



**CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH**

**August 5, 2014**

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 Len Schoettker, Linda Schoettker, Joel Sack, Marcia Sack, Kirk Bergbigler, Will DeShong, Alice Schmid-Miller, Donna Maranchi, Kim Morris, Cindy Princeler, Grant McCollough, and Vickie Forbes.

Joel Sack reviewed issues including noise, traffic, odors, dust, and home devaluation associated with the Shipley Well.

Kirk Bergbigler from the Butler County Bears Football thanked Council for the use of the field for practices. He also inquired if it would be possible for the organization to use the field for additional practices and events next year. Leslie indicated that the Borough was glad to host youth activities at the Park and that he should provide information to the Secretary to be reviewed by the Park Committee.

Leonard Schoettker provided information regarding a possible compression station site in New Sewickley Township.

Linda Schoettker read a stated regarding spills, possible air pollutants, and drinking water issues.

Alice Schmid-Miller expressed concerns about chemicals used in the drilling process.

**Sewage Plant Update**

Smith motioned, Miller seconded to approve Gannett Fleming Inc. to complete the required application to renew the Borough's NPDES Permit. Motion passed.

Leech motioned, Miller seconded, to accept as presented the July 1, 2014, meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Smith motioned, Miller seconded, to accept the submitted June 2014 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Unconventional Gas Well Issues

Attorney Reese summarized information regarding federal environmental regulations, state regulations, and local law. Issues such as the ability to charge a fee to be held in escrow to offset inspection costs, screening, noise monitoring, additional setback language, sound barriers/buffers, and work hours were discussed. Attorney Reese indicated that he would research and provide information on which items could fall under conditional use and which items might have to be incorporated into another amendment to the zoning ordinance.

Leslie Farms Retention Pond

Tom Thompson provided information to Council stating that he had contacted Dominic Gigliotte, the developer for Leslie Farms, concerning the complaint about the instability of the sediment basin in Phase 1 of Leslie Farms. Mr. Gigliotte indicated that he did not feel the condition of the pond posed a



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threat. He also indicated that the sediment basin would be converted to a stormwater management pond sometime in the future.

### Complaint – 242 Constitution Avenue

Council reviewed the information received from the Code Enforcement Officer.

### 2011 Liquid Fuels Audit

The 2011 Audit found the Borough noncompliant with the use of the 2011 Liquid Fuels funds for snow removal. As was done for 2009 and 2010 audit, copies of ledger information showing other eligible expenses along with copies of bank statements showing the payments made for these eligible expenses were mailed to the Audit Supervisor. The Audit Supervisor has requested copies of all invoices for these expenses as well. This information will be faxed to her.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### Community Development Block Grant – Need to Resurvey Constitution Avenue

A letter from the CDBG Coordinator of Butler County indicating that the 2005 surveys were no longer valid for the grant application submitted by the Borough was discussed by Council. Miller volunteered to do the surveys for the portion of Constitution Avenue applicable to the application.

### Complaint-Request for Drop Box for Sewage Payments

Council reviewed and discussed the request and took no action on the request.

### Snow Removal Contract

Smith motioned, Miller seconded to contact Ronald Peffer to see if he would renew the current snow removal contract at the accepted bid prices for the 2014-2015 season. Motion passed.

### Insurance Package 2015

Leech motioned, Kaufman seconded to renew the insurance package for 2015 with C.W. Howard Insurance Agency. Motion passed.

### Halloween-Trick or Treat and Parade

Council determined the date for Trick or Treat would be Friday, October 31, 2014, from 6-7 pm. Kaufman stated he would contact the Fire Department to see if they would take responsibility for the Halloween parade and party.

### FEMA Preliminary Flood Information

The preliminary flood map received from FEMA was reviewed by Council with discussion about the area in the Borough indicated as a flood plain area.

### Forward Township Letter-Stormwater Management Issue

Council acknowledged the letter from the Roadmaster of Forward Township and requested a letter be sent to him indicating the Borough's Street Committee's willingness to meet and discuss any issues.

### Electric Rate Suppliers

Council discussed the numerous calls to the Borough office requesting the Borough to change electric suppliers. Council's decision was to stay with current supplier.



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## Butler County Hazard Mitigation Planning Process

A letter from Butler County Department of Emergency Services affirming the process of updating the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan was reviewed and discussed by Council. Kaufman, the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough will attend the Risk Assessment meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2014.

## PA State Association of Boroughs – Request for E-Mail Addresses

E-mail addresses will be provided to PA State Association of Boroughs so that they can keep elected and appointed officials better informed.

## Butler County Boroughs Association Dinner Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2014, at 6:30 pm. The guest speaker will be State Trooper Kesten who will speak on “Active Shooter Situation”.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Fire:** Miller reported that the Fire Department is selling raffle tickets to raise money.

**Law and Order:** No Report

**Streets:** Leslie reported on the excellent road repairs done by Rex Energy to Constitution Avenue.

Council discussed the need to remove heavy brush obscuring site lines at the intersection of Constitution Avenue and Route 68. Leslie indicated that if Mr. Schultheis needed to use the Borough tractor for Borough business outside of the Park area, he could do so.

Leech expressed a concern for the abrupt drop off and sharp edge that could create a safety issue for vehicles at the newly installed sidewalk at 294 Connoquehoning Main Street. At contact is to be made with the contractor to see if he has any suggestions to remedy the issue.

**Zoning/Planning:** No Report

**Borough Building:** No Report

**Park:** No Report

**Sewage Financial:** No Report

**Code Enforcement:** Discussed earlier.

Kaufman motioned, Leech seconded at 10:00 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer