



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES

JUNE 5, 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 and Vickie Forbes.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci reported that the main breaker on the pole at the pump station had begun tripping out again. He contacted Fred Maihle, an electrician, who replaced the 100 amp breaker. Because of the problem with the breaker, the warning light at the pump station did not function. After checking the pumps, he found that the rebuilt pump was running at high amperage. During the process of pulling the pump, the guide rails twisted because of corrosion. The pump had to be retrieved which required going down into the pit. A new pump had been ordered and received. The parts had been purchased to repair the guides. Dalton pumped the pit exposing a significant amount of gravel and rocks. Council discussed. Council agreed not to repair the broken pump.

Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded, to accept the minutes from the May 1, 2012, meeting. Motion passed.

Comments about the Due to Light-Up Night and Due to Community Day amounts were made by Clingensmith.

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

Council discussed Recycle/Cleanup Day and the participation by the different municipalities. Council also discussed the cost of disposing of the tires collected during the event.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Code Enforcement Report

Council reviewed the report submitted by the Code Enforcement Officer. It was agreed that any implication of inhumane treatment of animals by anyone making a complaint should be made directly to the Humane Society. Leech motioned, Kaufman seconded to notify property owners at 242 Constitution Avenue, 179 Main Street, and 113 Sunset Drive of the complaints, along with a copy of the ordinance and penalties, allowing the property owners until July 2, 2012, to comply. Motion passed.

Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded, to notify property owners of 173 Main Street, the 5-lot subdivision on South Main Street, and 109 Harmony Street of violations of Ordinance 10, Part 3, Height of Weeds. Motion passed.

Council discussed the tenants living at 173 Main Street which has not had water or sewage service since August 2011. The Solicitor will be contacted to investigate what options are available to the Borough.



Recycle/Cleanup Day

Council reviewed the summary of revenues and expenses from the event. Discussion followed concerning volunteers participating in the event from the three municipalities and also about tire disposal costs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bidding Requirements

Council reviewed the new bidding levels which were signed into law and effective January 1, 2012.

Special Election-Tuesday, August 7, 2012

The regularly scheduled Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2012, making the Borough building unavailable for the special election. The Secretary/Treasurer will notify the Election Bureau that the building is unavailable.

PSAB-Wake Up to the Issues Breakfast

The meeting is Friday, June 15, 2012, at Captain Loomis Inn, Clarion, PA 16214.

Storm Water Training

A training session will be held Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 1 pm at the Butler County Government Center.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: No Report

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: Clingensmith questioned whether the warning cone in the offset of sidewalk in front of the Methodist Church should be replaced with something more appropriate. Council determined that a type of 'Children at Play' sign with a reflective, break-away post would be appropriate for the area. Smith will investigate.

Kaufman questioned the status of the sign reflectivity requirements from US DOT. The Secretary/Treasurer stated that the requirements had been modified and deadlines relaxed but did not have specific details on how it impacted the Borough.

Leech questioned status on the catch basins. Discussion followed and inspection of the catch basins will be scheduled.

Zoning/Planning: Smith motioned, Clingensmith seconded to appoint Alan Peffer to a three-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board ending 6/30/2015, and Donald Princeler to fill the position of alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion passed.

Borough Building: Three bids were reviewed to repair the wall and the moisture penetration into the basement of the Borough Building. After discussion, Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded, to give the bid to Hilliard Enterprise. Motion passed.



Clingensmith suggested the building should be power washed. Leslie suggested buying equipment to maintain the Park. Council discussed.

Park:

Smith reviewed a bid for cutting down three oak trees in the park and the possibility of selling a few good logs. Clingensmith motioned, Leech seconded to approve the cost of cutting the trees and of selling any good logs. Motion passed.

Leech motioned, Smith seconded the purchase of gravel for the walking trail. Motion passed.

Council discussed the vacant property and house at 218 Constitution Avenue. The property is deteriorating. Leech motioned, Clingensmith seconded to contact the bank to inquire of the status of the property and whether it is available for purchase. Motion passed.

Clingensmith is following up on the information he had on painting of the shelter roofs.

Sewage Financial: No Report.

Clingensmith motioned, Kaufman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer