



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

October 4, 2016

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, Ronald Kaufman, Mitch Leech, Francis Smith, Dave Hilliard, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Daniel Cox, Dave Bocci, Mike Zippler, Linda and Len Schoettker, and Vickie Forbes.

Sewage Plant Update

Bocci reported normal conditions at the Plant with the continuation of bagging sludge to prepare for the colder months coming. The water continues to look good.

Emergency Management Coordinator

Dan Cox stated he had attended training provided by Butler County on severe winter storm weather. Steve Bicehouse, Director of Emergency Management, presented Dan with a plaque for completing the Basic Certification training requirements as Emergency Management Coordinator for Connoquenessing Borough. He stated that arrangements were being made for IC100 and IC700 training for the benefit of Fire Department members and others. This training will be held at the Fire Department.

Code Enforcement/Zoning

Council reviewed the letters provided by Pat Gauselmann involving his observations of properties at 113, 155 Sunset Drive, 242 Constitution Avenue and 211 and 215 Main Street. Discussion followed on the fence constructed at 211 and 215 Main Street. Leech motioned, Kaufman seconded to send a zoning permit application and building permit application to the property owner for the fence. Discussion continued. A roll call vote was taken, Kaufman-Yes; Leech-Yes; Smith-No; Hilliard-No; Leslie-No. Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to consult with MDIA on the acceptable requirements of the fence, and whether there are different requirements for a fence six foot and under or six foot and over. Motion passed.

Linda Schoettker shared articles involving recent actions taken by the PA Supreme Court concerning Act 13 and about information concerning the deterioration of the pipe involved in the Westmorland County explosion.

BUSINESS

Hilliard motioned, Leech seconded to approve the meeting minutes of September 6, 2016. Motion passed.

Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded, to accept the submitted August 2016 Treasurer’s Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Backflow Assembly Quote

Council reviewed the quote for installing the backflow assembly as required by PA American Water for the Park water supply. After discussion, Council determined additional quotes should be obtained before making a decision.

1206 Evans City Road – Sewage Tap-Rental Property

The Solicitor was notified on September 8, 2016, of the details involved and asked to take the appropriate action against the property owner.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kaufman stated that there were other properties in the Borough that were run down. Leech stated that the Code Enforcement Officer had suggested that the Borough adopt a property maintenance ordinance. Council requested that a sample copy of a property maintenance ordinance should be obtained for review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: Hilliard reported on a recent consolidation meeting and the need to see a budget.

Law and Order: No Report

MINUTES – 10/04/2016



Streets: A request for a speed limit sign going south down the hill on South Main Street was discussed and further action put on hold till the November meeting.

The Secretary/Treasurer stated she had completed the majority of the annual inventory of street signs as required by the Sign Maintenance Policy adopted by Council June 3, 2014. Updates to the inventory spreadsheet will be completed. As defined by the Federal Highway Administration which requires states and local governments to maintain minimum levels of sign retroreflectivity, all regulatory and warning signs should be updated every seven (7) to 12 years. Council had approved \$350 for a sign budget for 2016. Hilliard motioned, Smith seconded to authorize the updating and purchase of the Borough street signs as determine needed by the inventory performed. Motion passed.

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: No Report

Park: Power to Concession Stand
An inspection of the electrical box is required to turn power on to the Concession Stand for the ballfield. Leech motioned, Smith seconded to approve payment for the inspection, to have the power turned on to the building, and to have the electric bills sent to the baseball teams for reimbursement. Motion passed.

Greenway Trails and Recreation Program Grant

Smith stated that he could not get the property owners to agree to the easements for the trail. The Director of CFA Programs Division for the Department of Community & Economic Development contacted the Borough stating that since the Borough was unable to obtain site control, that the application for the grant would be withdrawn.

Sewage Financial: No Report

Miscellaneous: Kaufman tendered his resignation as Council person effective immediately. Leech motioned, Smith seconded to accept Kaufman's resignation. Motion passed.

Smith motioned, Hilliard seconded at 8:50 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer