



**CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 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, Ryan Graham Ronald Kaufman, Francis Smith, and Donald Clingensmith.

Also present were Dave Bocci and Vickie Forbes.

Sewage Plant Update:

Dave Bocci reported to Council that the blower motor had been replaced and was in operation. Bocci had met with the two different builders of the quad units in Leslie Farms and had reviewed with them the layout for the sewage lines and connections

Clingensmith motioned, Graham seconded, to accept the minutes from the July 6, 2010, meeting. Motion passed.

Clingensmith questioned the Park Revenue amount in the General Fund. The Secretary/Treasurer explained that it was money due for the Park waiver requirement in the Hidden Springs development. Clingensmith also questioned the mileage rate, and the Secretary/Treasurer indicated that it was \$.50 as established by the Federal Government. Clingensmith questioned the Uncollectible Sewage Account amount, and the Secretary/Treasurer explained that it was the amounts in sewage accounts written off by PA American Water but the Borough was still pursuing collection.

Graham motioned, Smith seconded, to accept the June, 2010, Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed.

Clingensmith questioned the amount paid to the Fire Department. The Secretary/Treasurer explained that it was the portion (.75 mills) of the real estate taxes collected. Clingensmith also questioned the electric bill for the school blinker. Council discussed. Clingensmith questioned the water bill for the Park. The Secretary/Treasurer explained that the Borough building and the Park use the same water meter. The amount above the average usage for the building during the year when the Park is not in use is charged as Park usage.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: Clingensmith expressed concern about the fire siren not working and the lack of a way to alert residents of disasters. Discussion followed.

Law and Order: Council continued discussion on a complaint involving water running off Main Street on to a property. Council also discussed a complaint filed concerning a septic tank that was not removed or pumped and a complaint concerning septic entering a spring that runs through a yard. After much discussion, Council elected to take no action involving the water running off Main Street; and determined that sewage complaints should be directed to the DEP.



Streets: The Secretary stated that the bids were being issued for the sidewalk project. A meeting to review the project with interested contractors would be held on August 6, 2010. The telephone company indicated that the poles could not be moved away from the road out of the path of the sidewalk and there would be a \$45,000 cost to the telephone company to move them to the other side of the road. Even if the telephone lines could be moved there would still be an issue regarding the power company's use of the poles.

Clingensmith commented on the deteriorating spot on Harmony Street. Discussion followed.

Zoning/Planning: The Secretary/Treasurer stated that the Church of God had paid for their sewage tap and the building permit had been approved by Mark Reese.

Borough Building: Council discussed the 2011 insurance package. Clingensmith motioned, Graham seconded to stay with Howard Insurance Agency for the year 2011. Motion passed.

Council discussed the 2010-2011 snow removal contract. Graham motioned, Kaufman seconded to advertise the 2010-2011 snow removal contract if Voelker Paving would not agree to extend the current contract holding the rates noted in the current contract. Motion passed.

Park: Clingensmith commented on the excellent improvement to the road around the Borough building with the gravel application.

Sewage Financial: Clingensmith requested an update on the customers on sewage payment plans. The Secretary/Treasurer indicated that a problem did exist currently with one of the customers on a payment plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council: No issues.

Secr/Treasurer: The Secretary/Treasurer informed Council that the Butler County Tax Collector Committee had selected Berkheimer and Associates as the EIT tax collector for Butler County beginning in 2012 with their commission being 1.5%.

The T. W. Phillips Road Occupancy Permit was discussed.

Council agreed to have Trick or Treat night in the Borough on Saturday, October 30, 2010, from 6 pm – 7 pm. Council agreed that the Halloween Parade should be held on Sunday, October 31, 2010. Kaufman stated that he would talk with Beth Knauer to see if she would be interested in chairing the Parade event. Leslie suggested contacting Connoquenessing Township to see if they are in agreement with Trick or Treat being held October 30, 2010.

The Secretary/Treasurer requested that those interested in attending the Butler County Boroughs Association Dinner Meeting to be held on Thursday, September 16, 2010, indicate their interest and dinner selections prior to the September 7, 2010, meeting.



Minutes

Graham motioned, Smith seconded to cover the cost of the Elected Auditor's class for the Borough Auditors. Motion passed.

Clingensmith reported on the open house that he had attended at the Butler Memorial Hospital. He also reported on the open house held at Bronder Technical Services.

Kaufman reported on a group going to New York for training for gas well explosions.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer