



## **CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES JULY 6, 2010**

The public meeting of the Council of Connoquenessing Borough was called to order at 7:40 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, Steve Miller, Brett Ligo, Nate Collins, Katie Douthett, Della Marshall, Keith Karns, Andrew Karns, and Vickie Forbes.

Brett Ligo reviewed the land development plans for the Church of God. Smith questioned the withdrawal of the variance request regarding the height of the building. Ligo explained that after further examination, it was determined that the height met zoning requirements. Clingensmith questioned the screening issue. Thompson addressed the question indicating that since it is a non-residential facility, upon receipt of a complaint from a neighboring resident, the Church of God would be required to provide some type of vegetation to break the view of the property. After further discussion and review of the recommendation by the Planning Committee, Smith motioned and Kaufman seconded to approve the preliminary and final plans for the Church of God Land Development contingent on the following:

1. All parking areas must be dust and mud free; and if complaints are received regarding this issue, the parking area must be improved to a more acceptable standard.
2. Any and all signs must comply with the Borough Ordinance requirements.
3. The stormwater management device should not erode the adjacent property and should include an easement on swales and the detention facility.

Motion passed.

### **Sewage Plant Update:**

Dave Bocci reported to Council that a pump used in the bagging process needed replaced. The cost would be approximately \$250. Also, a backup motor was put into operation replacing the #1 blower motor. The replacement cost would be approximately \$750. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to approve the purchases. Motion passed. Leslie stated Bocci did not need to wait for approval by Council for purchases of maintenance items for the operation of the Plant. Kaufman questioned if the flows had been impacted by Leslie Farms. Bocci stated that the flows at the Plant continue to be good.

Steve Miller reported on the 2009 audit.

Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded, to accept the minutes from the June 1, 2010, meeting. Motion passed.

Clingensmith questioned the bank fees in the Sewage Fund. The Secretary/Treasurer explained that PNC charges a fee for electronic deposits and other electronic type transactions.

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

Clingensmith questioned the reimbursement to Connoquenessing Twp. The Fire Department had sold a vehicle reducing the shared insurance cost.

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



**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Secretary informed Council that letters had been sent to owners of properties located at 279 Main Street and 292 Main Street regarding mowing of grass and cleaning up of the properties. A contact had been made with BAC Tax Service concerning the complaint at 152 Main Street.

Smith presented different options from the Street Committee to address the complaint by Harry Cole from the June 1, 2010, meeting concerning water running off Main Street onto his and a neighbor's driveways. Council, after much discussion, tabled any action involving this issue.

Clingensmith stated that he had been asked if a double wide home could be put on the lot located at Main and Constitution. Council discussed and noted that zoning issues had to be met.

Rader commented that he had found a document related to changing the name of the town from Petersville to Connoquenessing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Fire:** No Report

**Law and Order:** No Report

**Streets:** The Secretary indicated that a call had come in regarding the condition of the catch basins on Constitution. During recent rain storms there was flooding in this area. Leslie stated that he had found someone to clean the catch basins. There are 14 catch basins in town.

Thompson updated Council on the sidewalk project. A contact had been made with Century Link, formerly Embarq, about moving their telephone lines to the east side of Main Street and removing the poles on the west side, which are in the path of the proposed sidewalk. Thompson reviewed the location of the sidewalk and how it would impact existing driveways and stairways. With Council's approval, the package would be reviewed at the July 21, 2010, meeting and then advertised by Butler County. Smith motioned, Clingensmith seconded to approve the bidding of the sidewalk project. Motion passed.

Thompson stated that the Act 167 Stormwater Management hearing was scheduled for July 7, 2010. By the July 21 meeting, the Plan will be approved and submitted to the State.

**Zoning/Planning:** The Church of God Land Development project had been reviewed earlier in the meeting.

**Borough Building:** Council discussed the condition of the road around the Borough building. Rader suggested using a limestone product that will compress into a hard surface. Kaufman motioned, Smith seconded to have the Secretary/Treasurer order a tri-axle load to be delivered. Motion passed.

**Park:** No. Report

**Sewage Financial:** Clingensmith questioned how the collection of unpaid sewage accounts had been progressing. The Secretary/Treasurer stated that since the procedure using water shut-off was implemented, customers faced with this ultimatum had been making payments against their accounts.



**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Council:** Clingensmith commented on the phone books being thrown on properties, potentially creating a security issue. Council discussed.

**Secr/Treasurer:** Reviewed the letter from Pennvest and the response.

The Storm Disaster Declaration application information and procedure was reviewed, and the \$2,262.65 was confirmed as being received.

The accomplishments of the Butler County Tax Collector Committee were summarized. The third party collector should be selected at the July 27, 2010, meeting.

The revised Hazard Mitigation plan was sent to FEMA and results are expected in July. The Plan should be adopted in August.

For the Flood Insurance Maps and Study, a sample ordinance had been provided. Once a final determination occurs with a final map effective date, changes will be made to the sample ordinance. Council will need to adopt the new ordinance.

Lighting Maintenance Company is performing energy audits to identify energy saving projects and is being reimbursed by First Energy for the audit procedure. Council concurred to have the audit done.

Kaufman stated that the Tax Collector was required to purchase an Excel application at a cost of \$92.94 to be able to process tax information and would like to be reimbursed for the expense. Council agreed to reimburse.

Smith stated that Tom Hilliard had inquired about getting permission to remove the vegetation and old fencing in the area between his property and the Park. Council acknowledged there would not be a problem with the request.

Clingensmith made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer