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CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH

June 4, 2013

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, Pete Kaufman, Mitch Leech, Francis Smith, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Steve Miller, Leyne Lokhaiser, and Vickie Forbes.

Leyne Lokhaiser, Code Enforcement officer, reported on the status of prior complaints on properties in the Borough. The question was asked whether there were health, safety and welfare issues that applied to any of these complaints. Council agreed that improvements were being made. Smith suggested investigating assistance for property owners from different organizations.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci provided information that during the month the Plant and Pump Station were operating with no problems to report.

Leech motioned, Kaufman seconded, to accept as presented the May 7, 2013, meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded, to accept the submitted April 2013 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

PSAB Notice - Computer

Council reviewed the information provided by PSAB regarding the announcement that Microsoft will cease to support Windows XP SP3 and Office 2003 on April 8, 2014. Leech motioned, Kaufman seconded to investigate and purchase an updated computer system. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: No Report

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: Smith stated that he had met with Bob from Starflite regarding the issue on Dogwood Lane. They reviewed property lines and discussed the storm drain that was being impacted by trucks associated with Starflite using the parking area and private drive. A meeting will be set up with the owner of the private drive and with Bob from Starflite to discuss options.

The Road Committee met with three road repair companies to get bids on the scope of work detailed in Dick Knapko's (PennDot) report for the Constitution Avenue repairs. Two bids were received. After discussion, Council decided that it would prefer the repairs to be done with a milling machine in order to have the millings to fill in needed areas. Leslie will contact the low bidder to see if their bid price would accommodate this requirement.

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Council reviewed and discussed the proposal from Gannett Fleming, Inc. to establish road weight limits for Constitution Avenue and South Main Street. Kellar Engineering had also been contact on two separate occasions to obtain a bid for this project. Kellar Engineering had not responded. Leech motioned, Smith seconded to approve the proposal dated June 4, 2013, from Gannett Fleming, Inc. for furnishing engineering services for posting of Constitution Avenue from Rt. 68 to the Borough line (.58 mi.) and South Main Street (.54 mi.) Motion passed.

Zoning/Planning: After discussion, Council determined that Mr. Barickman was no longer eligible to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board since moving out of the Borough. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to appoint Steve Miller to a three-year term. Motion passed.

Borough Building: Rader inquired as to whether the stairs entering the side of the Borough building were going to be repaired or replaced. He suggested a precast set of stairs. Leslie requested Rader obtain bids for replacing the stairs with railings that would meet code.

Park: Leslie and Smith met with Gary Pinkerton from Butler County Park and Recreation Department about the grant awarded to the Borough. Mr. Pinkerton's suggestion was to use the grant as matching funds for the DCNR Recreation and Conservation grant for the Trail Project.

The deadline for filing the Greenways, Trails and Recreation grant from the Marcellus Legacy Fund is July 31, 2013. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to have Tom Thompson make application for the grant. Motion passed.

Leslie suggested that Council begin the process of pricing of tractors/mowers.

Sewage Financial: No Report

Code Enforcement: No Report

Leech motioned, Kaufman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer