



**CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 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, Ronald Kaufman, Ryan Graham, Francis Smith, Donald Clingensmith, Harold Rader, and Mayor Curtis Harter.

Also present were Kelly Noronha, Sam Fazzino, and Vickie Forbes.

Council reviewed the appointments for 2009. Graham motioned and Clingensmith seconded to accept the appointments as follows:

Secretary/Treasurer:	Vickie Forbes	Open Records Officer:	According to Resolution
Depositor:	Secretary/Treasurer	Building Janitor:	Vickie Forbes
Park Caretaker:	Kenneth Schultheis	Bldg Permit/Zoning:	Middle Dept Insp. Agency
Code Enforcement:	Charles Manos	Engineer:	Gannett Fleming, Inc.
Sewage Enforcement:	John Colombo	Solicitor:	Philip Lope
Emergency Mgmt		PA One Call:	Joel Hilliard
Coordinator:	Ronald Kaufman		Dave Bocci

Motion passed.

Council discussed Committees and decided to keep them as they were in 2008.

Clingensmith motioned to accept the minutes from the December 2, 2008 meeting. Kaufman seconded. Motion passed.

Clingensmith motioned to accept the November 2008 Treasurer's Report as submitted. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Maplewood Plan Retention Pond Maintenance Agreement: Council reviewed the changes made to the Agreement by Lope as was requested. Fazzino and Council established that the Agreement was acceptable as presented. Clingensmith motioned, Francis seconded to accept the Agreement. Motion passed.

Speaker Phone: Council review the information on conference phones, discussed alternatives and the need for a conference phone, and decided to table the purchase of a conference phone at this time.

Fee Resolution 2009-01 The Secretary explained changes made to the 2009 Fee Resolution including a bullet under Number 14, covering the Borough's costs to provide copies of Borough records to citizens and Number 18, covering the costs of the newly established fees by the Butler County Planning Commission for their review of plans. Graham motioned to adopt Fee Resolution 2009-01. Kaufman seconded. Motion passed.

Resolution 2009-02 Council reviewed and discussed the schedule of attorney fees in connection with the collection of delinquent sewage accounts. Graham motioned, Kaufman seconded to adopt Resolution 2009-02. Motion passed.



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2009 Insurance Policy

The changes to the 2009 General Liability and Worker's Compensation Insurance policy were reviewed. The Secretary explained the changes to the Public Officials portion of the policy, which accounted for a significant increase in that portion of the premium over the 2008 policy period. The distribution of the premium was also discussed.

Sewage Rates

Council discussed the possibility of a sewage rate increase and also what needed to be done to set aside a portion of the new tap-in fees for future capital improvements. Leslie requested that the Secretary discuss with Thompson any information he has on rate increase amounts, frequency of rate increases in other municipalities, and what portion of tap-in fees should be set aside for future sewage plant needs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: No Report

Law and Order: Council continued discussion regarding the complaint filed on 1283 Evans City Road. Graham motioned, Smith seconded to change the ordinance to indicate that property zoned agricultural should be exempt from the height restriction of 12" of permitted vegetation. Motion passed. The Secretary will contact Lope's office to have the Ordinance changed.

The Secretary reported on verbal information from the Code Enforcement Officer concerning his visit to 113 Sunset Drive. Leslie indicated they should wait for the official report from the Code Enforcement Officer.

Streets: Council discussed complaints concerning snow covered, slippery roads. Leslie indicated that he had contacted Voelker and had worked with him attempting to improve road conditions during a recent snow storm. Council further discussed closing Constitution at the bottom of the hill at the intersection with Rt. 68. Council further discussed options. Leslie will contact Voelker to get sand to help with icy conditions.

Zoning/Planning: Frank Zervos submitted revised plans altering slightly lot sizes of Hidden Springs. Thompson's response indicates a discrepancy in the total square feet. Graham motioned to table the response until the discrepancy is resolved. Kaufman seconded. Motion passed.

Borough Building: The Ballot Approval Certification sent by Butler County Election Bureau was reviewed. The Secretary explained that those positions filled by Resolution will appear on the ballot. One of the Council positions will be eliminated. Petitions are available to be picked up at the Bureau of Elections on February 13, 2009.

Park: No Report

Sewage Financial: No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

Council: No Report

Secretary: Office will be closed January 15, 20, and 22nd. Leslie indicated to list his number for an emergency contact.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer
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