



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH

March 1, 2016

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, Ronald Kaufman, Mitch Leech, Francis Smith, and Dave Hilliard.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Linda and Len Schoettker, Morgan L. Gamble Sr., Daniel R. Cox, Mike Zippler, Tom Hilliard, Carol Kaufman, Dave Wuchina, and Vickie Forbes.

Morgan Gamble stated that he had a water leak causing his sewage bill to be high. He asked Council for an adjustment to his sewage bill. Council stated that the issue was on the agenda and would be addressed later.

Linda Schoettker presented a report to the newest Council member issued by the League of Women Voters with information on gas development.

Dave Wuchina stated that he had received a letter and ordinance information from the Borough requesting information regarding landlords and tenants. He stated that complaints had been filed year after year about the condition of neighboring properties with little being done, and he felt Council selectively enforced ordinances.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci reviewed information contained in the currently completed Chapter 94 Municipal-Wasteload Management Report for 2016 which is filed annually with the DEP.

Hilliard motioned, Leech seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of February 2, 2016. Motion passed.

Leech motioned, Smith seconded, to accept the submitted January 2016 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Quality-PA American Water

Council reviewed information received from PA American Water regarding an inquiry from the Borough about water quality. Linda Schoettker stated that she had called PA American about quality issues and was told testing for lead was done once every three years.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Leak - Gamble

Council approved using the formula established by motion at the March 2014 meeting to make a credit adjustment to Mr. Gamble's sewage bill.

Driveway Permits

Council discussed options for driveway permits and requested an additional sample application be obtained from Forward Township along with information on who does inspections for the Township. The building inspector should be contacted to see if he can do the inspections. A meeting will be scheduled for the Street Committee to review the information.

PSAB 2016 Membership Fee and Directory

Council elected not to pay to be in the PSAB Directory.

Leslie Farms – As-Built Sewage Drawings

Council reviewed the Engineer's comments.



Leslie Farms – Proposed Subdivision

Council reviewed the comments for the proposed subdivision of Leslie Farms, creating two lots, one lot in Forward Township and one lot in Connoquenessing Borough. Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded to approve the subdivision contingent on Butler County Planning’s approval of the plan, contingent on all comments by the Borough Engineer being satisfied, and contingent on the right-of-way to the property in Forward Township being an approved, legal access. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Fire:** A report was given on the election of officers’ dinner. Discussion on recent garage fire on Rose Drive followed.
Dan Cox, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported that he is working with neighboring municipalities.
- Law and Order:** Discussion on requirement for solicitation permits.
- Streets:** Discussion on new street lights and street sweeping. Smith stated that he will begin investigation on how to have unused power poles removed.
- Zoning/Planning:** No Report
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** Smith is organizing a Park cleanup.
- Sewage Financial:** No Report
- Code Enforcement:** No Report

Council discussed the poor condition of properties in the Borough and agreed action should be taken. Observations will be made in March and discussed further at the April meeting.

Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded at 8:45 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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