



**CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES  
APRIL 6, 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, Ronald Kaufman, Ryan Graham, Francis Smith, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Leslie Porter, and Vickie Forbes.

Leslie Porter of 135 Harmony Street addressed Council concerning a lien which had been placed against her property shortly after she purchased it for lack of connecting to the sewage system. The initial action regarding the lack of connecting had begun with the previous owners. She explained that when she purchased the property she was not aware of the details, but once she was made aware of the need to hook in to the system, she made arrangements to connect. The final hook up was delayed due to an injury to her contractor, but was connected to the system in less than nine (9) months after purchasing the property. Graham motioned, Smith seconded to remove the lien against the property and eliminate all charges and interest since the property had been in a sale/purchase transition at the time. Motion passed.

**Sewage Plant Update:**

Dave Bocci informed Council that the DEP facility inspection had been completed and that the inspector had also reviewed with him information submitted on the NPDES permit. The inspector commented on the Chapter 94 report and had indicated that the Sewage Plant was doing a good job staying below the trend pertaining to the organic loading number. Bocci stated that he was in the process of having the annual calibration of the flow meter completed. Bagging of the sludge has been a daily event in an attempt to catch up from the winter. Bocci indicated that he was in need of a chemical feed pump and had purchased a kit in an attempt to repair one to be used as a spare. The plant is operating below the designed flows and organic loading established for the system.

Graham motioned, Kaufman seconded, to accept the minutes from the March 2, 2010, meeting. Motion passed.

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

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 is reviewing the Plan and should issue their finds in early April.

**2009 Community Development Block Grant** The Secretary/Treasurer updated Council on the Sidewalk Project with information as provided for by Tom Thompson. Thompson stated that the survey done for the sewage lines could be used and would eliminate the need for a new survey. Thompson had looked at the area and did not feel retaining walls would be needed. He would provide Council with drawings for review.

**Act 167 Development Block Grant** Thompson had attended the meeting for the Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan Development Block Grant on March 11, 2010, and had provided to Council his comments. The Secretary/Treasurer stated that additional information from the meeting was in the office for anyone to review.



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**NPDES Permit**

The draft National Pollutant Discharge elimination System permit was received from the DEP for review and comment. The public notice was posted in two locations at the Plant on March 23, 2010. The current permits expires July 21, 2010.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Fire:** Kaufman stated that the new rescue vehicle had been received and was about to be put into service.
- Law and Order:** No Report
- Streets:** Leslie requested that an inspection should be done on the Borough streets with the information provided for review at the next meeting.
- Zoning/Planning:** Council discussed an individual who had expressed interest in the vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board. Kaufman motioned, Smith seconded to appoint Bill Flynn to fill the opening to expire June 30, 2012. Motion passed.
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** No Report
- Sewage Financial:** The Secretary/Treasurer stated that she had received a request to change the sewage billing on a duplex on Constitution Avenue to a single-family unit. Council approved the change.

The Secretary/Treasurer stated that there were three (3) properties which needed to be posted by April 10, 2010, to have the water turned off for non-payment of sewage.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Council:** Council reviewed and discussed the flood map and comments provided by Thompson concerning the FEMA Flood Insurance Study.
- Secr/Treasurer:** Graham motioned, Smith seconded to appoint Forbes as the voting delegate for the Borough at the Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's Conference to be held in Pittsburgh on April 26 and 27. Motion passed.
- Council discussed the request by the US Census to use the Borough building for a training site on April 12-14 and decided not to grant the request due to the Borough building only being staffed two days during the week.
- The Secretary/Treasurer stated that the landlord information had been sent out and had received a poor response. Discussion continued on how to handle the lack of response. Council tabled to discuss at a later time.
- Leslie stated that he would call Jim Switzer from the Department of Community Corrections of Butler County to follow-up on the request to clean up a Borough property and to arrange for painting at the Park.

Graham made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Kaufman seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer