



## **CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 4, 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, and Francis Smith.

Also present were Sam Deemer, Dan Cox, and Vickie Forbes.

Sam Deemer stated that he would like to restore the picnic tables at the lower shelter as his Eagle Scout project. Smith motioned, Campbell seconded to approve the project. Motion passed.

### **SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE**

Dave Bocci reported that average flows for the month were low due to the dry weather. A resident with a grinder pump had connected to the public sewage line on Harmony Street. Bagging had continued with a dumpster being changed in July.

### **BUSINESS**

Ruediger motioned, Campbell seconded to approve the meeting minutes of July 7, 2020. Motion passed.

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

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Leslie Farms – Phase 2 Bond Release Request #3**

Council reviewed the request from the developer for bond reduction #3 as well as the Borough Engineer's letter recommending the release of \$204,691.69 from their financial security. Campbell motioned, Ruediger seconded to approve the release of the requested bond amount for \$204,691.69, upon receipt of the escrow funds requested. Motion passed.

#### **Trant Corp. Chapter 102 Permit Phase 3**

Council reviewed. Ruediger motioned, Smith seconded to approve signing and returning the document to Trant Corporation. Motion passed.

#### **Cares Act – County Zoom Meeting**

The County meeting provided specifics regarding the Cares Act. Only expenses directly related to Covid 19 and that were not originally budgeted for by the municipality can be applied for reimbursement through the Cares Act. Since the Borough's expenses were minimal, they will not be submitted for reimbursement.

#### **Shelter Reservations**

At the July meeting, Council permitted refunds to be issued for cancellation requests for 2020 shelter reservations due to Covid19. Several of these cancellations have agreed to apply their 2020 reservation payment to their 2021 reservation rather than receiving a refund.

#### **PLGIT Interest Rates**

Council reviewed current interest rates which are significantly down from earlier in the year.

#### **Email**

Council reviewed an email received from a resident of Shelton Place.



**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Snow Removal Contract 2020-2021**

Campbell motioned, Ruediger seconded to bid the 2020-2021 snow removal package. Motion passed.

**Insurance Package 2021**

Smith motioned, Ruediger seconded to renew insurance coverage with C. W. Howard Agency for the 2021 policy year. Motion passed.

**Halloween 2020**

Council discussed holding Trick or Treat in the Borough. A contact will be made with Connoquenessing Township and will be discussed further at the September meeting.

Campbell stated concerns about the light involving the crosswalk at the Rt 68 and Lloydmont Blvd. intersection. He volunteered to further define the issue. Leslie suggested that then a meeting could be scheduled with Forward Township to review any problem.

Campbell stated that there was no longer anyone to maintain the greenery at the town rock on the north end of town and that plans were made to convert the greenery to decorative river rock. The estimated cost would be \$300-\$400. Campbell motioned, Ruediger seconded to approve the cost to make the change. Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Fire:** Ruediger stated that the Connoquenessing Volunteer Fire Department would be having a fund raiser hosted by Missing Links Brewery on August 22, 2020, from noon to 8pm.

**Emergency Management:** Cox reported that the Dell computer was ordered. The invoice would be sent to the Borough to be paid for from the CVREMA account and then invoiced to each municipality as a capital expenditure. Cox requested year-to-date financial reports be furnished to the executive committee in preparation for the 2021 budget review. Cox offered a summary of the Governor's July mandates.

**Law and Order:** No Report

**Streets:** PennDOT was contacted to include the adopted streets of Leslie Farms Phase 1. Roads will be measured and a map revision will be submitted to Harrisburg for them to update the Liquid Fuels inventory and Borough map.

Smith commented on the drop off in some areas on the newly blacktopped Park Road. The Park Caretaker has been addressing this issue.

**Zoning/Planning:** No Report

**Borough Building:** No Report

**Park:** No Report

**Sewage Financial:** No Report

Ruediger stated that Leslie Farms now has a park area.

Smith motioned, Ruediger seconded to approve the purchase of a router for the Borough building. Motion passed.

Campbell motioned, Smith seconded at 8:15 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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