



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES

JANUARY 4, 2011

The public meeting of the Council of Connoquenessing Borough was called to order at 7:30 pm at the Connoquenessing Borough Building.

Council members present were Lloyd Leslie, Ronald Kaufman, Ryan Graham, Francis Smith, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Rick Rice, and Vickie Forbes.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci reported that the second of the original rebuilt pumps at the pump station went out during heavy rain. The newly rebuilt pump was installed until the new pump is received. Bocci also indicated that it is becoming more difficult to replace electrical components in the box at the pump station. He suggested that he get bids for a new, upgraded weather-proof electrical box. Council discussed and asked to have three bids to review at the next meeting so a decision could be made and implemented. Bocci stated that due to the weather, the dumpster at the Plant and not been pulled.

Council questioned whether the telephone at the Plant office could be turned off. Bocci indicated that everyone had cell phones and did not see a need to have the phone there.

Bocci stated that he would complete the annual report in the next few months and send it to Tom Thompson for review.

Kaufman motioned, Graham seconded, to accept the minutes from the December 7, 2010, meeting. Motion passed.

Graham motioned, Smith seconded, to accept the November 2010, Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed.

Graham motioned, Kaufman seconded, to accept the bills as submitted. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Graham motioned, Smith seconded to adopt Fee Schedule Resolution 2011-01. Motion passed.

Council discussed Ordinance 18-1 adopted August 2005 requiring residents within 175 feet of the sewer system that did not have gravity flow be required to install a grinder pump. Council agreed that properties not having gravity flow prior to the adoption of Ordinance 18-1 would be grandfathered and not required to purchase a grinder pump.

Council reviewed options available involving recycle containers. The county can no longer get grants to purchase recycling containers. Garbage companies provide information to customers regarding containers that may be used and how they should be labeled.

Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to approve revised Change Order #1 and Change Order #2 for the 2009 Sidewalk/Curb Cuts project. Motion passed. Smith questioned who held the \$3,219.25 and the Secretary/Treasurer indicated the County would hold the funds until the job was completed. Discussion followed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: Kaufman reported that the Fire Department was having the officer installation dinner on February 26, 2011, instead of January 22, 2011.



Law and Order: No Report

Streets: Smith indicated that the sidewalk was completed however there were still areas that needed sodded and graded and there were street signs that needed to be installed.

Leslie questioned the year that municipalities would be required to have street signs compliant with the new requirements. The Secretary/Treasurer indicated that by 2012 the Borough must have a sign inventory and management system on how it will implement the required changes.

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: Kaufman motioned, Graham seconded to approve the Gannett Fleming Annual Consulting Engineering Services Schedule for 2011. Motion passed.

Council reviewed the elected official's document received from the County. Discussion followed on open positions that will appear on the primary ballot on May 17, 2011.

Park: Smith indicated that the reflectors had been put up marking the road for snow removal.

Sewage Financial: Council discussed the information received from the solicitor involving the unpaid sewage amount for a customer located at 1289 Evans City Road. Graham motioned, Smith seconded, based on the solicitor's recommendation to turn the water off to both 1289 and 1291 Evans City Road. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council: No Report

Secr/Treasurer: Council discussed becoming a member of the Butler County Council of Governments and decided not to at this time.

Council discussed becoming a member of the Pa Borough Councils Association and decided not to at this time.

A thank-you note had been received from the Connoquenessing Meals-On-Wheels for the donation.

Information had been received regarding a Bald Eagle Management Plan asking for public review and comment.

Leslie requested a thank you note be sent to the Methodist Church for the used of the tree and electricity every year for the Christmas season.

Graham motioned, Kaufman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer