



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES

JUNE 7, 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, Francis Smith, Donald Clingensmith, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Katie Douthett, Della Marshall, Jack Kaltenbaugh, Mittie Kaufman, and Vickie Forbes.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci reported that the DEP has requested that the second person listed on the electronically submitted records for the monthly discharge reports would be required to sign a partnering agreement and have e-mail and computer access. The second person would be a viewer of the information. Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded to appoint the Secretary/Treasurer to be the viewer for the electronically submitted monthly discharge reports. Motion passed.

Jack Kaltenbaugh indicated that there were sewage issues with approximately 12 homes on White Oak Drive in Connoquenessing Township and inquired as to whether the Borough would be interested or able to include this area in the Borough's sewage system. Leslie indicated that the available capacity of the plant was already intended for the developments in the Borough.

Council stated to Kaltenbaugh that a turning lane is urgently needed on Rt. 68 at Kriess Road because of safety issues.

Kaltenbaugh reported that School Road needed drainage work and road work done and half of the road should be Borough responsibility. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded that the Borough would be responsible for half of the cost to have the road graded, stoned and chipped. Motion passed.

Katie Douthett asked Council for ideas to use the Community Day funds raised from the operation of the concession stand. She also indicated that Laura Keller planted flowers around the stone at the entrance of town.

Della Marshall stated that the finished landscaping above the telephone pole wasn't put back to the way it was before the sidewalks were installed. Council indicated that when the final inspection was done with the Engineer and contractor, that area would be inspected.

Ms. Marshall also inquired about lower rates for garbage collection by designating a specific company to be used by the community. Council discussed.

Mittie Kaufman expressed her concern about the community not have a way to be alerted of disasters. She indicated that the Fire Department had obtained a new siren but it had not been installed or hooked up. Council discussed, and Leslie indicated that he would talk with Glen Goehring.

Ms Kaufman indicated that Council needed to take steps to address the properties in the community that have junk, vehicles, tires, high grass and weeds and those properties that have been abandoned. Council discussed. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that she had written a letter to the Code Enforcement Officer, but he had not responded. She was directed to contact him, giving him a timeline to respond. If no response was received, then advertise for a new Code Enforcement Officer.



Clingensmith indicated that at the Butler County Borough Association meeting information was provided concerning the Redevelopment Authority of Butler County which will aid in dealing with blighted homes.

Clingensmith motioned, Kaufman seconded, to accept the minutes from the May 3, 2011, meeting. Motion passed.

Clingensmith commented on the Winter Maintenance Account being over budget. Clingensmith asked what the interest rate was on the PennVest loan for the sewage plant and was informed that it was at 1%. He also asked for clarification on the CD investments.

Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded, to accept the April 2011, Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed.

Clingensmith questioned the payment of W. Flynn.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Amended Resolution 2001-01 – Fee Schedule

Council reviewed the change to the Fee Schedule, adding the fee of \$50/day for use of the ball field for those not covered by contract. Kaufman motioned, Smith seconded to adopt the Amended Resolution 2011-01. Motion passed.

Streets – Crack Sealing

Thompson provided draft specs for crack filling and sealing for South Main, Dogwood Lane and also the repair of potholes on Rose Drive and Constitution Avenue. Council discussed an estimate provided to cover the work. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to obtain two more phone bids for the identified work and take the low bid to have the work completed. Motion passed.

Pennsylvania American Water Rate Increase

The Secretary/Treasurer indicated that a letter had been sent to the PUC as requested by Council objecting to the rate increase, and a response had been received from the PUC indicating that the objections would be forwarded to the presiding judge

Dogwood Lane Storm Drain

A letter had been sent to Starflite Systems Inc. as requested by Council requesting they resolve the issue of gravel washing from their parking area into the storm drain located on Dogwood Lane. No response had been received.

Recycle/Cleanup Day – May 7, 2011

An estimated summary of revenue received and expenses was reviewed. Clingensmith commented on details of the event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: No Report

Law and Order: A complaint was reviewed by Council involving the property located at 278 Main Street regarding high grass, brush, overgrown weeds and garbage. After discussion on the issue, Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded that a letter



be sent to the property owner requesting the issues be addressed by the end of the month. Motion passed.

Council discussed the current Code Enforcement officer and his lack of addressing issues. Council directed that a contact should be attempted to see if the Code Enforcement officer had interest in continuing in the position. If no response is received, an ad should be place for a new Code Enforcement person.

Council discussed animal noise.

Streets:

Smith stated that he wanted to participate in the final inspection of the sidewalk project to address issues. He also indicated that a tree along the sidewalk near the Methodist Church had branches overhanging the sidewalk. Council requested that Mr. Schultheis be contacted to put up the Tower Drive street sign.

Council discussed overweight trucks using Borough streets. A contact will be made with the Borough Engineer to determine what would need to be done to do a weight limit study on the streets and to provide an estimated cost to do this feasibility study.

Zoning/Planning:

Kaufman motioned, Clingensmith seconded to appoint Norman Graham for another term to expire 6/30/2014 on the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion passed.

Two positions, one vacated by W. Flynn's resignation and the alternate position, are open on the Zoning Hearing Board. A notice has been placed at the Post Office requesting volunteers to fill these positions.

Borough Building:

Clingensmith indicated that something needed to be done with the railing on the entrance to the Borough building. Council discussed and will investigate possible solutions.

Park:

The Park Committee inspected the Park area and presented a significant list of repairs that needed to be done. Council discussed and directed the Park Committee to proceed with taking care of these maintenance items.

Sewage Financial: No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

Notary Commission – Secretary/Treasurer

Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded to have the Secretary/Treasurer renew her notary commission. Motion passed.

Disposal of Equipment and Furniture

Council authorized the disposal of the outdated equipment and furniture in the spare office.

Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer