



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH

October 6, 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, Tom Hilliard, Michael Zippler, Rob Campbell, Della Marshall, Katie Douthett, and Vickie Forbes.

Linda Schoettker spoke about attending meetings and providing information.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci informed Council of a sewage issue in Leslie Farms which was caused by a cracked sewage housing. Dirt had entered the housing, plugging the sewage line, causing the sewage to back up. The developer had the line cleaned and the housing repaired.

Leech motioned, Miller seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of September 1, 2015. Motion passed.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Baseball Field Use Agreement

Council reviewed the agreement. Smith motioned, Leech seconded to approve the agreement. Motion passed. Council continued discussion on making repairs to the field and agreed to make a donation towards the repairs.

Floodplain Ordinance

Solicitor is working on the draft ordinance. Deadline for State review of the pre-adoption draft has been extended from September of 2015 to March of 2016.

Leaf Collection/Bagging System

Kaufman motioned, Leech seconded to purchase the vacuum system from Turner Tractor. Motion passed.

Gutters for Borough Building

Council reviewed the various options for addressing the gutter issues on the Borough building. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to accept the bid of \$1961 to replace the current gutters with the 6" gutters with the 100 micron micromesh with an add-on for installing larger downspouts at an add-on price of no more than \$400. Motion passed.

Complaint 242 Constitution Avenue

Solicitor stated that property owner is in violation of 10-103, 10-301 and possibly 10-202. Each requires a formal notice which will come from his officer prior to penalties being imposed.

Yarrington Parcel Lot Lines

Council agreed that the responsibility of the cost of removing lot lines should be the responsibility of the property owner.

NEW BUSINESS:

Complaint – 119 Harmony Street

Discussion on complaint. Miller motioned, Leech seconded to send a letter stating a complaint was received and weekly garbage maintenance should be continued. Motion passed.



Auditors

Discussion on whether an elected auditor needs to be maintained in addition to outside auditing firm. Is a bid required? Miller motioned, Smith seconded to attempt to obtain four telephone bids from auditing firms. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: No Report.

Law and Order: Rader stated that there have been complaints about drug dealing in the Borough. Miller motioned, Leech seconded to write a letter to State Police requesting attention to the suspicion of drug dealing at the Fire Hall and at the Park. Motion passed.

Streets: Smith reported that all storm drains were cleaned on Main Street. Minor repairs were made to streets in the Borough.

Columbia Midstream has requested a meeting to inspect streets before terminating bond.

Zoning/Planning: Miller motioned, Leech seconded to appoint Barb Rader to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion passed.

Borough Building: Gutters will be installed on building. A new hot water tank was installed.

Park: Smith reported on issues with unsafe trees in the Park and stated tree maintenance in the Park is a priority.

Sewage Financial: No Report

Code Enforcement: No Report

At 9:25 pm Miller motioned, Smith seconded to go into executive session to discuss a procedure. Motion passed. At 9:55 pm Leech motioned, Miller seconded to come out of executive session. Motion passed. A decision was made concerning professional services. All contacts for professional services must be approved by Council or by the executive committee.

Leech motioned, Smith seconded at 10 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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