



## **CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES OCTOBER 5, 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, Ronald Kaufman, Ryan Graham, Francis Smith, Donald Clingensmith, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Della Marshall, and Vickie Forbes.

Ms. Marshall inquired as to who would be responsible for injuries that might occur on the sidewalk at the front of her property. She also inquired as to whether signs would be installed along the sidewalk prohibiting skate boarders, bicycle riders, etc. from using the sidewalk. Council discussed and tabled the issues to be discussed at a future meeting.

### **Sewage Plant Update**

Dave Bocci reported to Council that all equipment was functioning properly and that preparations were being made for the change of seasons.

Clingensmith motioned, Graham seconded, to accept the minutes from the September 7, 2010, meeting. Motion passed.

Clingensmith questioned the change in the amount in the Due to Manor Development account from the July 2010 to August 2010 Treasurers Report. The Secretary/Treasurer stated that she would research the charges and report back.

Clingensmith questioned if there were any additional shelter rental fees to be applied to the account for the year. The Secretary/Treasurer indicated that there was possibly one more rental for October that had not been applied to the account.

Clingensmith commented on the positive financial condition the Sewage Fund was experiencing year-to-date.

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

Clingensmith questioned the visibility of the speed limit portion of the school flashing light. A contact will be made with Bronder Technical Service to inquire about options to improve the brightness.

Leslie questioned if the catch basins had been cleaned. Municipal Contractors had performed the service on September 24, 2010.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Council discussed the vegetation issue on the 5-lot subdivision and tabled further action until a future time.

The Secretary/Treasurer stated that a letter had been sent to the State Police as requested by Council and had had a response regarding the request.



**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Fire:** Kaufman asked if the Foreign Fire Insurance check had been received.

**Law and Order:** No Report

**Streets: 2009 Grand Sidewalk Project**

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that an adjustment to the location of the sidewalk had been made by the Engineer. The change would be in the area coming down Main Street hill and would move the sidewalk closer to the road with a curb on the road side of the sidewalk. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to approve the change. Motion passed.

The contractor requested to close Main Street while installing the sidewalk for safety reasons. Council discussed and agreed that the street could be closed with appropriate signage.

There will be an on-site meeting with Contractor and Engineer either Friday or Saturday morning.

The first invoice for approximately 325 feet of sidewalk has been submitted for approval in the amount of \$11,407.50. Smith motioned, Clingensmith seconded to approve invoice. Motion passed.

**2011 Community Development Block Grant Application**

Council discussed the portion of town to continue with the sidewalk/curb cut project and decided to make application for the areas of Constitution Avenue and Harmony Street using existing surveys.

**Zoning/Planning:** Council discussed the need for an alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board.

**Borough Building:** Council reviewed Resolution 2010-05 Hazard Mitigation. Graham motioned, Clingensmith seconded to adopt Resolution 2010-05. Motion passed.

Council discussed the recently matured CD and the current reinvestment rates and agreed that the Secretary/Treasurer should reinvest for a year when the rates reached at least .8%.

Clingensmith commented that the lock on the side door to the Borough building should be repaired by Election Day.

**Park:** There was no update on the status of the work to be done at the Park for the Park Grant project.

**Sewage Financial:** Council reviewed the details of the customer who defaulted on the payment plan. A letter will be sent to the property owner.

There are six water shut-off notices to be posted on houses.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Council:** Rader commented on the letter from Senator Orié concerning taxing of Marcellus Shale gas extraction.



Minutes

**Secr/Treasurer:** The Butler County Boroughs Association dinner meeting will be held November 16, 2010. Anyone interested in attending should contact the office.

Graham motioned, Smith seconded to permit the backup of computer files using Armstrong. Motion passed.

Clingensmith commented on an article he had seen prohibiting using Council members using telephone conferencing as part of a quorum.

Clingensmith motioned, Graham seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer