



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH

August 4, 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, Mitch Leech, Francis Smith, Steve Miller, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Linda and Len Schoettker, Don Whelan, Tom Hilliard, Katie Douthett, Joyce Hays, and Vickie Forbes.

Linda Schoettker spoke about issues at pipeline and gas well sites.

Don Whelan reported that activities were continuing at the Yarrington Property. Leslie stated that the information would be reported to the Solicitor.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci reported that a contact for one of the blowers had been replaced at the Plant. He also stated that he had worked with the pipeline people in locating the sewage lines in their effort to install the gas line under it and Constitution Avenue. He had requested a steel plate be placed over a manhole cover to protect it from heavy equipment.

Smith motioned, Miller seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of June 30, 2015. Motion passed.

Kaufman motioned, Miller seconded, to accept the submitted June 2015 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Act 13 Impact Fee Payment for 2014

The Impact Fee paid to the Borough for 2014 increased substantially due to having an unconventional gas well in the Borough. Details of Act 13 were reviewed regarding the distribution of the fees collected. Per Act 13, host counties receive 36%, host municipalities receive 37% while the remaining 27% are distributed among all municipalities in a host county.

Storm Sewer-Catch Basin Quote

Smith motioned, Miller seconded to contract ECS@R to clean the catch basins as per proposal dated July 22, 2015, with disposal of debris done by ECS@R. Motion passed.

Miller requested that a follow-up be made with the Borough engineer regarding a discussion requiring all who bond Borough roads be responsible for any associated damage for a period of two years.

NEW BUSINESS:

Snow Removal Contract

Miller motioned, Kaufman seconded to renew the snow removal contract. Motion passed.

Insurance Package

Smith motioned, Miller seconded to renew the insurance package for 2016 with the Howard Agency. Motion passed.

Complaint – Leslie Farms

Council reviewed the comments from the Borough Engineer regarding the complaint in Leslie Farms. Miller motioned, Leech seconded to send the comments to the residents of both properties involved. Motion passed.

Drushel Drive Issue

A concern was received from a resident on Drushel Drive involving the recent repairs to that street. The Street Committee reviewed the issue. Smith motioned, Leech seconded to contact Wiest Paving to have them meet with the homeowner to resolve the issue. Motion passed.

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Floodplain Ordinance

Council reviewed the sample ordinance provided by the Borough Engineer. Miller motioned, Leech seconded to have all Council members review the sample ordinance and provide any suggestions to the Secretary by August 18, 2015, and then forward the sample ordinance and changes to the Solicitor for his review and comments. Motion passed.

Leslie Farms – Weaver Builders

Council reviewed information provided by the Borough Engineer regarding the potential ownership change of Leslie Farms to Weaver Builders. Council also discussed the potential for adding a Phase 1A which would include a recreational facility in the Shelton Place Drive area. Council was favorable to this idea.

Contact Form – Mitch James – Save on Energy

Council reviewed the request to add a link to the Borough website but was not in favor of this action.

Halloween-Trick-or-Treat Date, Parade

Council agreed that Trick-or-Treat will be held in the Borough on Saturday, October 31, 2015, from 6-7 pm. Council requested that the Fire Department be contacted to see if they would host the Halloween parade.

Miller presented an idea from a resident about barring truck traffic on Borough Streets by stringing banners across the streets prohibiting truck traffic. Discussion followed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: Council further discussed truck traffic on Constitution Avenue.

Leslie stated that the Engineer had looked at the reported issue with water running from Constitution Avenue onto the sidewalk during heaving rain storms. The repair would have to be made during sidewalk replacement if the Borough received grant money to do so.

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: Smith motioned, Miller seconded to purchase a dehumidifier for the Borough building. Motion passed.

Park: Smith reported that the fall safe material had arrived and was placed under the playground equipment. He also stated that an Eagle Scout project from Troop 19 had been completed which included adding two bat boxes to the Park, repairing and straightening the two posts supporting the tennis netting, and building a bench for spectators at the tennis court.

Smith reported that the oak tree located on the lower side of the upper shelter will be removed because of safety concerns and that plans were being made to have a carving made from the stump. Funds from proceeds from the food stand at the ball field will be used to cover the cost.

Sewage Financial: No Report

Code Enforcement: No Report

Leech motioned, Kaufman seconded at 9:30 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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