



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

August 6, 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, and Dave Hilliard.

Also present were Eric Ruediger and Vickie Forbes.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

Dave Bocci reported on normal operations at the Plant and discussed a possible connection to sewers that involved a grinder pump installation.

BUSINESS

Ruediger motioned, Campbell seconded to approve the meeting minutes of July 2,, 2019. Motion passed.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Gas Royalties

The Act 13 payment deposited to the Borough in July 2019 was \$20,183.71. Act 13 funds are a tax on gas well developers collected by the State as defined by the Natural Gas Impact Fee of Act 13. The distribution to counties and municipalities hosting or situated near wells uses a formula that considers number of spudded wells, location, population, and road miles in each local government.

Park Grant-Playground Equipment

The new playground equipment should be received by the end of August. Council discussed scheduling the removal and preparation of the site for the new equipment.

Flag Pole Light

A decision was made to order the Bullhorn Solar Lighting Kit which includes a double head light and a 3.7 volt battery pack.

No Smoking Signs

The Park Committee agreed to identify the locations for installation of the signs.

Garage – 170 Main Street Zoning Issue

In a prior zoning review for this property, it was determined that an auto repair/garage type business on this property was a non-confirming use that was discontinued for over a year with no extensions. An auto repair type shop would be permitted in a zoned area for Light Manufacturing but not Village Center. The current owner has the right to appeal or request a variance for a hardship created by the zoning officer's comments.

Constitution Avenue Repairs

Council reviewed a new proposal for the repair of a storm drain on Constitution Avenue. The first proposal received was for just the repair of the storm drain. The second proposal included the storm drain repairs and also included repairs to Constitution Avenue between Main Street and Rt 68. Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to accept the proposal from Voelker Paving for the repairs. Motion passed.



NEW BUSINESS:

Connoq Main Street Identification

Working with the US Census and Butler County Emergency Management, Main Street in Connoquenessing will be identified as Connoq Main Street. Notification to all residents had been made by posting a notice in the Post Office and by mailing a notice to residents who do not have a PO Box. Hilliard motioned, Ruediger seconded to purchase new Connoq Main Street signs. Motion passed.

Elected Officials Pay

No changes to the current procedure of payment will be made at this time

2020 Insurance Package

Hilliard motioned, Ruediger seconded to renew insurance coverage for 2020 with C. W. Howard Insurance Agency. Motion passed.

2020 Snow Removal

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to renew the snow removal contract with the Peffers for 2019-2020 if the current contract and contract pricing is unchanged. Motion passed.

Halloween – Trick or Treat/Parade

Council agreed to hold Trick or Treat in the Borough on Thursday, October 31, 2019, from 6-7 pm. The Fire Department should be contact to see if they will host the Halloween Parade.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Emergency Mgmt.:	No Report
Fire:	Fire Department will be at the Farm Show fund raising.
Law and Order:	No Report
Streets:	Smith stated that grass and weeds were growing along Connoq Main Street. Leslie stated that the issue would be reviewed. Smith stated that he had a contact and would pursue the removal of the old power poles in town.
Zoning/Planning:	No Report
Borough Building:	No Report
Park:	Smith referenced an article about butterfly gardens and about having gardens/yards certified.
Sewage Financial:	No Report

MISCELLANEOUS

Discussion on upcoming Planning Meeting.

At 8:15 pm, Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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