



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES JULY 3, 2012

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, Francis Smith, Mitch Leech, Don Clingensmith and Mayor Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Leyne Lokhaiser, Robin Wuchina, and Vickie Forbes.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci reported that an inspection had been completed checking the sewage man holes in Hidden Springs and had found nothing unusual. The pump station and plant were operating without issues. Bocci stated that he would continue working on a plan to address three minor issues at the plant and would review with Council in the future.

Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded, to accept the June 5, 2012, meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Comments and questions were made about several of the General Fund income and expense accounts, as well as the progress being made on collecting the Uncollectible Sewage Account in the Sewage Fund by Clingensmith.

Leech motioned, Kaufman seconded, to accept the submitted May 2012, Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Leech inquired if the Borough's monthly bill from Armstrong had been reduced since the signing of the Franchise Agreement.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Code Enforcement

Robin Wuchina commented on the condition of the property on Sunset Drive. She indicated that she had originally issued the complaint against the property several years before. The condition of the property had deteriorated since then. She questioned what action Council was taking to correct the problem.

Council discussed the current conditions of all properties that had received notification after the June 5, 2012, meeting. The Code Enforcement Office stated that minor cleanup had occurred at the 242 Constitution Avenue and 113 Sunset Drive properties. After discussion and review of the ordinance, Kaufman motioned, Leech seconded to create a letter based on the requirements of the Ordinance from the Code Enforcement Officer and send it to the property owners at 242 Constitution Avenue and 113 Sunset Drive by certified mail. Motion passed.

218 Constitution Ave. – Abandoned Property

The Secretary/Treasurer reported on information obtained from the Butler County website which indicated that ownership had been transferred from Linda Bee in October 2010. According to the Assignment of Mortgage, JP Morgan Chase Bank was designated as the holder of the mortgage. An attempt was made and a message left with a contact at JP Morgan Chase. No response to the message left had been received to date.



NEW BUSINESS:

Snow Removal Contract 2012-2013

Council reviewed the original bid sheet from 2006-2007 as well as the street map indicting the streets to be covered by the contract. Council agreed to modify the description of a trip as follows: “One trip is defined as edge to edge of pavement through all Borough roads identified on the map, the Borough building parking lots and Sewer Treatment Plant, regardless of the number of trucks or equipment used.” Kaufman motioned, Leech seconded to advertise the bid for snow removal for 2012-2013 with bids to be at the Borough office by noon on September 4, 2012, and to be opened at the meeting September 4, 2012, at 7:30 pm. Motion passed.

Sewage Billing Changes – Letters to Customers

A letter to all sewage customers outlining the changes to sewage billing and payment collection was reviewed by Council.

Quotes for Trash Service

Council reviewed the bid information submitted by Vogel Disposal and Waste Management and elected to stay with Waste Management for another year.

Leech stated that when registered letters are sent regarding complaints to property owners in the Borough, these letters should be signed by either a Code Enforcement committee or by Council members. Council discussed.

Clingensmith commented on the number of dirt bikes and quads using the streets in the Borough.

Kaufman commented on a request to stone 2nd Street. Council discussed and determined the Street Committee should examine the request.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: Council requested that the Fire Department be contacted to address the high grass and weeds on the property owned by the Fire Department along Rt. 68.

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: Rader commented on property owners placing rocks, posts, and reflectors along the edge of their properties in the road right-of-ways.

Smith stated that the “Children at Play” sign had been received and installed in the offset of the sidewalk in front of the Methodist Church.

Smith stated that new poles were being installed with fiber optics on the east side of Main Street. He suggested that the Borough file a formal complaint with PUC to see if the lines on the west side of Main Street could be included on the new poles on the east side of the street.

Smith stated the storm cover at the corner of Washington and Constitution is breaking away and creating a hole. The Street Committee will evaluate.

Zoning/Planning: No Report



Minutes

Borough Building: Clingensmith questioned whether the Borough Building had been power washed. After discussion, it was decided to power wash the building after the basement wall and drainage issue project was completed. A comment was made on the gutter screen hanging from the gutter.

Park: Clingensmith stated he had obtained the information for the type of paint required to paint the shelter roof.

Sewage Financial: No Report.

Clingensmith motioned, Leech seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer