



**CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES
NOVEMBER 1, 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, Francis Smith, Donald Clingensmith, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci and Vickie Forbes.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci reported on a sewage tap inspection he had completed on a quad located on Lot 153 in Leslie Farms.

He indicated that the trench dug for the sewage connection was extremely deep and that the main sewage lines were apparently installed to accommodate dwellings with basements. He expressed concern for following the proper safety precautions when entering the deep trenches to make the connections. Council indicated a contact should be made with the Borough Engineer.

Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded, to accept the minutes from the October 5, 2010, meeting. Motion passed.

Clingensmith commented on the Due to Community Day balance.

Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded, to accept the September 2010, Treasurer’s Report as submitted. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Council reviewed the solicitor’s letter and opinion on Council member’s meeting participation by speakerphone.

Clingensmith re-examined the request for signs along the new sidewalk. Council discussed and opted to table the issue until spring. Smith suggested putting up the speed limit sign at the offset of the sidewalk near the Church entrance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: No Report

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: Leslie questioned if snow removal contract for the 2010/2011 winter had been finalized.

Smith stated that he had discussed with the sidewalk contractor a plan to end the project and leave the job in a satisfactory condition for winter.

Zoning/Planning: No Report



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Park: Council discussed the completion of the basketball court and the handicapped parking spot finalizing the Butler County Park and Recreation Renovation Grant Project.

Sewage Financial: Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to send a final notice to the property owner of the customer defaulting on her sewage payments notifying her that if the unpaid sewage account is not addressed in 30 days, the Borough solicitor will be directed to proceed with the Sheriff Sale of the property. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council: Kaufman motioned, Clingensmith seconded to donate the balance of the unused funds from the Halloween Parade event to the Fire Department to assist in covering their expenses. Motion passed.

Thanks were extended to the Clingensmiths and Kaufmans for organizing the Halloween Parade. Discussion followed on the details of the Christmas Light-Up Night event.

Council reviewed Ordinance 13, Part 1, on solicitation and also reviewed and discussed the solicitation application presented. Discussion followed on fees and procedures involving permitting solicitation in the Borough. Kaufman motioned, Smith seconded to grant the Solicitation Permit to Wilde Paule once the fee is received. Motion passed.

The 2011 Preliminary Budget was reviewed. Council went into executive session at 10:40 pm to discuss salaries. Council returned from the executive session at 10:45.

Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to advertise the proposed 2011 Budget. Motion passed.

Clingensmith motioned, Kaufman seconded to increase the wages of the Secretary/Treasurer and the Park Caretaker by 2.5%. Motion passed.

Rader commented on the fence installed along Constitution Avenue and Route 68 by the property owner. Discussion followed on safety issues and on the placement of the fence in the right-of-way with possible damage to the drainage system.

Secr/Treasurer: The 2010 Fee Schedule included in tonight's information is for review in preparation for the next meeting.

Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer