



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH

June 30, 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 and Len Schoettker, Cindy Princeler, Joan Whelan, Don Whelan, Chris Whelan, Mike Zippler, Grant McCollough, Tom Hilliard, John and Lori Heck, Wolfgang Briggs, Debbie Lippert, Mark Smith, Tom Thompson, and Vickie Forbes.

Lori Heck described water issues on Constitution Avenue. Leslie stated that the road committee and engineer will look at the problem.

Wolfgang Briggs of Kaliber Brewing outlined his updated plans to open a tasting room at 126 Main Street. Thompson stated that Council would need to approve before going to the Zoning Hearing Board. Smith motioned, Miller seconded to approve Mr. Briggs special exception to be taken to the Zoning Hearing Board for evaluation and final approval. Motion passed. Mr. Briggs stated that he was addressing issues and preparing to schedule a Zoning Hearing Board meeting.

Cindy Princeler questioned whether all trucks associated with the pipeline installation were covered by the bond. Thompson stated that they would be. Princeler spoke on types of pipe being used for the pipeline in the Borough

Linda Schoettker commented on concerns related to pipelines and gas wells.

Chris Whelan questioned if there was going to be any discussion concerning the driveway, building, and use of the building on the neighboring property. Mrs. Whelan stated that they were getting their property surveyed.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci stated that he had done the PA One Calls for all areas being impacted with pipeline crossings. He indicated that they were changing out another dumpster; and even with excessive rainfall, water flows were good at the plant.

Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of June 2, 2015. Motion passed.

Kaufman questioned the status on the "Due to" accounts. Kaufman motioned, Miller seconded, to accept the submitted May 2015 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

PA American Water – Sewage System

Debbie Lippert of the PA American Water Business Development Group, summarized information regarding PA American Water and expressed the company's interest in purchasing the Borough sewage system. Bocci commented on the Borough sewage plant being in excellent condition and very capable of handling increased flows with future expansion.

Leslie Farms – Drainage Issue

Thompson reported that the developer would be repairing the drainage issue by diverting the flow of water and would update when completed.

Weight Limit Signs for Upper Constitution Avenue

Signs have been received but an acceptable location to place the signs needs to be determined. The Street Committee, meeting with the Borough Engineer, will determine location.

Columbia Midstream Group – Bonding of Borough Streets

Columbia Midstream Group has completed the overweight vehicle application process and has bonded Constitution Avenue, South Main Street, and Lloydmont Blvd. as per the Borough's Maintenance and Restoration Agreement.

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Thompson stated that if there was damage done to the road, the Borough would not release the bond until satisfactory repairs were completed. Council discussed how long the bonds were effective.

Miller stated that the State had cancelled Yarrington's driveway access permit to Harmony Street, a state road.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: The Fire Department will be selling raffle tickets at the Farm Show.

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: Smith stated that he was trying to get someone to patch holes. Council discussed having the storm drains cleaned.

Zoning/Planning: Kaufman motioned, Miller seconded to appoint Alan Peffer for another three-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion passed.

Borough Building: The wood on the ramp entering the rear of the building was sealed. Water is coming through the wall in the basement during heavy rains where the water pipe enters the building.

Park: Smith reviewed recent work done in the Park. He reported that for Phase 1 of the park work, Gary Pinkerton, Butler County Parks, had ordered the safety surfacing material for under the playground equipment. Phase 2 will include new swings and safety surfacing. The pulley on the flag pole had been repaired. Continued work will be performed to address trees that create safety issues in the Park. The post at the entrance to the Park was damaged and needs repaired.

Sewage Financial: No Report

Code Enforcement: No Report

Linda Schoettker questioned whether the Borough had inquired with the Solicitor about creating an ordinance mandating setbacks and type of pipe used for pipelines. The secretary read information provided by the Solicitor stating that the federal and state governments regulate pipelines, and he did not recommend creating a more stringent local ordinance.

Miller motioned, Kaufman seconded to go into executive session at 9:05 pm. Motion passed.

Miller motioned Smith seconded to come out of executive session at 9:40 pm. Motion passed.

Miller motioned, Kaufman seconded to have the solicitor proceed with all legal remedies against all associated parties pertaining to the business in a residential area, and the accessory building must also be in compliance with 27-909-1. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous Next meeting – August 4, 2015

Miller motioned, Kaufman seconded at 10:10 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer