



## **CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 04, 2020**

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

Present were Council members Lloyd Leslie, Robert Campbell, and Francis Smith.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Lou Zimmerman, and Vickie Forbes.

### **SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE**

Bocci reviewed information received from the Department of Environmental Protection regarding a draft NPDES Permit requesting a survey be completed and also four (4) effluent samples be provided. Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to complete the survey and provide the samples requested. Motion passed.

Bocci reviewed a request received from the Southwestern PA Commission Water Resource Center to provide information regarding the Borough sewage plant in order to create an inventory of all sewer providers for a 10-county region of southwestern PA. The SPCWRC is a nonprofit group, not a government agency. Council elected not to submit the information at this time.

Bocci stated that the Act 94 Wastewater Management Report would be available for review at the March meeting.

Chief Lou Zimmerman of the Connoquenessing Volunteer Fire Department presented statistical information for the Fire Department for 2019. The Chief indicated that they had gained new members during the year and were still working the bugs out of the new radio system.

### **BUSINESS**

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to approve the meeting minutes of January 6, 2020. Motion passed.

Smith motioned, Campbell seconded, to accept the submitted December 2019 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed. Council requested that funds be moved from the General Fund to the PLGIT General Fund Prime account.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Leslie Farms – Phase 1 Adoption Ordinances**

The Borough Solicitor provided four ordinances to be reviewed for the adoption of Leslie Farms Phase 1 streets, speed limit signs, stop signs, stormwater systems, and sanitary sewer systems. Council discussed and determined that the ordinances should be reviewed by each member for action at the March meeting.

#### **2020 Park Renovation Grant and DCNR Grant**

Council discussed and agreed to proceed with applications for the grants. The Park Committee will be involved.

#### **Park Paving Project**

Council reviewed information received for the paving project in the Park. The material totals did not include drainage work needed to be completed with the resurfacing project. Council requested to meet with the Borough Engineer and have him create the specifications to resolve the water drainage issues. Campbell motioned, Smith seconded to obtain the water drainage specifications and then have the paving and water specs bid for review at a future meeting. Motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **2020 Community Development Block Grant**

Grant is provided to fund projects which benefit 51 percent or more of low-moderate income persons. In the past, it was found that the Borough could not support this benefit. Council elected not to pursue at this time.



**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Emergency Mgmt.:** David Hilliard was appointed as the primary representative and Mary Grace Ruediger was appointed as the alternate to the Connoquenessing Valley Regional EMA.
- Fire:** No Report
- Law and Order:** No Report
- Streets:** Council discussed the fallen tree in the creek on private property at the bottom of Connoq Main Street hill. Smith motioned, Campbell seconded to approve street sweeping for Borough streets. Motion passed. It was reported that the Road Master for Connoquenessing Township would be contacting the Street Committee to discuss repairs on Connoquenessing School Drive.
- Zoning/Planning:** A Zoning Hearing was held on January 30, 2020, to review a variance request to allow for an auto repair/inspection station at 170 Connoq Main Street. The request was denied.
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** Oak tree cabled and trimmed. Council approved sending the tractor out for servicing.
- Sewage Financial:** No Report

Campbell requested to attend a grant writing class to be held February 24-25, 2020, at a cost of \$455. Smith motioned, Leslie seconded to permit Campbell to attend the class. Motion passed.

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded at 8:40 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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