



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES DECEMBER 2, 2008

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

Also present were Dave Bocci, Jonathan Miller, Kelly Noronha, Rick Dermond, Wendy Fazzino, and Vickie Forbes.

Jonathan Miller and Kelly Noronha expressed interest in the openings for Auditor, one position vacated by Cindy Princeler and one position unfilled. They each presented information about themselves. Smith made a motion and Clingensmith seconded to appoint Miller and Noronha to fill the vacant positions and to adopt Resolution 2008-08. Motion passed. Mayor Curt Harter issued the oath of office.

Rick Dermond requested Council to approve opening a checking account in the Borough's name to be used for Light-Up Night. Council discussed. Council and Dermond agreed to continue using the cash method for now and not to open a separate account for the purpose of Light-Up Night at this time.

Fazzino and Council discussed the Maplewood Plan Retention Pond Maintenance Agreement. Fazzino expressed concern about liability. Council discussed access possibilities to the property and requested the Secretary to have Attorney Lope revise Number 4 of the Agreement to indicate access to the pond by using the best way in to the pond.

Sewage Plant Update: Dave Bocci indicated that he has been working with Thompson on the Act 537 plan update and Thompson had requested drawings for the pump station. Thompson also requested that Council review the EDU projections for the Borough, which is a key component of the Act 537 plan. Council reviewed the chart indicting the potential expansion. Bocci informed Council on the grinder repair and the need to reassess next year to see what needs to be done to overhaul it completely. Bocci will not be at the January meeting.

Clingensmith motioned to accept the minutes from the November 3, 2008 meeting. Graham seconded. Motion passed.

Graham motioned to accept the October 2008 Treasurer's Report as submitted. Kaufman seconded. Clingensmith questioned the 'Due to Light Up-Night' amount of \$125. The Secretary explained that the amount was from contributions made to Light-Up Night in 2007 that were not used and held for 2008. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Fire: No Report

Law and Order: Council continued discussion regarding the complaint filed on 1283 Evans City Road. Rader stated that the Douthett side of the creek had been mowed. Council discussed access to the property owned by the Borough. Kaufman motioned, Smith seconded to allow \$100 to mow the field owned by the Borough. Motion passed. Rader will contact the property owner.

Council reviewed the complaint involving 113 Sunset Drive and directed the Secretary to contact the code enforcement officer to inspect the property.

Streets: Council discussed the bend at the top of south Main Street prior to entering the intersection with Lloydmont Boulevard. Graham motioned and Clingensmith seconded to send a letter to Forward Township requesting that they put arrows and reflector signage up indicating the bend in the road ahead on south Main Street. Motion passed. Leslie suggested putting a sign in the Borough indicating the bend ahead. He will check the right-of-way on the Manor property and will contact Schultheis to put up the sign.

Zoning/Planning: Clingensmith questioned if the alternate position had been filled on the Zoning Hearing Board. The Secretary indicated that it had not.

Borough Building: Council reviewed the proposed budget. Leslie questioned if Pennvest had responded to the letter sent addressing their concerns. Council discussed current sewage rates with a possible sewage rate increase. Clingensmith inquired about the Boy Scout's request for a donation. Council discussed and decided to continue to allow the Boy Scouts to use the Park shelter at no cost as they have done in the past. Kaufman motioned, Rader seconded, to approve the 2009 Proposed Budget. Motion passed.

Council discussed the proposed change to the millage. Graham motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 23, Kaufman seconded. Motion passed.

Council reviewed the 2008 Fee Resolution. Proposed changes for 2009 included increasing the Park shelter rental fee to \$85 each or \$170 for both shelters and increasing the Lien Letter fee to \$25/\$50. Council agreed to the increasing of the Attorney fees currently covered in Resolution 02-03 by 10% as suggested by Attorney Lope's office. The Secretary will have a revised resolution for approval reflecting the changes at the January meeting.

Council reviewed meeting dates for 2009. Rader motioned, Graham seconded to advertise the meeting dates for 2009. Motion passed. Council will meet the first Tuesday at 7:30 pm of each month except November (first Monday at 7:30 pm).

Council discussed a resolution that would permit Council members who could not physically attend a meeting to be present by use of a speaker



phone. Graham motioned, Smith seconded to adopt Resolution 2008-07 to permit attendance by speaker phone. Motion passed. The Secretary will investigate phone options.

The Secretary updated Council on changes to the proposed Open Records Policy resolution and the requirement to adopt a policy as established by Act 3 of 2008. Graham motioned, Kaufman seconded to adopt Resolution 2008-09. Motion passed.

The Secretary informed Council that the 2009 insurance policy had not yet been received. A questionnaire had been received and review by the Fire Department and certain Council members and as a result the Secretary had requested that Jeff Howard of the Howard Insurance Agency re-examine the replacement values of all buildings covered on the policy. Howard determined that the coverage on all buildings could be reduced approximately forty thousand dollars. He also indicated that the worker's comp rates should go down. Smith motioned, Graham seconded to approve the insurance policy based on the information presented. Motion passed.

Park: No Report

Sewage Financial: The Committee indicated that four (4) individuals had signed Payment Plan Agreements.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council: No Report

Secretary: Secretary presented information from Tom Thompson recommending release of \$438,912 from Manor Development Group's financial security. This amount is for paving work performed in accordance with the approved plans. Clingensmith motioned, Rader seconded to approve the release of the funds. Discussion continued. Motion passed.

The Secretary announced a meeting set up by Tom Thompson with Angelo Spagnolo at 10 a.m. Friday, 12/5/08, at Leslie Lane to discuss the road condition of Leslie Lane. He would like to have Council members and property owners along Leslie Lane in attendance.

Butler County Council of Governments is asking the Connoquenessing Borough to join for annual dues of \$113. Council discussed and decided not to join at this time.

Graham made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm. Kaufman seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary