



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

November 4, 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, Dave Hilliard, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Ray McDonald, Barb Rader and Vickie Forbes.

Ray McDonald stated that he owned the garage at 170 Connoq Main Street and would like to use as it as a part-time garage for inspections and repairs. A similar request had been made for the property several years prior and the Zoning Officer's comments for that request were reviewed. Council indicated that the Zoning Officer would have to be contacted to review this current inquiry for a non-conforming use.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

Dave Bocci stated that with the recent heavy rain event the plant experienced flows in the 60,000 gallon range. Bagging sludge has been discontinued for the winter. Liquid hauling will be used during the winter months.

Council discussed the DEP approval letter dated October 8, 2019 for the Clingensmith Estate Subdivision and expressed concern regarding a comment about the responsibility of the authority. A contact will be made with the Borough Engineer to clarify the statement.

BUSINESS

Hilliard motioned, Campbell seconded to approve the meeting minutes of October 1, 2019. Motion passed.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Connoquenessing School Road

Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve and sign the revised Agreement clarifying the responsibility for maintain Connoquenessing School Road. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Park Road Complaint

Council reviewed the complaint. Discussion will continue during review of preliminary budget.

Ballfield Agreement

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to renew the ball field agreement with Butler Fast Pitch. Motion passed.

Resolution No. 2019-04 Auditor Appointment

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2019-04 appointing Diehl Accounting and Financial Services to perform the 2019 Borough audit. Motion passed.

CD Investment - PLGIT

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded open an account and invest in CD's with PLGIT. Motion passed.



MINUTES – 11/04/2019

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Emergency Mgmt.:** Hilliard stated that the annual meeting will be held on December 9, 2019, at 7pm and requested to resign as chairman from the Executive Committee for the CVREMA, but would accept the alternate position. Leslie indicated that he would investigate a replacement.
- Fire:** Hilliard indicated that he was told the Halloween parade and party hosted by the Fire Department was a huge success.
- Law and Order:** No Report
- Streets:** Smith stated that the brush and trees along Constitution Avenue created a safety issue. Discussion followed.
- Zoning/Planning:** No Report
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** Campbell reported that the Girl Scouts had dropped off the bird houses to be hung in the Park. The tour of the Park by the County Park Advisory Board took place on October 10, 2019.
- Sewage Financial:** No Report

MISCELLANEOUS

Hilliard volunteered to help decorate the tree at the Methodist Church for Christmas.
Campbell stated that he had attended two of the Butler School District organization meetings and would be attending the two upcoming meetings.

2020 Preliminary Budget

Council reviewed the preliminary budget.
Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded at 9:20 pm to move to executive session to discuss pay raises. Motion passed.
Campbell motioned, Hilliard seconded at 9:25 pm to move out of executive session. Motion passed.
Hilliard motioned, Campbell seconded to give all employees a 3% increase. Motion passed.
Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to advertise the proposed 2020 budget. Motion passed.

At 9:30 pm, Campbell motioned, Hilliard seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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