

**CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH****August 6, 2013**

The public meeting of the Borough Council of Connoquenessing was called to order at 7:30 pm at the Connoquenessing Borough building.

Council members present were Lloyd Leslie, Pete Kaufman, Mitch Leech, and Francis Smith.

Also present were Ryan Deemer, Mrs. Deemer, Keli Kalkowski, and Vickie Forbes.

Ryan Deemer introduced himself as a Life Scout and a member of local Troop 242. He presented a plan for a service project to obtain Eagle Scout status. The project he proposed would be a community fire pit that would be located in the Park. After discussion, Leech motioned, Smith seconded to approve the project. Motion passed. Leslie requested that Ryan contact the Park Committee to discuss a location in the Park for the fire pit.

Two candidates expressed interest in the open position on Council created by the resignation of Donald Clingensmith. Stephen Miller had completed and submitted his Affidavit of Residency but was unable to attend the meeting because of vacation. Miller currently serves on the Zoning Hearing Board. Keli Kalkowski also completed and submitted her Affidavit of Residency and was present at the meeting. Keli addressed Council on her background and reasons why she was interested in serving on Council. She also stated that she had been endorsed by the Republican Party and would be on the ballot in November for the two-year position. Leech motioned, Kaufman seconded to adopt Resolution 2013-07 appointing Keli Kalkowski to fill the vacant position until January 1, 2014. Motion passed. Keli was sworn in.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci provided information via e-mail to update Council on the Sewage Plant in his absence.

Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded, to accept as presented the July 2, 2013, meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Leech motioned, Kaufman seconded, to accept the submitted June 2013 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:**Road Weight Limit Study – Gannett Fleming**

The weight limit study for South Main Street (Harmony Street south to Borough line) and for Constitution Avenue (Rt. 68 to Borough line) was completed with a summary report available for Council to review. Additional steps of the project include developing the ordinance, notifying known users of these roads of the intent to post, and installing signage. Council discussed and agreed that a contact should be made with the engineer and the solicitor to proceed with the ordinance. The Secretary/Treasurer will investigate signage. A resolution will be needed to establish the fee for the permit.

Rex Energy had called the office inquiring about bonding Constitution Avenue for travel for a potential gas well in the area.

NEW BUSINESS:**Resolution 2013-06 Greenways, Trails & Recreation Grant**

Leech motioned, Smith seconded to adopt Resolution 2013-06 which is a requirement for applying for the grant. Motion passed.



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Connoquenessing Township-Act 537 Plan Study

Tom Thompson notified Council by e-mail that the engineer for the Township had contacted him about whether the Borough sewage plant had available capacity for the Township. Council discussed and determined that all capacity would be needed for Borough residents.

Leech commented on the unsightliness of the Rt 68 corridor due to the lack of zoning in the Township and the recent erection of multiple bill boards.

Snow Removal Contract 2013-2014

After discussion, Council elected to finalize the bidding specs for the contract at the September meeting. Tonnage specs are needed for salt and non-skid materials used per mile of road.

Trick or Treat & Halloween Parade

Leech motioned, Kaufman seconded to have Trick or Treat in the Borough on Thursday, October 31, 2013, from 6-7 pm. Motion passed.

Council discussed alternate routes for the Parade to avoid using the portion of Main Street that is state highway. A suggested route would start at St Paul's Church, proceeding up Constitution towards Main Street, turning on to Washington Street, continuing on First Street to the Post Office and crossing to the Fire Hall. Kalkowski will contact St. Paul's Church for permission. A contact will be made with Chief Zimmerman to see if the Fire Department will organize and host the event.

Borough Insurance Policy for 2014

Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to approve C. W. Howard Insurance Agency as the agent for the Borough for 2014. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: No Report

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: Constitution Avenue repairs have been completed.

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: The concrete steps on the side entrance to the Borough building were installed. The installation of the ramp and porch to the rear entrance of the building was completed.

Council discussed replacing of the sidewalk blocks approaching the side entrance.

Park: Kalkowski will replace Clingensmith on the Park Committee.

Council discussed the purchase of the tractor for the Borough.

Sewage Financial: Properties located at 1289 & 1291 Evans City Road have connected to the Borough sewage system.

Code Enforcement: No Report

Smith reported that he had received a complaint about the Pa American Water valve cover protruding above the ground on the Post Office property. Smith motioned, Kalkowski seconded to make a contact to have the safety issue addressed. Motion passed.



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Council discussed a phone call complaint about the storm water drain not draining properly located in the front of 152 Main Street. An inspection of the storm drain showed that the drain was clean of debris.

Kaufman reported that several complaints had been made about the abandoned house on Leslie Lane and about the flies from the barn and animals located on Leslie Lane. Leslie stated that the house was to be torn down.

Council discussed the overgrown state of the property located at 218 Constitution Avenue. Many contacts had been made with the property preservation group at Chase. The last conservation indicated that a lawn service had come out and performed a service, however, not much was done to address the high grass and weeds and brush.

Kalkowski motioned, Kaufman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer