

**CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH****December 3, 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, Francis Smith, Keli Kalkowski, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Anita Galko, and Vickie Forbes.

Ms. Galko explained to Council that she had had a water leak in a line running to her barn. As a result of this leak, she received an excessive water bill as well as a large sewage bill. She had the leak fixed and the water company had indicated to her that she would receive a partial credit for the water lost. The Secretary/Treasurer indicated that the credit from the water company would also credit her sewage bill. Ms. Galko expressed an interest in a full credit for the sewage since the water usage was not by choice and did not impact her sewage output in any way. Council discussed and requested that she wait to see what credit the water company issued and how that credit impacted her sewage bill. If at that time she wasn't satisfied with the adjustment, she should contact the office.

**Sewage Plant Update**

Bocci reported that operations were normal. Capacity is available in the tanks to use during the winter. Minor repairs are being made. The new blower is working well. A contract will be made in 2014 with a Franklin Miller representative to explore the purchase a new grinder.

Smith motioned, Kalkowski seconded, to accept as presented the November 4, 2013, meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Kalkowski motioned, Smith seconded, to accept the submitted October 2013 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:****2014 Budget**

The proposed 2014 Budget was advertised as required. Smith motioned, Kalkowski seconded to approve the 2014 Budget. Motion passed.

**Tax Ordinance 23-14**

Tax Ordinance 23-14 was reviewed by the solicitor and advertised as required. Kalkowski motioned, Smith seconded to adopt Tax Ordinance 23-14. Motion passed.

**Weight Limit Signs**

Council reviewed the engineer's information concerning PennDOT's new regulation requiring municipalities to not only post roads with weight limit restrictions at the Borough line, but also to place a sign at the nearest intersection in a neighboring community indicated the weight limit restriction ahead. Smith motioned, Kalkowski seconded to purchase and install the appropriate signs on South Main Street and at the Nursery Road/Constitution intersection. Motion passed. Council also requested that the neighboring townships be notified that the signs would be placed in these areas.

Council agreed that a letter should be sent to Vogel informing them of the weight limit restrictions on South Main.



# MINUTES

## Tractor Purchase

Smith reported on the visit with Mr. Schultheis to both tractor dealerships to inspect the tractors being considered for purchase. Smith indicated that Mr. Schultheis had no preference and was satisfied with both tractors. Smith motioned, Kalkowski seconded to purchase the Massey Ferguson 1526. Motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### 2014 Meeting Dates

Council reviewed the meeting dates for 2014. Kalkowski motioned, Smith seconded to advertise the proposed dates for 2014. Motion passed.

### 2014 Workers Comp & Liability Insurance Package

The Workers Compensation rates from the State Insurance Workers Fund were reviewed. Based on the Workers Compensation Act, rates are determined by population and the premium should be distributed based on the population of the municipalities serviced. The total population serviced by the Connoquenessing volunteer fire department is 4,698 of which the Borough represents 528 or 12% and the Township represents 4,170 or 88%. Kaufman motioned, Kalkowski seconded to accept the insurance package and to notify the Connoquenessing Township of their portion of the premium. Motion passed.

### Complaint

A complaint by a Constitution Avenue resident concerning a repair that was done on Constitution Avenue by Voelker Paving near the pump station was reviewed by Council. Leslie indicated that he had already discussed this repair with Voelker Paving; and at the time, Voelker Paving indicated they would resurface or repair this portion of Constitution Avenue. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded that a letter be sent to Voelker Paving expressing Council's dissatisfaction with the job. Motion passed.

### Penn Power – Contact Information

A letter from Penn Power requesting Borough contact information for massive devastating events was reviewed and discussed by Council. Council agreed that the Emergency Management Coordinator, Ronald Kaufman, should be the primary contact; and the Mayor, Harold Rader, should be the secondary contact. Council also discussed the diesel generator used for backup at the sewage plant.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Fire:** Kaufman reported on a meeting with the Fire Department and Connoquenessing Township that he and Leslie had attended. There had been discussion on the Emergency Management representative. The group agreed to meet quarterly. Leslie indicated that the Fire Committee members should attend the quarterly meetings.
- Law and Order:** No Report
- Streets:** Rader stated that weight limit restrictions and bonding of these roads would only require those bonding them to restore them to their original condition.
- Zoning/Planning:** No Report
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** No Report
- Sewage Financial:** No Report
- Code Enforcement:** No Report



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Council reviewed documents submitted by Rex Energy for bonding Constitution Avenue.

Council discussed waiving the Acts of Terrorism portion of the 2014 Insurance Policy. Smith motioned, Kalkowski seconded to reject the terrorism coverage. Motion passed.

Council extended their appreciation to Keli Kalkowski for serving on Council.

Kalkowski motioned, Kaufman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer