



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

December 1, 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 Dave Bocci, Barb Rader, Matt McConnell, Dan Cox, and Vickie Forbes.

Matt McConnell thanked Council for their financial support with approval of the increased fire tax. Preliminary steps are being taken for the new fire station. Campbell questioned why the Fire Department did not receive grant money from the Cares Act. McConnell stated that they were not eligible for filing for the funds during the filing of the grant application. Smith requested that the fire department look at the property for sale on Washington Street as an alternative to building a new station.

SEWAGE PLANT UPDATE

Bocci reported that the #1 blower motor went down at the Plant. The #3 backup motor was put into service, and a new motor was ordered. Bocci reviewed his discussion with the Engineer to request modification to the NPDES Permit.

BUSINESS

Ruediger motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve the meeting minutes of November 2, 2020. Motion passed.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

2021 Liability & Workers Comp Insurance Package

Council reviewed the summary of the liability and workers' comp packages for 2021 along with the projected breakdown of the distribution of the premiums for those packages.

Butler County –Commissioners' Covid Support Request

Butler County Commissioners requested the support from municipalities, schools, businesses, etc. by following simple preventative measures to aid in preventing the spread of the coronavirus and to protect hospitals, vulnerable residents, children, and to keep the County open. Smith motioned, Campbell seconded to support this request by approving the provided statement. Motion passed.

Safety Issue – 135 Connoq Main Street

Smith reviewed an unsafe condition involving a tree located at 135 Connoq Main Street, a rental property. A letter had been sent to the property owner in June, 2018, advising of the unsafe condition. No action had been taken. Smith motioned, Campbell seconded to contact the Solicitor to be advised of any action that the Borough could take and to understand any Borough liability. Motion passed.

2021 Proposed Budget

The proposed budget was advertised for adoption on November 20, 2020. Ruediger motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve the proposed budget. Motion passed.

Tax Ordinance 23-21

The proposed tax ordinance was advertised for adoption on November 20, 2020. Ruediger motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve the Tax Ordinance 23-21. Motion passed.

MINUTES – 12/01/2020



NEW BUSINESS:

2021 Meeting Dates

Ruediger motioned, Hilliard seconded to advertise the meeting dates as follow with meetings starting at 7 pm. Motion passed.

January 5, 2021	February 2, 2021	March 2, 2021	April 6, 2021
May 4, 2021	June 8, 2021	July 6, 2021	August 3, 2021
September 7, 2021	October 5, 2021	November 1, 2021	December 7, 2021

Auditor Resolution 2020-06

Campbell motioned, Hilliard seconded to adopt Auditor Resolution 2020-06 appointing Diehl Accounting & Financial Services to perform the audit for the Borough for the year 2020. Motion passed.

Barbara Rader provided a letter of resignation for herself as Zoning Board member and for Harold Rader, Mayor, effective 12/31/2020 due to moving from the Borough. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to accept with regret the resignations. Motion passed. Leslie requested that a notice be placed on the Borough website and in the post office to advertise the open positions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: No Report

Emergency Management: Cox stated that he is working with C. W. Howard Agency as well as an agency that handles the fire department's insurance to determine coverage for the CVREMA.
Campbell inquired as to why the Covid information from Butler County had not been posted on the CVREMA website. Cox stated that the reorganization meeting would be held December 14, 2020, at 7 pm.

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: No Report

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: No Report

Park: No Report

Sewage Financial: No Report

MISCELLANEOUS:

2019 Liquid Fuels Audit was conducted on November 19, 2020.
Gas Royalties in the amount of \$536.11 were deposited on 11/27/2020.

Campbell motioned, Ruediger seconded at 8 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Forbes

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer