



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES DECEMBER 7, 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, Dean Graham, Terry Mirena, and Vickie Forbes.

Dean Graham commented on three issues; the drains on Constitution Avenue not working properly, the natural gas line under the sidewalks on Constitution Avenue, and Constitution Avenue becoming a one-way street. Terry Mirena comment on a problem he was experiencing concerning lack of natural gas pressure on colder days. Council indicated that if he was unable to get satisfaction with the gas company that he might contact the PUC. Council further discussed all issues.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci reported on the failure of one of the rebuilt pumps at the pump station and also on experiencing problems with the second rebuilt pump during the high water. A quote for a new pump with a lead time of 3-4 weeks and also the repair of the rebuilt pump with a lead time of one (1) week was reviewed by Council. Discussion followed. Graham motioned, Smith seconded to rebuild the used pump and to keep it as the spare and to purchase a new pump to be installed in the pump station. Motion passed. Bocci stated that he would not be at the January meeting but could be reached by phone. Bocci inquired if there were any budget questions for 2011.

Dean Graham questioned who should be contacted concerning water meter readings. Council indicated that PA American Water should be contacted.

Clingensmith motioned, Graham seconded, to accept the minutes from the November 1, 2010, meeting. Motion passed.

Clingensmith questioned the charges to the copier and computer expense account. The charges to the account are for the annual maintenance agreement for the copier.

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

Clingensmith questioned the charges by PA American Water for fire hydrants. Council discussed. Clingensmith questioned the telephone charge at the sewage plant. Discussion followed regarding the need for a telephone at the sewage plant. Council requested a contact be made with Bocci for his input.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded to adopt Ordinance 23-11 fixing the tax rate for the year 2011. Motion passed.

Clingensmith questioned the change in the budgeted amount for the street lights, whether the building maintenance expense account included the heat pump maintenance contract, and also the amounts to the Social Security and Medicare expense accounts in the General Fund. He also questioned if the bank fees associated with reinvesting the CD's changed based on the interest rate on the CD's.



Clingensmith motioned, Kaufman seconded to approve the 2011 Budget. Motion passed.
Council reviewed a quote to replace the school flashing light from Bronder Technical Services.

Graham motioned, Kaufman seconded to approve the payment in the amount of \$33,176 to Santamaria Landscape and Cement Contractors. Motion passed.

Graham motioned, Kaufman seconded to approve Change Order #1 from Santamaria Landscape and Cement Contractors, Inc. for an amount up to \$17,455. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: Kaufman reported that the Fire Department was having difficulties getting people to respond to calls.

Clingensmith stated a special thanks to Pete and Carol Kaufman for their dedication to the Fire Department.

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: Smith questioned who is responsible for plowing in Leslie Farms. Council agreed that the developer was responsible until the roads were adopted by the Borough.

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: Council reviewed the Fee Schedule. Discussion followed on recycling in the Borough and how recycle bins are obtained. The Secretary/Treasurer will contact the County and Waste Management to gain information on the current recycling practices. Council indicated that the day rate for Solicitation should be changed to \$5 per day per person with no solicitation on Sundays. A \$20 fee for bid packages will be added to the Fee Schedule.

Graham motioned to approve and advertise the meeting dates for 2011. Motion passed.

Clingensmith motioned, Graham seconded to approve the 2011 General Liability, Auto and Worker's Comp Insurance Proposal. Motion passed.

Park: Clingensmith requested that if weather conditions permitted, that the markers be installed along the road in the Park to define the location of the road when it snows.

Sewage Financial: Council directed the Secretary/Treasurer to contact the Solicitor to determine the direction that should be taken concerning the unpaid sewage amount and the breach of the payment plan for the property located at 1289 Evans City Road. Council discussed pursuing the Sheriff Sale on the property or the shut-off of water to both customers on the property.

Council reviewed the notice for the Sheriff Sale at 270 Connoq Main Street.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council: Clingensmith questioned whether there would be a Christmas party this year in the Borough. Due to lack of interest, there will not be a Light-up Night; however, Leslie indicated that he would decorate the tree.



Minutes

Secr/Treasurer: No Report

Graham motioned, Kaufman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer