



## **CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES MAY 3, 2011**

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, Donald Clingensmith, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci and Vickie Forbes.

### **Sewage Plant Update**

Dave Bocci reported that the DEP had sent information requesting that future submissions of the monthly discharge monitoring reports be submitted electronically. Bocci stated that he had completed the necessary forms to do so and could complete the requirements by the DEP with approval from Council. Clingensmith motioned, Graham seconded to approve and move forward with submission of the reports electronically. Motion passed.

Bocci indicated that the excessive amount of rain recently had little impact on the plant. He also stated that he had been in touch with an individual at the new Church project and was told they were not ready to hook into the public sewage line at this time.

Graham motioned, Smith seconded, to accept the minutes from the April 5, 2011, meeting. Motion passed.

Clingensmith inquired about the Copier and Computer Equipment charge. The Secretary/Treasurer indicated that it was the annual maintenance fee for the copier and indicated that she had had it recently serviced.

Graham motioned, Kaufman seconded, to accept the March, 2011, Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed.

Clingensmith questioned the Penn Power charges paid out March 17, 2011.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### Stormwater Management Ordinance 17

Council reviewed and discussed the Stormwater Management Ordinance as revised by Attorney Lope. The repeal of the portion of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance pertaining to stormwater is covered by Ordinance 17, and all advertising requirements were met. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to adopt Stormwater Ordinance 17. Motion passed.

#### Grating on Catch Basins – Main Street

Council discussed information received from PennDOT regarding their request for bicycle gratings on the catch basins on Main Street. After much discussion about the additional maintenance required with the bicycle gratings, Council elected not to move forward with replacing the existing ratings with



the bicycle gratings. Council did request that PennDOT re-examine the condition of the gratings located in the Constitution Ave/Main Street area to be sure that they meet safety standards.

Jim Switzer – Community Service Coordinator, Dept. of Community Corrections

Council reviewed the use of the crews to do improvements at the Park including painting and brush removal. After discussion, Council authorized the Park Committee to determine what work should be done, what supplies would be required, and to contact Jim Switzer to setup a date to do the work.

Street Sweeping – Revised Date

Municipal Contracting had called and left a message cancelling the originally scheduled date because of weather. The new date to sweep streets was rescheduled for May 6, 2011.

Recycle/Cleanup Day – May 7, 2011

The arrangements have been completed. Volunteers can still be used during the event.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Fire:** No Report

**Law and Order:** No Report

**Streets:** The Street Committee examined the condition of the streets and presented findings to Council. After discussion Council agreed that Constitution Avenue, South Main Street, and Dogwood should be sealed. Graham motioned, Kaufman seconded to contact Tom Thompson to write up specs and proceed with this project. Motion passed.

Council discussed the over weight vehicles using South Main Street.

Council discussed the unfinished sidewalk project.

Council discussed an issue with gravel washing out of the parking lot of a business located on Dogwood Lane into the culvert down the street. Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded to write a letter to the business requesting the issue be addressed.

**Zoning/Planning:** An opening on the Board still exists with the possibility of another opening.

**Borough Building:** No Report

**Park:** The Secretary/Treasurer informed Council that a request had been received to use the ball field for a charity event. After checking with Meridian Baseball and the shelter rental schedule, the field would be available. Council discussed. Smith motioned, Graham seconded to establish a fee of \$50 for rental of the field and authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to schedule the ball field. Motion passed.

Council discussed the need for a submersible pump. Because of the unusual excessive amount of rain this year, Council determined not to purchase one at this time.

**Sewage Financial:** No Report



**NEW BUSINESS:**

Plgit CD Investment

Council directed the Secretary/Treasurer to use best discretion in reinvesting CD's for both length of time and interest rates with the intent to get the best return for the Borough.

Plgit Proxy Ballot

Council authorized to vote "for all nominees listed" for the election of trustees on the proxy ballot.

Leslie Farms NPDES Permit

Council reviewed the information submitted by Gateway Engineers for Manor Development Group II which was reviewed by Tom Thompson. Council also reviewed Thompson's comments.

Clingensmith commented on the letter received from PA American Water concerning a rate increase. Clingensmith motioned, Graham seconded that a letter be sent to the PUC indicating that due to economic conditions, an increase in water rates would be difficult for residents at the current time. Motion passed.

Clingensmith motioned, Kaufman seconded to have the code enforcement officer contact three properties in the Borough to address issues being violated in Ordinance 10. Motion passed.

Clingensmith motioned, Graham seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer