



## **CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES JUNE 2, 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, Harold Rader, Francis Smith, Don Clingensmith, and Mayor Curt Harter.

Also present were Tom Thompson, Mike Ogin, Angelo Spagnolo, Dave Bocci, Katie Douthett, Della Marshall, Cindy Princeler, and Vickie Forbes.

Ogin reviewed the request for the revised Leslie Farms PRD and the revised Phase I Final. He stated that lot lines were slightly adjusted to better suit the footprint for the quads; and also, the townhouses had been removed from the plan and replaced with single family patio homes and additional quads. Thompson added comments. Ogin addressed questions from Council. Leslie stated that the Planning Committee had motioned to recommend that Council approve the Revised Phase I Amended Final Plan with the modification granted to the Leslie Farms PRD to allow 35 single family lots to be less than 12,500 sq. ft. in lot area and to allow 61% of the lots to be less than 17,000 sq. ft. with Phase I having a total of 24 lots under 12,500 sq. ft. in lot area and 27 lots (66%) less than 17,000 sq. ft. Rader motioned, Smith seconded to approve the Revised Phase I Amended Final Plan as recommended by the Planning Committee. Motion passed.

Clingensmith motioned to accept the minutes from the May 5, 2009 meeting. Rader seconded. Motion passed.

The Secretary/Treasurer addressed questions concerning the Treasurer's Report from Clingensmith. Clingensmith motioned to accept the April 2009 Treasurer's Report as submitted. Kaufman seconded. Motion passed.

The Secretary/Treasurer addressed comments concerning the A&E Service Agreement from Clingensmith. Rader motioned to accept the bills as submitted. Kaufman seconded. Motion passed.

### **Sewage Plant**

#### **Update:**

Bocci commented on the event involving the sewage line damaged by Penn Power. Council discussed the PA One Call system. Leslie suggested appointing Bocci as the primary contact for PA One Call for the Borough. Smith motioned, Clingensmith seconded to appoint Bocci as the primary contact. Motion passed. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to file a claim with the insurance company. Motion passed. Bocci stated that the rebuilt pump was working well and during the following week, the West Nile virus inspection was to occur. Bocci also indicated having an unusual spike in a test of a sample and will continue to monitor it to see if it reoccurs.



**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Complaint -**

**113 Sunset Drive**—The Secretary/Treasurer informed Council that she had contacted Jim Switzer, Community Service Coordinator for the Department of Community Corrections of Butler County, concerning Council’s interest in having his work crews clean up this property. Switzer was to contact Leslie to meet at the location to determine if this would be feasible. Leslie reported that he had not been contacted.

**1283 Evans City Road**—The Secretary/Treasurer reported that she had received an e-mail inquiring about the high vegetation and the noxious weeds on this property. Council discussed and directed the Secretary/Treasurer to have the individual making the complaint contact the Department of Agriculture to identify the noxious weeds.

**MDIA Contract**—The Secretary/Treasurer reported on Council’s request stating the contract with MDIA is renewed automatically annually unless given a 120-day notice of termination.

Council discussed miscellaneous situations regarding building permits.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Fire:** Kaufman stated the Fire Department will be building an addition on the rear of the Fire Department building.

Clingensmith suggested that individuals not park on the sidewalk area directly in front of the Fire Department building because it obstructed the view for those pulling out on to Main Street from Harmony Street.

**Law and Order:** No Report

**Streets:** Clingensmith commented on an area of Main Street in front of the Methodist Church where the pavement was breaking away. Leslie also stated that the area along Constitution Avenue on the east side of Rt 68 from the intersection to Schultheis’s house needed to be mowed. Leslie stated he would talk with Schultheis about these issues.

**Zoning/Planning:** No Report

**Borough Building:** No Report

**Park:** Clingensmith questioned the missing hand railing on the side entrance of the building. The Secretary/Treasurer will contact Schultheis.

Clingensmith questioned the 2008 County Grant for the shelter repairs. The Secretary/Treasurer commented that several contacts to the County had been attempted unsuccessfully early in the spring. Now the shelter is rented for the summer and improvements cannot be made.

Smith inquired about the quotes for the tree to be planted along Main Street. The Secretary/Treasurer stated she has two quotes, one additional is still needed.

**Sewage Financial:** No Report



**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Council:** Leslie comment on being contacted about a credit on sewage for individuals using PA American to fill or top off their swimming pools. Council discussed and decided not to issue any credit at this time.

**Secretary:** A request was made by St Paul's Church in Connoquenessing to use a park shelter for a Sunday service and to have the shelter rental fee waved. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to waive the rental fee for St Paul's Church. Motion passed.

Kaufman suggested issuing a Borough Newsletter to inform residents of up coming events.

Mrs. Marshall stated that if there was enough interest, there would be a Community Yard Sale on June 20, 2009.

Clingensmith questioned if a permit was required to have a business on Main Street.

Clingensmith commented on the success of the Cleanup/Recycle Day.

There was discussion on the Butler County Prison tour.

Clingensmith made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer