



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH

April 7, 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, Linda Schoettker, Len Schoettker, Mittie Kaufman, Tom Hilliard, Marcia Sack, Charles Oleary, Dave Frengel, Cindy Princeler, Luke Perza, Ian Bulow, Paul Maranchi, Nikki Finan, Mike Finan, and Vickie Forbes.

Charles Oleary of 120 Harmony Street stated that a building had been built on property behind his property. The new building appeared as though it was being used commercially. Access to this building was an easement crossing his property. He expressed concern about the volume of traffic and questioned whether a commercial business was permitted.

Dave Frengel stated that he was there representing Larry Thompson who was running for county commissioner.

Cindy Princeler provided information regarding lending institution rules concerning money for mortgages and suggested adding to an ordinance a requirement for pipeline installations to stay a defined distance from buildings.

Marcia Sack expressed her concern about pipelines and wells being close to homes.

Luke Persa stated he was new to the community.

Ian Bulow from 205 Main Street stated he was interested in obtaining information on three issues. A gate to a commercial business on Washington Street had a sign which indicated private property but traffic often passed through the gate traveling faster than would be safe for children playing in the area. Leslie suggested talking to the business. Bulow also questioned a vehicle regularly parked in front of his home on Main Street and wondered if homeowners had priority to parking in the area in front of their property. Leslie stated that parking on the street was public parking; but if the vehicle was unlicensed or not inspected, he could call the state police about the matter. Bulow stated that there was a telephone pole with street light in his parking area to the rear of his home parallel to Washington Street. He stated that he was interested in putting a garage or covered parking in this area and wondered if the pole could be moved. Leslie suggested calling the power company but stated often the poles were located on the edge of the road right-of-way. Leslie also commented that Bulow should contact the Zoning Officer to have questions answered about the garage.

Mittie Kaufman complained about the traffic and activity on Tower Drive and suggested zoning should check into whether it is a commercial building.

Bill Freeman stated that the right-of-way, Tower Drive, to access the water tower was purchased from the Walkers by the Water Authority and was only to gain access to the water tower.

Linda Schoettker stated Council was responsible for keeping the community safe and shared details on pipeline awareness. She also reviewed details from the August spill at the Shipley well site.

Mike Finan, 232 Main Street stated that they had obtained legal counsel and had determined that Tower Drive was included as part of their deed. Finan stated that the drive would be posted as private.

Paul Maranchi stated that a homeowners association for Leslie Farms was being established. The Association had indicated that the Borough was in charge of the streets in the development. He expressed his concerns about the retention pond. Leslie indicated that the roads had not been adopted.



Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci reported that he and the Borough Engineer had reviewed and discussed the draft NPDES permit. Bocci stated that the annual inspection of the backflow valve would be conducted this week. The pump station and sludge pits had been pumped. The new blower motor had been received and installed.

Smith motioned, Miller seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of March 3, 2015. Motion passed.

Kaufman motioned, Miller seconded, to accept the submitted February 2015 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Park Trail Engineering Costs

Smith motioned, Miller seconded to approve the estimated engineering cost of \$1200 to provide details and information to apply for the DCNR Park Trail grant. Motion passed.

Resolution 2015-03-DCNR Park Trail Grant

Smith motioned, Miller seconded to adopt, retroactive to March 24, 2015, Resolution 2015-03 DCNR Park Trail. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tower Drive

Discussion continued on Tower Drive and the details of it being a private drive. The property owner indicated that it would be posted as a private drive. George Yarrington stated that he would be using the right-of-way off of Harmony Street to access this property. Yarrington stated that he was not receiving compensation for the use of his property.

Resolution No. 2015-04 Disposition of Municipal Records

Smith motioned, Miller seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2015-04 Disposition of Municipal Records. Motion passed.

Minutes-Permanent Binders

Miller motioned, Smith seconded to purchase additional binders capable of being permanently sealed to complete the appropriate storage of all Borough minutes. Motion passed.

Copier

Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to purchase a new copier upon obtaining two additional phone bids. Motion passed



MINUTES – 4/7/2015

Recycle/Cleanup Day

Recycle/Cleanup Day will be held Saturday, May 9, 2015, at the Forward Township building. Evans City Borough has agreed to participate in the event. Obtaining a fifth dumpster was discussed to accommodate needed capacity. Kaufman agreed to transport the work release individuals, and Smith agreed to place signs on either end of the Borough. Providing safety equipment to the participants was discussed.

Street Sweeping

Miller motioned, Smith seconded to approve street sweeping for all streets in the Borough with Municipal Contractors. Motion passed.

Catch Basins

Council requested information from Municipal Contractors on cleaning catch basins. New grating is needed on one of the catch basins.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: No Report

Law and Order: Mayor Rader reported that there had been several robberies in the area.

Streets: Smith reported that there was a drainage issue in the turn-around area on Dogwood Lane. He also stated that Rose Drive was in poor shape. South Main and Drushel Drive needed to be sealed.

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: No Report

Park: Leslie stated that Tom Hilliard would be repairing the areas in the Park which were disrupted during the replacement of the waterline. Kaufman motioned, Miller seconded to clean up dead trees in the Park. Motion passed. Smith motioned, Miller seconded to purchase a water collecting head for the end of the plastic pipe at the edge of the parking lot in the ball field area of the Park. Motion passed. Smith motioned, Miller seconded to allow the property owner at 218 Constitution Avenue to use the dirt piled in the parking lot of the ball field. Motion passed.

Sewage Financial: No Report

Code Enforcement: No Report

Miscellaneous Miller commented on the public meeting held at the Fire Department.

Kaufman motioned, Smith seconded at 9:45 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer