



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES NOVEMBER 1, 2011

The public meeting of the Council of Connoquenessing Borough was called to order at 7:30 pm at the Connoquenessing Borough Building.

Council members present were Lloyd Leslie, Ronald Kaufman, Francis Smith, Donald Clingensmith, Darryl Kirchner, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Rick Dermond, and Vickie Forbes.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci reported: Five dumpsters have been filled with sludge so far this year. Several sewage tap inspections have recently been completed in Leslie Farms. The preparation of a final order for chemicals for the year is in process. Plant and pump station are running smoothly. Inspections of manholes will continue in the spring. Discussion followed on comparison of new pump verses rebuilt pump.

Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded, to accept the minutes from the October 4, 2011, meeting. Motion passed.

Clingensmith questioned miscellaneous income and expense items on the Treasurers Report.

Clingensmith motioned, Kaufman seconded, to accept the September, 2011, Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Quarterly Meeting with Fire Department

Clingensmith inquired about the request from Chief Zimmerman at the Oct 4 meeting regarding a quarterly meeting to be attended by a representative from the Borough, Township and the Fire Department. Council discussed and concluded an annual report or update from the Fire Chief at a Council meeting in October would be preferred. Representatives from the Township would be welcomed to attend. Council requested a letter be sent requesting the annual update and also to thank the Fire Department for organizing the Halloween Parade.

Code Enforcement Report

Council reviewed the report submitted. Discussion followed concluding that if the issues were not rectified by spring, the Code Enforcement officer and Council would need to proceed to the next levels of enforcement as per the Ordinance. Discussion followed on the complaint involving garbage along Washington Street.

Harmony/Main Street Three-Way Stop Sign Inquiry

Information received from Penn Dot regarding a three-way stop sign at the Harmony/Main Street intersection was reviewed and discussed. This information from Penn Dot indicated that stop signs could not be placed as a method for speed control.

Borough Per Capita Tax

Council reviewed the information provided by Attorney Lope concerning Act 511.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Fire:** Discussion on large turnout for Halloween Parade.
- Law and Order:** Kirschner provided an update on the State Police patrolling in the Borough.
- Streets:** Council discussed two dips in the road on Constitution Avenue.
- Zoning/Planning:** No Report
- Borough Building:** Clingensmith reported that the handrails had been replaced on the rear entrance to the Borough building.
- Park:** Clingensmith reported on the repairs made to the shelters by the contractor and by the Community Corrections group. The Community Corrections group will paint the roof and gable ends of the shelters and inside and outside of the restroom.
- Smith reported that 15 loads of dirt/gravel had been delivered for the walking trail. He also questioned whether the Park Caretaker could be paid an hourly rate for clearing the area around the ball field for the walking trail. Council agreed to pay an hourly rate for the additional work.
- Sewage Financial:** Council reviewed the announcement to discontinue sewage billings received from Pennsylvania American Water. Council will review options at upcoming meetings.

Council reviewed the information concerning unpaid sewage for property located at 270 Main Street and the objection to paying these amounts by the individuals who purchased the property at the public sale.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clingensmith suggested purchasing the Pfabe lots for use by the Borough as a park. Council discussed.

2012 Preliminary Budget

Council reviewed the 2012 Preliminary Budgets for all four funds.

Dermond commented on the depth of a storm drain in front of his house and the hump leading into the alley beside his home. Dermond commented on keeping residents informed about street repairs.

At 10 pm, Council went to executive session. At 10:15 pm Council returned from the executive session. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to change pay rates as follows: Park Caretaker will be paid \$550 per month and \$10.50 per hour for extra work performed. The Secretary/Treasurer will be paid \$18.00 per hour. Motion passed.

Kaufman motioned, Kirschner seconded to advertise the 2012 Budget. Motion passed.

Kaufman motioned, Kirschner seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer