



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES

AUGUST 2, 2011

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, Ryan Graham, Ronald Kaufman, Francis Smith, Donald Clingensmith, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Leyne Lokhaiser, and Vickie Forbes.

Lou Zimmerman, Connoquenessing Borough Fire Chief, requested to be placed on agenda. Due to a last minute scheduling issue, he was unable to attend or speak at the meeting.

Leyne Lokhaiser addressed Council regarding his qualifications for the part-time Code Enforcement Officer position. He summarized details about himself as well as the type of responsibilities he handled for Connoquenessing Township. Pay, expenses, and insurance were discussed. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to hire Mr. Lokhaiser contingent on his consent after reviewing Borough ordinances, at \$16 per hour as well as covering mileage at \$.50 per mile and all administrative costs. Motion passed.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci reported that there had been a surprise DEP inspection and water analysis with a new DEP inspector. There were no negative issues. Bocci also commented on an inspection at the third quad in Leslie Farms. The inspection of all manholes will begin when temperatures cool down.

Clingensmith motioned, Graham seconded, to accept the minutes from the July 5, 2011, meeting. Motion passed.

Clingensmith questioned why the expense was higher than what was budgeted in the Copier and Computer Equipment Account. (Budget was based on 2010 actual. New higher rate for new annual maintenance agreement wasn't received until March 2011.)

Clingensmith questioned if expenses for Recycle Day were divided among the three participating municipalities. (Still waiting for invoice for tire expense from PA CleanWays.)

Graham motioned, Clingensmith seconded, to accept the June 2011, Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed.

Clingensmith commented on the e-mail received from Tom Panichella, Field Operations Supervisor, Butler District, regarding fire hydrants and questioned the statement made by Mr. Panichella regarding billing for two additional hydrants and that a credit would be issued once reconciliation was finalized. Council discussed.

Smith questioned the expense charged by Waste Management. (During most of the year, Waste Management does a monthly collection. During the summer months, that collection is changed to weekly and the extra charge is expensed to the Park.)

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



OLD BUSINESS:

Sidewalk Project - Final

Council discussed the issues with the sidewalk project and questioned if the County would hold 10% back. Thompson had issued a letter detailing the issues that needed to be addressed, and it appeared as though they were addressed. Council agreed that some areas needed top soil and reseeded. Smith indicated he had fill and top soil that could be used. Council established that repairs should be made. Graham motioned, Kaufman seconded to approve the final payment for the project. Motion passed.

Fire Hydrants

Council requested an e-mail be sent to Mr. Panichella asking for notification of any inspection or maintenance work on fire hydrants so that a member of Council or the Fire Department might be involved. Council also requested information to be provided to Council after inspections were complete.

StarFlite Systems E-mail

Council reviewed the information sent from StarFlite indicating that the area where the gravel was washing from into the storm drain on Dogwood Drive did not belong to them. Council discussed and will look in to the properties involved.

PSAB Breakfast – Wake Up To the Issues

Anyone interested in attending should contact the office so that reservations can be made by Tuesday, August 9, 2011.

Leslie stated he had reviewed the report on abandoned properties. He will contact John Stokes to inquire about blighted properties.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: No Report

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: No Report

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: Committee indicated they were still waiting for a call from Jim Switzer of Butler County. Council discussed repairs needed and the possibility of finding someone else to do the repairs.

Park: Smith stated that he had discussion with an individual from Recycling Products and Services, Inc. He stated that a dumpster box could be placed in the Borough for \$100 per year. All community members could dispose of leaves, grass clippings and other degradable items. Biodegradable bags could be made available for purchase. Smith motioned, Clingensmith seconded to approve the placement of a dumpster for \$100. Motion passed. Council discussed on how to notify residents.

Sewage Financial: Council reviewed the information from Attorney Lope regarding the government sale of the property at 270 Main Street and the discharge of the Borough's lien.



The Secretary/Treasurer stated that several houses would need to be posted by the end of the week for unpaid sewage bills.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clingensmith commented on Ordinance 22, Section 615, Item 2 in Subdivision and Land Development concerning topsoil removal

Rader questioned whether the Borough should have an ordinance prohibiting the possession of bit bulls or other viscous dogs in the Borough.

Clingensmith requested a letter be sent to 149 Harmony Street requesting the grass be cut.

Solicitation Permit Request

Graham motioned, Kaufman seconded to approve the solicitation permit submitted by the Connoquenessing United Methodist Church. Motion passed.

Ryan Graham announced that he would be resigning effective immediately due to his moving out of the Borough. Kaufman motioned, Clingensmith seconded, to accept Graham's resignation. Motion passed. Leslie requested the vacant Council position be advertised in the Post Office, requesting all interested parties contact the Borough office by the Thursday before the next Council meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer