



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH

September 1, 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, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Linda and Len Schoettker, Tom Hilliard, Joyce Hays, Kevin Foster, Cindy Princeler, Donna and Paul Maranchi, Michael Zippler, Michael Slater, and Vickie Forbes.

Kevin Foster, Assistant Location Manager for American Pastoral Productions LLC, asked to use the ballfield for parking while filming a movie, AMERICAN PASTORAL, in the area. The approximate time frame for using the field would be between 9/21/2015 and 10/5/2015 with a few additional days in late October or early November. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to approve the use of the ballfield for parking with a signed agreement. Motion passed.

Cindy Princeler stated that she was resigning as auditor, and Don Princeler would be resigning from the Zoning Hearing Board due to Council's lack of action regarding restricting pipelines in the Borough.

Donna and Paul Maranchi inquired about Leslie Farms changing ownership and if plans for Phase 2 were being developed.

Michael Slater explained the development of a program for the Jr. Butler Blue Sox teams. He explained preliminary plans to improve the Connoquenessing Park ballfield for their use by having fund raisers and from donations from corporate sponsors. He inquired if the Borough could provide some funding. Leech motioned, Smith seconded to allow the Jr. Blue Sox team to use the field with a signed agreement. Motion passed.

Linda Schoettker read information from an article about health impacts from shale development.

Carol Kaufman commented on the resignation of the auditor and the need to replace with a qualified individual or business. Leslie stated that a firm may need to be hired for audits in the future.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci reported that operations at the Plant were good with daily activities of bagging of sludge.

Leech motioned, Smith seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of August 4, 2015. Motion passed.

Smith motioned, Leech seconded, to accept the submitted July 2015 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Storm Sewer-Catch Basin Quote

Council reviewed the requirement by the disposal facility to sample and analyze the waste from the storm sewers at a cost of \$535 before accepting the waste. Smith motioned, Leech seconded to accept the responsibility of the disposal of the materials from the catch basins. Motion passed.

Maintenance and Restoration Agreement

Council reviewed the change made to the Maintenance and Restoration Agreement which extends the responsibility for maintenance for a period of two years upon final inspection.

Floodplain Ordinance

The Solicitor has not returned the final pre-adoption floodplain draft ordinance. Council discussed options since the draft ordinance is required to be received for review by the Floodplain Ordinance Coordinator by September 17. Council determined that when the draft is received from the Solicitor that it should be sent for DCED review and approval.

MINUTES – 9/01/2015



Rose Drive

Council reviewed the PennDOT LTAP Technical Information Sheet #160 dealing with the procedure to change a two-way street to a one-way street which included an engineering study and the adoption of an ordinance. Council agreed to leave Rose Drive as a two-way street.

Halloween Parade

Chief Lou Zimmerman reported that he would review the request to have the fire department host the Halloween parade with the membership at the September 8, 2015, meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Complaint – 242 Constitution Avenue

Council reviewed the complaint and listened to concerns concerning the property located at 242 Constitution Avenue. Leech motioned, Smith seconded to contact the solicitor to inquire what process should be taken to address the ongoing issues with the property. Motion passed.

Pre-Application for Plans for 171-173 Main Street

Council discussed and agreed to wait for the engineer's comments and then send to Planning.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: No Report.

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: Smith reported that he had obtained three loads of gravel from the State after completing their work on Main Street and Harmony Street. He stated that additional work is being done on streets in the Borough.

Zoning/Planning: Council approved the registration fee for the Zoning course being offered at the Butler County Development Center in October for the Zoning Hearing Board members.

Borough Building: Smith stated that the gutters needed to be cleaned and guards install. Smith motioned, Leech seconded to get three quotes for cleaning and guards for the gutters on the building. Motion passed.

Park: Smith reported on a quote for \$2500 he had obtained for a bagger for the tractor. Council discussed and suggested that Smith get pricing for a dump vac for review at the next meeting.

Sewage Financial: No Report

Code Enforcement: No Report

Leech motioned, Kaufman seconded at 9:05 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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