



**CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES  
DECEMBER 1, 2009**

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, Ryan Graham, Ronald Kaufman, Francis Smith, Don Clingensmith, Harold Rader, and Mayor Curt Harter.

Also present were Dave Bocci and Vickie Forbes.

**Sewage Plant**

**Update:** Bocci informing Council that one wiring schematic in the manual was incorrect and had been the cause of the electrical problem at the Pump Station. The incorrect schematic had been noted in the manual and the problem corrected. Bocci reviewed the chemical and bag usage for the plant and discussed repairing the piping from the Plant to the bagger next spring.

Clingensmith motioned, Graham seconded, to accept the minutes from the November 2, 2009, meeting. Motion passed.

Clingensmith inquired about the corrections to the sewage billing for the multi-unit properties. The Secretary/Treasurer reported that confirmation had been received from PAW that the changes had been made.

Graham motioned, Smith seconded, to accept the October 2009 Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2010 Budget** Council reviewed the Proposed 2010 Budget. Graham motioned, Kaufman seconded, to approve the proposed 2010 Budget. Motion passed.

**R.E. Gas Development - Memorandum Of Lease** Council discussed the Memorandum of Lease presented. Graham motioned, Rader seconded, to approve the Memorandum of Lease with requested addendums and corrected acreage. Motion passed. Leslie will contact R.E. Gas.

The Secretary/Treasurer provided information on the following issues as requested at the November 2, 2009 meeting.

**PSAB Dues** Information provided by PSAB is as follows: The dues were based on market values and assessment values of real properties taxed, which came from the State Tax Equalization Board. This rate table was used until 1988 at which time dues were frozen. In 2003 dues were increased \$25. For 2005 and 2010, rates were increased 10%.

**Borough Building Used For Elections** According to Regis L. Young, Director of Butler County Elections and Voter Registration, the law requires all Borough, Township and School buildings to be used for elections with no rental compensation.



**Fire Hydrant Maintenance**

As per Tom Panichella, Operations Supervisor, Butler District of PA American Water, the monthly rate charged for fire hydrant maintenance covers all maintenance of hydrants including a pre-winter inspection which includes checking for water in the barrel, operation of the hydrant, caps removed and lubricated, and RV antifreeze added. The hydrants are also flushed and pressure checked each year.

**Leslie Farms**

Street signs will be installed December 3, 2009. The installation of the traffic light is being delayed by Fifth/Third Bank. Spagnolo stated that he hopes to have this issue resolved in the next several weeks.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Fire:** No Report

**Law and Order:** No Report

**Streets:** No Report

**Zoning/Planning:** No Report

**Borough Building:** The Fee Schedule for 2010 was reviewed. Smith motioned, Clingensmith seconded, to approve a \$75 fee to be added to Part 6 under Baseball Field to cover any request for a special mowing of the baseball field. A 24-hour notice must be given for a special mowing. Motion passed.

In Part 6, Park Shelters, Council discussed the possible conflict with the description of "Entire Park" including sole use of the baseball with the current signed agreement with Meridian Boosters for their use of the field. Council determined that the sole use of the baseball field should be removed from the description of "Entire Park".

Clingensmith motioned, Graham seconded, to approve the 2010 General Liability/Worker's Compensation Insurance Package and to approve the rejection of the terrorism coverage. Motion passed.

Rader motioned, Graham seconded, to approve and advertise the 2010 Meeting Dates. Motion passed.

**Park:** No Report

**Sewage Financial:** No Report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Council:** Kaufman commented on attending Hazard Mitigation meetings.

Clingensmith extended to Mayor Curt Harter Council's appreciation for his service to the community.

**Secretary:** No Report

Clingensmith made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9 pm. Kaufman seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer