



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES MAY 4, 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, Francis Smith, Donald Clingensmith, and Mayor Harold Rader.

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

Mayor Harold Rader administered the oath of office to Donald Clingensmith for the office of Council.

Sewage Plant Update:

Dave Bocci reported to Council on the following:

1. Completion of the 2010 Operator Report to be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection.
2. Receipt of a passing analysis report for the sampling taken during the on-site inspection performed by the DEP.
3. The purchase of a new chemical feed pump and a repair kit that was used to repair an old pump which will be used as a spare.
4. The completion of the annual calibration of the flow meter.

Leslie questioned if any action had been taken on updates concerning the new sludge handling system. Thompson stated that he was in the process of bringing in a centrifuge system to use on a trial basis. It would use the same chemicals as currently on site. There could be cost involved with the electrical hookup. After further discussion Council agreed to move forward with the trial.

Katie Douthett stated that Della Marshal and Linda Smith agreed to organize the Community Yard Sale to be held on May 21 and 22. She questioned Council if it would be permissible to use money from the bank account funded by collections at the Concession Stand to cover costs for advertising for this community event. Council discussed and agreed that since tax dollars were not involved that it would be permissible. The Concession Stand will not be open this year due to only having four games scheduled at the field.

Kaufman motioned, Smith seconded, to accept the minutes from the April 6, 2010, meeting. Motion passed.

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

Clingensmith motioned, Kaufman seconded, to accept the bills as submitted. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Butler County Park & Renovation Grant

The Borough has been awarded this grant for 2010. Thompson discussed materials for user friendly trails and suggested making them 4-5 foot wide. He suggested 2.5-2" resurface of basketball court. Council discussed location of walkway and either using concrete or blacktop for the parking area beside the bathroom. Thompson will supply specs for bidding. Council requested the



Secretary contact Ken Schultheis to spray the cracks in the basketball court and on the road with Roundup.

FEMA Floodplain Management Mtg/ Ordinance

Council reviewed the three activities required by Fema which include review of the flood insurance map and related documentation, inform affected community members of changes that may impact them, and adopt a floodplain ordinance. Thompson provided information regarding the requirements and stated that he would be attending the May 5 meeting.

2009 Community Development Block Grant

Thompson reviewed the preliminary map of the proposed area for sidewalk replacement. Discussion continued concerning certain obstacles such as a fire hydrant, telephone poles, curbs, driveway aprons, existing sidewalk sections, storm drains, and existing stairs. Thompson stated that he would finalize the details, get an estimate on cost and an estimate on how far the Borough will be able to go with the sidewalk, and will include some extras in the bid.

Thompson commented on the progress of Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan and what a significant impact it will have on all municipalities and homeowners. He stated that suggested changes were being reviewed, and an e-mail would be issued, with a public comment period to follow.

Clingensmith questioned information referencing tree replacement in a letter that had been sent to property owners along the first stretch of sidewalk replaced along Main Street. Council discussed and decided that unless a tree replacement request was received, there would not be any trees replanted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: No Report

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: Smith and Leslie both inspected the current conditions of the Borough streets and indicated a pothole at Main and Harmony as well as one at the beginning of Rose Street needed patched. Secretary is to contact Ken Schultheis to see if he could patch these holes with cold patch. Secretary is also to contact Penn Dot to see when they intend to make repairs to Main Street and Harmony Street.

Street cleaning is scheduled for May 7, 2010. Smith will put up "No Parking" signs. Secretary is to contact Ken Schultheis to see if he will clean catch basins.

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: No Report

Park: No Report

Sewage Financial: No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

Council: No Report



Secr/Treasurer: The Secretary/Treasurer stated that she had attended meetings regarding the 2010 Winter Snowstorm Disaster Declaration and was working on completing and submitting all the necessary documentation to collect snow removal assistance monies. Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded to adopt the Designation of Agent Resolution 2010-04 appointing Vickie Forbes as the Agent. Motion Passed

Cleanup/Recycle Day will be May 8, 2010, at the Forward Township building. Volunteers are needed. Kaufman will pick up and Clingensmith will drop off the work-release individuals and stay to help.

The PSAB Conference was in Pittsburgh on April 26 and 27 and attended many informative sessions.

Clingensmith made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Kaufman seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer