



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH

January 6, 2015

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

Those present were Council members Lloyd Leslie, Pete Kaufman, Francis Smith, Steve Miller, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Cindy Princeler, Alice Schmid-Miller, Linda Schoettker, Len Schoettker, Mittie Kaufman, Tom Hilliard, Katie Douthett, Mary Ann Meyers, Michael J. Zippler, Bill Meyers, Matt Morris, Larry Lutz, Rebecca Black, and Vickie Forbes.

Attorney Larry Lutz, newly appointed solicitor for the Borough, summarized information about himself and his practice. He also introduced Rebecca Black, an attorney in his firm. Questions and answers followed.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci reported that all was well at the Plant and Pump Station. The flow meter will be calibrated which is done annually.

Leslie stated that the pipeline is currently no longer going through the Park.

Nyla Bechtel, E.A.R.T.H. Acquisition, stated that a route through the Sewage Plant property was being considered for the pipeline.

Cindy Princeler spoke about eminent domain and about difficulties that may exist with obtaining loans for properties with wells or pipelines.

Linda Schoettker spoke about the petition and pipeline risks.

Bill Meyers, a nonresident, spoke about wells and the pipelines in the Park and about possible problems with banks lending money.

Matt Morris ask questions about the origin and end point of the gas line and about insurance protection for law suits.

Alice Schmid-Miller spoke about a gas leak in a pipeline to her home on her private property.

APPOINTMENTS Council discussed and no changes were proposed to current appointments.

Miller motioned, Smith seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of December 2, 2014. Motion passed.

Kaufman motioned, Miller seconded, to accept the submitted November 2014 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Furnace Bids

Bids were discussed by Council. Miller motioned, Kaufman seconded to accept the bid from Motta Heating for the Rheem 16 Seer, 4 ton, 2 stage heat pump. Motion passed.



NEW BUSINESS:

Pipeline Addendum

Discussion on the addendum and map for the proposed pipeline on the Sewage Plant property.

Fee Schedule Resolution 2015-01

Council discussed the rental fee for use of the baseball field in the Park on Page 2 of the resolution. Council reviewed the request of Mike Slater, coach of a 10-year old youth baseball team, and revisited the request of the Butler County Bears football team to use the Park field and agreed to allow both groups to use the field at no charge as long as they maintained the field for. Smith motioned, Miller seconded to add to the Fee Resolution a fee of \$25 to be charged for checks returned for non-sufficient funds. Motion passed. Council discussed whether to require a background check for those applying for a solicitation permit, tabling that requirement. Miller motioned, Smith seconded to adopt Fee Resolution 2015-01 with the addition of the 25\$ fee for checks returned due to non-sufficient funds. Motion passed.

Gannett Fleming Annual Proposal

Miller motioned, Kaufman seconded to accept the Gannett Fleming Annual Proposal. Motion passed.

COG Membership

Council agreed not to join at this time.

Bureau of Elections

Information provided by the Bureau of Elections was reviewed.

Humane Society Agreement

Council elected not to sign an agreement at this time.

Emergency Management Coordinator Training

Kaufman indicated he would take the required training.

Deputy Tax Collector

Carol Kaufman, Tax Collector, stated that she had appointed Ronald Kaufman as the deputy tax collector.

FMZ Construction

Council reviewed the letter sent and discussed the unpaid balance from the agreement reached at the time the Hidden Springs development was approved. Smith motioned, Miller seconded to have FMZ Construction & Development Inc. pay the balance owed in 12 payments with a 6% annual interest rate charged on the unpaid balance. Motion passed.

PA American Water

A credit of \$213.61 was received from PA American Water against a charge of \$575.20 after a request was made for an adjustment due to the water line break supplying water to the Borough building.

Michael Slater – Youth Baseball

A request from Michael Slater to use the baseball field for practices and games was reviewed and approved by Council.



Butler County Park Renovation Program (Grant)

Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to apply for the grant to continue the Park Trail. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: Kaufman reported delivering to the Fire Department the insurance cards for their vehicles. Miller read a statement from Chief Zimmerman regarding the pipeline.

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: Smith questioned whether anything could be done about abandoned telephone-power poles.

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: No Report

Park: No Report

Sewage Financial: No Report

Code Enforcement: No Report

Miscellaneous Miller commented on pipelines, wells, and the petition.

Miller motioned, Smith seconded at 9:20 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer