



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES
MARCH 6, 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, Francis Smith, and Mitch Leech.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Cindy Princeler, Kelly Noronha, and Vickie Forbes.

Audit Report 2011 Cindy Princeler and Kelly Noronha summarized the results of the 2011 Financial Audit for the Borough. Council expressed appreciation to Auditors for their effort and work.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci stated the Plant was in full bagging mode to recover from winter. After a significant rain storm, the Plant had a surprise visit from the DEP the following day. Reviewed with the Rep from the DEP the steps being taken at Plant to address the non-working grinder until the matter is addressed during a plant expansion. Council discussed the spike in water entering the Plant during rain storms.

Leech motioned, Smith seconded, to accept the minutes from the February 7 2012, meeting. Motion passed.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Code Enforcement Report

No report

Sewage Billing

After discussion of several proposals submitted to Council replacing PA American Water as the billing agent for sewage in the Borough, Leech motioned, Smith seconded to approve the contract submitted by Diversified Technology beginning June 1, 2012. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Street Sweeping

Smith motioned, Leech seconded approving the scheduling of street sweeping and the cleaning of catch basins with Municipal Contracting Services. Motion passed.

Armstrong Cable Franchise Agreement

Council briefly reviewed the Agreement proposed by Armstrong Cable as well as the comments Attorney Lope had made in a letter dated June 20, 2007, involving a similar proposal from Armstrong Cable. Council agreed to review the Agreement during the coming month and be prepared to make a decision at the April meeting.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: No Report

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: No Report

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: Council agreed to address any water issues in the garage of the Borough building in the spring.

Park: Leech and Smith presented an update on the plan for a walking trail in the Park as well as a future plan to extend the walking trail outside of the Park and into the community. Leech created a map with the proposed trail that was submitted with the grant application to Butler County Parks and Recreation.

Smith presented information he had obtained from Jack Shanks, Harmony Borough, regarding the walking trail project in the Harmony/Zelienople area.

Sewage Financial: No Report

The Secretary/Treasurer was questioned as to whether Mr. Oretel had applied for his building permit. The response was that he had not. Leslie indicated that he would contact Mr. Oertel.

Smith motioned, Leech seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer