



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES DECEMBER 6, 2011

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

Council members present were Lloyd Leslie, Ronald Kaufman, Francis Smith, Darryl Kirchner, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci, John Williams, and Vickie Forbes.

John Williams, representing Meridian/Butler Township Baseball, requested that the current contract for use of the Connoquenessing baseball field be renewed. He indicated that the field was used by two age levels in boys' baseball, Colt and American Legion, as well as for girls' softball, ages 13-18. Smith motioned and Kaufman seconded to approve a new two-year contract which would include the information from the fee schedule regarding special mowings. Motion passed.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci reported: Two new sewage taps were inspected during November. The driveway into the Plant will need minor repairs in the spring.

Kaufman motioned, Kirchner seconded, to accept the minutes from the November 1, 2011, meeting. Motion passed.

Kirchner motioned, Smith seconded, to accept the submitted October, 2011, Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Code Enforcement Report

Council reviewed and discussed the report submitted by the Code Enforcement Officer. Council requested the Code Enforcement Officer make an observation at 179 Main Street regarding comments concerning the accumulation of manure along side the front porch.

2012 Budget

Kirchner motioned, Kaufman seconded to approve the 2012 Budget. Motion passed.

Tax Ordinance 23-12

Smith motioned, Kirchner seconded to adopt Ordinance 23-12 fixing tax rates for the year 2012 at 2.4 mills for general purposes and .75 mills for fire equipment. Motion passed. Council discussed raising mills for road improvements. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to obtain information from the Solicitor for increasing mills for road improvements. Motion passed.

Sewage Billing

Copies of three proposals were presented to Council for review to replace PA American Water as the Borough's billing agent for sewage. Discussion of the proposals will follow at future meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

2012 Fee Schedule Resolution

Council reviewed the 2011 Fee Schedule Resolution and determined that no changes would be made for 2012. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to approve the current Fee Schedule for 2012 as Resolution 2012-1. Motion passed.



Minutes

2012 Meeting Dates

Council reviewed the proposed meeting dates for 2012. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to approve and advertise the proposed meeting dates as the first Tuesday of each month, except November which would be the first Monday, with meetings beginning at 7:30 pm. Motion passed.

Pa American Water Usage Data Agreement

Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to approve the Water Usage Agreement- Pa American. Motion passed.

2012 Liability/Workers Comp Insurance Package

Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to approve the 2012 Liability/Workers Comp Insurance package, declining the optional coverages/extensions totaling \$69 and the terrorism coverage totaling \$147. Motion passed.

Garbage Collection

Competitive pricing for garbage collection was reviewed and will be revisited in 2012.

Code Enforcement - Mileage

Smith motioned, Kirschner seconded to pay the Code Enforcement Officer a mileage rate as determined by the IRS. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Fire:** No Report
- Law and Order:** Kirschner stated the State Police continue to patrol in the Borough.
- Streets:** Smith requested a sign or post with a reflector be put in at the offset in the sidewalk in front of the Methodist Church to prevent it from being hit by traffic. Council agreed. Smith will contact Ken Schultheis about the installation.
- Zoning/Planning:** No Report
- Borough Building:** No Report
- Park:** Smith reported that the park bench had been repaired and that Rob Burr requested that he be paid for the tree trimming and tree removal in the Park using his quote as his invoice. Smith motioned to approve this payment, Kaufman seconded. Motion passed. Smith reported that Schultheis had been removing the brush around ball field in preparation for the walking trail. He also stated that the community service workers had completed their work for the year, but would return next year to finish painting the shelters.
- Sewage Financial:** No Report

Darryl Kirschner stated that he appreciated the opportunity to work on and with Council.

Smith motioned, Kirschner seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer