



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES

JULY 5, 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, Donald Clingensmith, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Della Marshall, Alan Peffer, Mittie Kaufman, and Vickie Forbes.

Alan Peffer commented on the sidewalk project. He indicated that areas needed to be reseeded. He also expressed concern about the crack in the sidewalk located at a telephone pole located near his property. Della Marshall stated that the bank on her property is now too steep to mow, and the completed work did not leave the area as it was prior to the project.

After discussion, Clingensmith motioned, Kaufman seconded to notify Wendy Leslie, CDBG Administrator with the Butler County Planning Commission of these issues and to request that the balance of the grant funds be held and used to resolve these issues. Motion passed.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci reported that the Plant was running well. He also indicated that the tap connection inspection was completed for the Church of God. Bocci requested approval for a proposal to do an inspection of all manholes. He would create an inventory system which would include the location, condition, and a maintenance plan for the manholes. He indicated that when the Church of God connected to the manhole along Rt 68, the skin section showed signs of wearing away. He estimated the cost of this inspection of all manholes to be \$1500 to \$2000 and would take 60-80 hours to complete. This information would be added to the Chapter 9 Report. Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded to approve this proposal and estimated cost. Motion passed.

Clingensmith motioned, Kaufman seconded, to accept the minutes from the June 7, 2011, meeting. Motion passed.

Clingensmith questioned when the funding came in for the Vehicle Code Violations Account 331.11. (June & December) He also questioned what was included in Account 451.0, Contributions. (All contributions budgeted, payable in December or at time of event.)

Kaufman motioned, Clingensmith seconded, to accept the May 2011, Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed.

Clingensmith commented on the completed repairs to the toilet in the Women's Restroom in the Park. Clingensmith questioned why the Borough was paying for maintenance for the school blinker during the summer months. (The maintenance agreement is an annual amount payable quarterly.)

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Streets-Crack Sealing

Council reviewed the telephone bids received for the street crack sealing. Voelker Paving Inc. was low bid at \$3,990.00. Council requested a thank you letter be sent to all bidders and a signed copy of the Voelker bid be sent to them notifying them that they were awarded the job. Leslie stated that an add-on would be included to cover sealing the crack between the road and the curb in the area of the new sidewalk installation.



Minutes

Council discussed the street light at the intersection of Lloymont and Rt. 68 as to whether it was at one time in the Borough and moved to the intersection to provide light there and was being billed to the Borough.

Council discussed a hole at the intersection of Rt 68 and Main Street when exiting at the north of town. The hole is on the right side of the intersection (Evan City direction) and creates a problem when turning right at this intersection. Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded to contact PennDot about the safety hazard regarding this hole. Motion passed.

Streets – Weight Limit Study

Thompson provided an estimate of \$7000 to do an engineering study on Main Street and Constitution Avenue. Council discussed and decided to table the issue at this time.

Code Enforcement Officer

The Secretary/Treasurer indicated that an ad had been placed with the Butler Eagle for six days for a Code Enforcement Officer. Two resumes had been received and reviewed by Council. An e-mail was sent to both Connoquenessing Township and Forward Township requesting information on their Code Enforcement Officers; however, had not received detailed information back from them. Council requested another contact be made with Connoquenessing, Forward and Butler Townships.

Complaint – 278 Main Street

A phone call had been received stating that the property had been mowed and the brush and garbage had been removed.

Stormwater Management Ordinance – Cost Reimbursement

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the necessary forms had been completed and need the Council President's signature to apply for reimbursement of the costs incurred in the adoption of the Stormwater Management Ordinance. Legal costs amount to \$239.50, advertising costs amounted to \$448 totaling \$687.50 @ 75% reimbursement should amount to \$515.63.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: Clingensmith requested a letter be sent to the Fire Department requesting that vehicles not be parked on the pavement directly in front of the Fire Department building. It is creating safety issues with traffic coming from Harmony Street.

Mrs. Kaufman asked what progress had been made with the installation of the warning siren. Leslie stated that the Chief had called him and indicated that the Fire Department was answering calls, and they were also working to get the siren installed which included building a platform.

Mrs. Marshall stated that the fire hydrants needed painted. Council discussed the fee the Borough paid to PA American Water Co. to maintain the hydrants. Leslie suggested taking pictures of the hydrants and getting them to the Secretary/Treasurer so she can get them to the proper individuals at Pa American Water. A contact will be made concerning maintenance of hydrants.

Law and Order: Mrs. Kaufman also stated that nothing had been done concerning the properties with the junk vehicles. The Secretary/Treasurer indicated that Council had directed her at the past meeting to contact the Code Enforcement Officer to take action. Since no action was taken by the current Officer, a new Code Enforcement Officer is being sought. Council directed a personal contact be made with the officers for Connoquenessing and Butler Townships.



Streets: No Report

Zoning/Planning: Kaufman motioned, Smith seconded to appoint Alan Peffer to fill the open position vacated by W. Flynn's resignation. Motion passed. This term will expire 6/30/2012.

Borough Building: No Report

Park: The Park Committee stated that they were awaiting a response from Jim Switzer of Butler County to begin work at the Park. Discussion followed on work they would do in the Park and at the Borough building. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to approve the removal of dead trees and dead wood in trees in the Park. Motion passed.

Sewage Financial: No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

PSAB "Wake Up to the Issues"

Council members had discussion on attending this event.

Act 32 of 2008

Clingensmith questioned what type of costs would be the responsibility of the Borough. The Secretary/Treasurer explained that costs were distributed to all municipalities and school districts in the Borough based on population and income level. The Connoquenessing Borough's share is a small percentage currently in the range of .09%. Costs to operate the Tax Collector Committee included things like solicitor expenses, administrative fees, liability insurance, advertising costs, etc.

Clingensmith inquired as to if any attention had been given to information concerning blighted areas. Council discussed.

Clingensmith motioned, Kaufman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer