



## **CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES MARCH 2, 2010**

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, Ryan Graham, Francis Smith, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Tom Thompson, and Vickie Forbes.

### **Sewage Plant Update:**

Dave Bocci stated that he had completed the Chapter 94 Report for 2010 which included additional items as amendments as suggested by the DEP. The plant is operating below the designed flows and organic loading established for the system.

### **Tom Thompson**     Act 537 Plan

Thompson stated that a comment letter had been received from the DEP concerning the Draft Act 537 Plan. The DEP is concerned with the plant flows in relationship to the projections of the coming developments. When Phase 2 and Phase 3 of Leslie Farms are completed, the Plant would be hydraulically overloaded. The tables will be revised to show the approved plans and how many homes are being built per year to show the actual growth. Council discussed and determined that once the Act 537 Plan is approved, the Borough would complete the design work and permitting requirements to upgrade the Plant. Once a phase of the development is approved that would have potential of exceeding the capacity limits, the Borough would then be prepared to begin upgrading the Plant. Council also discussed starting the improvements to the sludge facility at an earlier time. Thompson suggested examining the various methods of bagging available.

### 2009 Community Development Block Grant

Thompson reviewed with Council the sidewalk replacement project. Council discussed different options for retaining walls, storm culverts, and crossing driveways. Thompson indicated that a survey of the targeted area would be required.

### Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan

The County is putting together an ordinance that covers stormwater management. The State will require all counties in PA to adopt a stormwater management ordinance. Thompson reviewed the differences between the Borough's ordinance and this ordinance and will attend the meetings and keep Council informed.

### Church of God of Evans City

Thompson indicated that he had been communicating with the architect for the Church of God of Evans City, and they would like to begin building soon. He has provided them with information concerning a sewage tap. They had also been in contact concerning Zoning Hearing Board and Planning Committee meetings.

Graham motioned, Smith seconded, to accept the minutes from the February 2, 2010, meeting. Motion passed.

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



Minutes

Leslie questioned the Lope bill in the sewage fund. The Secretary/Treasurer indicated it was for time spent on a Sheriff Sale, which at the last minute was cancelled and to be rescheduled. Graham questioned the Lope charge in the General Fund. The Secretary/Treasurer indicated that a phone call had been made from a real estate agent questioning responsibility for damage to a property if access to the retention pond was needed and damage to the property occurred.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Hazard Mitigation Plan** The Secretary/Treasurer updated Council on the status of the Plan. Fema still has not finalized their review, but once that has occurred; a summary of the changes will be provided for review before adoption of the Plan.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Fire:** No Report

**Law and Order:** No Report

**Streets:** Council discussed an accident that had occurred on Main Street and Drushel Drive.

**Zoning/Planning:** Council discussed the vacancy on the Zoning Hearing and the need to continue looking for a candidate. Council reviewed acceptable building heights as per the ordinance.

**Borough Building:** No Report

**Park:** Smith reported that he had received an estimate for the sidewalks and handicapped parking space to be submitted with the application for the Park Grant.

**Sewage Financial:** No Report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Council:** Rader reported that at the Butler County Boroughs Association Dinner, the Borough won a certificate for \$150 to be used to attend the PA State Association of Boroughs conference either in April 2010 or October 2010. Rader also reviewed information regarding police protection that was discussed at the BCBA dinner.

**Secretary:** An inquiry had been made by an individual concerning a donation of a bench to the Park. Council discussed details of prior donations and indicated that before an installation of any type of equipment was made, Council would need to review and approve.

The Secretary/Treasurer reviewed the information received from and sent to Pennvest.

Graham made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer