



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH

December 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, Mitch Leech, Francis Smith, Steve Miller, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Linda Schoettker, Marcia Sack, Cindy Princeler, Tom Hilliard, Dave Hilliard, Nathan Reed, Kevin Wildrick, Mittie Kaufman, and Vickie Forbes.

Kevin Wildrick introduced himself as a resident of Leslie Farms with interest in serving on the Zoning Hearing Board.

Nathan Reed introduced himself as a resident of Leslie Farms with interest in serving on the Planning Committee.

Linda Schoettker stated that she had been attending meetings for two years and expressed opinions about actions at those meetings. She thanked Miller for his service.

Cindy Princeler thanked Miller for his service and stated she supported taking steps to prohibit pipelines in the Borough.

Marcia Sack thanked Miller for his service.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci stated that final winter maintenance would be performed at the plant and on the pump station on Friday by having a pumper remove sludge.

Miller spoke on his time spent on Council.

Leech motioned, Miller seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of November 2, 2015. Motion passed.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 9 – Abolish Office of Elected Auditor

Miller motioned, Leech seconded to adopt Ordinance 9. Motion passed.

Resolution 2015-06 – Appointment of Independent Auditor

Leech motioned, Miller seconded to adopt Resolution 2015-06. Motion passed.

Smith motioned, Miller seconded to approve the Engagement Letter presented to Council by Karen Diehl of Diehl Accounting & Financial Services.

2016 Budget

Leech motioned, Miller seconded to adopt the 2016 Budget. Motion passed.

Ordinance 23-16 Tax Ordinance

Smith motioned, Miller seconded to adopt Ordinance 23-16. Motion passed.

Miller stated that based on information from Berkheimer, the half percent earned income tax collected is a fixed amount which cannot be changed by a municipality.

2016 Insurance Package

Smith motioned, Miller seconded to approve the 2016 Insurance Package. Motion passed.



NEW BUSINESS:

2016 Meeting Dates

Smith motioned, Leech seconded to advertise 2016 Council meetings at 7:30 pm on the following dates: January 4, February 2, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6. Motion passed.

Computer Extended Warranty

A proposal for a one year extended warranty for the office laptop computer for the amount of \$244.99 was reviewed by Council. No action taken.

Butler County Council of Governments (COG)

An annual membership fee of \$105 fee was discussed. No action taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Fire:** Fire Department will be holding their annual election of officers.
- Law and Order:** Rader reported continued random patrols will be conducted in the Borough for drug enforcement.
- Streets:** Road repairs have been made as a result of trucks using Borough roads during pipeline installation.
Council discussed repairing a hole on South Main Street using cold patch.
A contact will be made with PA American Water to address a sunken area on Constitution Avenue which was the result of a water leak.
A contact will be made with PennDot concerning a hazardous situation at the intersection of North Main Street and Rt. 68.
Mr. Schultheis will be contacted to replace the 10 Ton Weight Limit sign in the area of 200 Main Street.
- Zoning/Planning:** Miller motioned, Leech seconded to appoint Kevin Wildrick as the alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion passed.
Leech motioned, Miller seconded to appoint Nathan Reed to the Planning Committee. Motion passed.
- Borough Building:** NR
- Park:** Smith reported: The swing set area now meets safety requirements per Butler County Parks and Recreation. These improvements include painting, new swings spaced according to specifications and installation of fall surfacing materials. Some costs are covered by a grant the Borough received in 2013. The installation of the underground electrical service to the shelters will begin in December by Slater Electric & Sons.

Smith also reported that another Eagle Scout will be doing a project in the Park which will included benches in various areas of the Park.
- Sewage Financial:** No Report
- Code Enforcement:** No Report

Council discussed progress on various complaints and problems in the Borough.

Leech motioned, Miller seconded at 8:35 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer