



## **CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**July 07, 2020**

The public meeting of the Borough Council of Connoquenessing was called to order at 7 pm using Webex, a remote access format.

Present were Council members Lloyd Leslie, Mary Grace Ruediger, Robert Campbell, Francis Smith, and David Hilliard.

Also present were Dan Cox, and Vickie Forbes.

### **SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE**

Dave Bocci supplied the following information: Normal operations at the Plant. Flows low due to dry weather (approx. 20,000 gal/day)

### **BUSINESS**

Ruediger motioned, Smith seconded to approve the meeting minutes of June 1, 2020. Motion passed.

Hilliard motioned, Ruediger seconded, to approve the submitted May 2020 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Leslie Farms – Phase 2 Bond Release Request #2**

Council reviewed the request from the developer for bond reduction #2 as well as the Borough Engineers letter recommending the release of \$209,916.45 from their financial security. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve the release of the request bond amount for \$209,916.45. Motion passed.

#### **Water Issue- 221 Connoq Main Street**

Council discussed the issue. Campbell motioned, Ruediger seconded to have the Street Committee and Borough Engineer meet with the property owner to discuss the issue. Motion passed.

#### **Worker's Comp Insurance Audit**

The final result of the audit was reviewed with Selective suspending an additional billing, however, Selective determined that this is an exception and an exception won't be made going forward. Insurance coverage for 2021 will be discussed at the August meeting.

#### **Shelter Reservations**

The Borough has received several requests to cancel shelter reservations due to Covid 19. Hilliard motioned, Ruediger seconded to permit refunds to be issued for cancellation requests for 2020 shelter reservations due to Covid19. Motion passed.

#### **Act 13 Marcellus Legacy Funds Payment**

The Borough has received a check for \$15,052.12 for the annual payment from the Marcellus Legacy Fund. The Borough's Act 13 account balance now supports the \$35,000 budgeted for the Park Trail.

Leslie stated that the Park Trail project is including more and more add on items required by DCNR which will increase the cost.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ruediger stated the asphalt around the storm drain on Leslie Farms Drive, close to the Cameron Square intersection, is collapsing again.



**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Fire:** Hilliard stated that a meeting with the Fire Department Chief resulted in the following points:
1. A need to replace the fire engine truck.
  2. Construction of a 5-bay building with offices.
  3. A request to increase the fire tax to 2 mills.
- Emergency Management:** Dan Cox reported that he was working on ordering a computer from Dell. Covid 19 status continues as being reported, with the Governor/Pa Health Secretary issuing an order to wear face masks, especially in cases where social distancing cannot be observed. Annual meeting was held and at the meeting Aaron Miller presented ideas on how to help fire stations and emergency management communicate.
- Law and Order:** No Report
- Streets:** No Report
- Zoning/Planning:** Campbell motioned, Hilliard seconded to appoint Norman Graham to a three-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion passed.
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** No Report
- Sewage Financial:** No Report

Campbell motioned, Hilliard seconded at 8:25 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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