borough. The Borough has provided detailed information to substantiate that these individuals are contractors and not employees. The Borough is waiting for a final response.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recycle/Cleanup Day

The Recycle/Cleanup Day will be held at the Forward Township location on Saturday, May 11, 2019. Smith volunteered to put up signs.

Notary Commission Renewal

Ruediger motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve the renewal of the Secretary/Treasurer's notary commission. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Emergency Mgmt.:** Hilliard reported on the quarterly meeting of the Connoquenessing Valley EMA. The group is working on the job description of the Emergency Management Coordinator and still in search of deputies.
- Fire:** Hilliard reported on the recent community event at the Fire Department which Ruediger aided with organizing.
- Law and Order:** No Report
- Streets:** Leslie reported on needed repairs to Constitution Avenue, between Rt 68 and Main Street.
- Zoning/Planning:** No Report
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** Smith stated the oak tree had been taken down. A second oak tree near the upper shelter with a branch hanging over the shelter was identified as a hazard because of a crack in the trunk. Information is being obtained to address the issue. Campbell stated that the Committee had met with the Park Caretaker and stated that he is satisfied with his compensation and will address some cleanup issues identified by the Park Committee.
- Sewage Financial:** No Report

MISCELLANEOUS

Discussion on inspection of patio home.

Dan Cox reviewed issues involving the Connoquenessing Valley Regional EMA.

At 8:30 pm, Campbell motioned, Hilliard seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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