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CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH

May 7, 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, Don Clingensmith, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci and Vickie Forbes.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci reported on minor maintenance issues occurring at the Plant during the past month. The pump station has been without issue and in good working order. Minor repairs are on-going at the Plant. As Leslie Farms enters into Phase 2, a de-watering system should be the first major improvement made at the Plant.

Clingensmith motioned, Leech seconded, to accept as presented the April 2, 2013, meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Clingensmith referenced the significant cost to the Borough for snow removal and questioned other options that might be considered to address snow removal in the future. Discussion followed.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Taxes-Per Capita and Millage

Council reviewed options for increasing taxes and agreed to table until 2014 budget discussions.

Recycle/Cleanup Day

The new collection process for covered electronics with emphasis on correct palletizing and packaging of these items was reviewed. Additional help will be needed to accommodate this collection. Kaufman indicated that he would be available to pick up and return the work release individuals for this event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election Bureau – Polling Site Requirements

Council reviewed the guidelines received from the Butler County Election Bureau regarding the requirements for polling place accessibility.

Butler County Park and Recreation Renovation Grant

Connoquenessing Borough has been awarded grant money from the Butler County Park and Recreation Local Park Renovation Program. Council reviewed various options for using the money and requested a meeting be arranged with Gary Pinkerton to discuss the options.

Complaint – 113 Sunset Drive

A phone call was received at the Borough office regarding a follow-up on a complaint filed. Council discussed and agreed that the Code Enforcement officer should be contacted to review the status of all unresolved complaints and report on the status of these properties.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: A worker's compensation claim was filed for the Fire Department for an incident that occurred on April 21, 2013.

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: The Road Committee met with Dick Knapko, PennDot, to discuss road repairs for Constitution Avenue and Dogwood Lane. Mr. Knapko provided an estimate of costs for these repairs. After reviewing the estimates associated with the repairs, Leech motioned, Kaufman seconded to acquire at least three telephone bids for the repairs to Constitution Avenue. Motion passed.

Council continued discussion on the estimate for repairs to Dogwood Lane and agreed that before repairs are bid, issues of the business using the private drive area and the impact of the trucks using this area on the storm sewers should be resolved. The Street Committee agreed to meet with the parties involved to discuss the issues before determining any repairs to Dogwood Lane.

Leech mentioned the continued use of south Main Street by the Vogel trucks and the need to bond these streets. Leech motioned, Smith seconded to contact Gannett Fleming, Inc. and Kellar Engineering to obtain an estimate for doing an engineering study to determine weight limits for Constitution Avenue from Rt 68 to the Borough line and also for south Main Street, from Harmony Street south to the Borough line and then to proceed with having the study done and the necessary signage posted. Motion passed.

Zoning/Planning: There will be a term expiring on the Zoning Board on June 30, 2013. Council requested that a notice be placed in the Post Office.

Borough Building: Rader stated that the stairway entering the side of the building needed to be painted.

Park: Clingensmith questioned the drainage repair to the lower Park road. Leslie explained that when the drainage around the Borough building had been repaired, it created an issue on the lower Park road.

Sewage Financial: No Report

Code Enforcement: No Report

Kaufman motioned, Leech seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer