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CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH

March 5, 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, Mitch Leech, Francis Smith, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Cindy Princeler, Don Princeler, Wolfgang Briggs and Vickie Forbes.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci reported that he completed the Chapter 94 Municipal Wasteload Management report which is submitted to the DEP annually. The volume numbers reported are still significantly below the designed plan. Bocci also commented that the chemical feed pump had not been working and a new one had been ordered.

Cindy Princeler reported on the completed 2012 Audit. Leslie thanked Mrs. Princeler and the group of auditors on behalf of Council for the job they do for the community.

Don Princeler expressed concern about the condition of Constitution Avenue. He stated that there had been eight cuts across Constitution Avenue for the sewage project and for other needs. He indicated that two of the cuts near the Park needed immediate attention, re-cut and patched. The other cuts need to be sealed. Mr. Princeler also complained about the area in the rear of the Park was becoming a dump. Individuals are depositing non-biodegradable items in this area. The area is also becoming a parking area for questionable activities.

Wolfgang Briggs stated that he had contacted the PA Liquid Control Board, and they indicated that the Borough was a dry community. Based on that identification, he would be able to produce in the Borough but not sell. He also stated that in order for the Borough to become a wet community, the PA LCB indicated a signed resolution from Council would be needed to change that status. Mr. Briggs presented a sample resolution that if adopted would enable Mr. Briggs to produce and sell from within the Borough. Council discussed and indicated their support to make the change and stated that the Borough solicitor would be contacted to review the sample resolution and to gain his input. Leech motioned, Smith seconded to send the Borough solicitor the sample resolution for his input and approval. Motion passed.

Smith motioned, Leech seconded, to accept as presented the February 5, 2013, meeting minutes. Motion passed.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

DCNR Recreation and Conservation Grant

The Secretary/Treasurer reported on the grant workshop she attended on 2/26/13. Important points for completing of the application for the grant included a program narrative, ADA parking, proper signage, ways to green up the project, and support letters. Tom Thompson is the qualified consultant for the Borough and has completed the PNDI which was returned with no environmental issues. A 20% matching fund is required for the grant. These matching funds can come from the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Grant which are funds from the Act 13 Marcellus Legacy Fund. A meeting was being arranged by Tom Thompson with Tracy Stack the Environmental Planner with the Bureau of Recreation and Conservation to review the Borough's plans for the Trail. Council discussed getting approvals from property owners for the end portion of the trail and also getting support letters. Smith indicated he had contacted the President of the Rails to Trails group for a support letter. Leslie stated that he requested a letter of support from Mark Wilson, Supervisor of Forward Township.



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Liquid Fuels Audit Report

The Secretary/Treasurer met with Dan Bowers, Financial Consultant for PA Department of Transportation, concerning the 2009-2010 audit results on February 7, 2013. Information was provided to Mr. Bowers supporting \$16,288 of other eligible expenses that could have been paid with Liquid Fuels funds other than snow removal. Documentation for these expenses including bills, cancelled checks and bank statements will have to be copied and sent to Mr. Bowers. Once completed and approved by Mr. Bowers, the Borough would need to repay the Liquid Fuels Fund from the General Fund approximately \$10,789.

Resolution 2013-03

Resolution 2013-03 giving ESB Bank approval to allow a specific Diversified Technology employee permission to upload ACH payments to the Borough's account may not be required. The Secretary/Treasurer will perform a test run of uploading the payments; and if successful, will perform future uploads. Council discussed and opted not to make changes at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2013-04 – Destruction of Voice Recordings

Resolution 2013-04 to authorize the destruction with option to reuse the tapes once minutes are adopted was reviewed by Council. Leech motioned, Smith seconded to adopt Resolution 2013-04. Motion passed.

Recycle/Cleanup Day

Recycle/Cleanup Day will be held Saturday, May 11, 2013, at the Forward Township property.

Street Sweeping

Smith motioned, Leech seconded to approve scheduling street sweeping and cleaning of certain catch basins. The street committee will determine which catch basins will be cleaned. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: No Report

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: Council discussed ruts and road cuts on Constitution Avenue. The Road Committee will inventory the street conditions and report at the next meeting.

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: No Report

Park: Smith suggested having the Boy Scouts burn the brush pile in the rear area of the Park. A suggestion was made to have the Fire Department present.

Sewage Financial: No Report

Code Enforcement: No Report

Smith motioned, Leech seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer