



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

November 2, 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, Dave Hilliard, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Barb Rader, Thomas Thompson, Dan Cox, and Vickie Forbes.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

No Report

BUSINESS

Ruediger motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve the meeting minutes of October 6, 2020. Motion passed.

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded, to approve the submitted September 2020 Treasurer’s Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Leslie reported that progress was being made concerning the complaint at 242 Constitution Avenue. The Code Enforcement officer will continue to monitor. The property owner of 124 Connoq Main Str. was notified to correct the garbage issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Phone Call Complaint

The Borough office received a complaint regarding profanity and vulgarity on signs on Harmony Street.

Geocaches in Connoquenessing Borough Park

Hilliard motioned, Ruediger seconded to approve the placement of geocaches in the Borough Park. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: Ruediger thanked the Borough on behalf of the Fire Department for used of the Park for the Halloween Parade event. The Fire Company also supported the Trick or Treat activity on October 31, 2020.

Emergency Management: Cox reported that they are accessing the donated generator and may liquidate it for a smaller unit. Discussion on budget and insurance coverage.

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: Discussion on storm drain issue and water ponding issue in Phase 1. Thompson will contact developer and Shields Paving to address issue.

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: No Report

Park: Work has begun on the Eagle Scout project for the bocce court in the Park. The construction agreement for the Trail project has been signed. The rehabilitation of the existing walkway may occur this year. Completion of the project will be 2021.

Sewage Financial: No Report



MISCELLANEOUS:

Campbell reported on a complaint that the fire department sign located at the south end of town along Rt. 68 was obstructing the view for those pulling out of Lloydmont Blvd.

Ruediger requested the Fire Tax be increased. Ruediger motioned, Hilliard seconded to increase Fire Tax to 2 mills, allowing for the millage to increase up to 3 mills to match the Connoquenessing Township's decision on millage for the Fire Department. Voting: Leslie-Yes, Ruediger-Yes, Hilliard-Yes, Campbell-No, Smith-No. Motion passed.

Campbell questioned the retention pond work that was to be done in Phase 1 before any building permits were issued for Phase 2. Thompson reported that he would follow-up with developer.

2021 Preliminary Budget

The 2021 preliminary budget was reviewed. Ruediger motioned, Hilliard seconded to increase the hourly rate for the Secretary/Treasurer by 5% and to grant six days of paid time off. Motion passed. Hilliard motioned, Ruediger seconded to increase the hourly rate for the Code Enforcement/Zoning officer by 2%. Motion passed. Discussion by Council on CVREMA budget. Campbell motioned, Ruediger seconded to advertise the proposed budget. Motion passed.

2021 Real Estate Tax Ordinance

Ruediger motioned, Hilliard seconded to advertise the tax ordinance with a tax rate for general purposes of 4.8 mills and a tax rate for the Fire Department of 2 mills, allowing for a match of up to 3 mills based on Connoquenessing Township's action. Vote: Leslie-Yes, Ruediger-Yes, Hilliard-Yes, Campbell-No, Smith-No. Motion passed.

Campbell motioned, Ruediger seconded at 9:25 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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