



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES NOVEMBER 2, 2009

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, Don Clingensmith, Harold Rader, and Mayor Curt Harter.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Dean Graham, and Vickie Forbes.

Dean Graham addressed Council concerning thefts and also a vehicle speeding problem on Constitution Avenue, Main Street, and Harmony Street. He expressed a need for periodic police patrol.

Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded to accept the minutes from the October 6, 2009 meeting. Motion passed.

Kaufman motioned, Rader seconded to accept the September 2009 Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed.

Kaufman questioned the fees charged by Pennsylvania American Water Company for fire hydrant maintenance. He indicated that the members of the Fire Department had recently checked several hydrants and discovered that they were not working properly. Clingensmith inquired as to how the membership fee to the PA State Association of Borough was determined. The Secretary/Treasurer was directed to get information concerning both issues.

Clingensmith motioned, Kaufman seconded, to accept the bills as submitted. Motion passed.

Sewage Plant Update:

Bocci reported that there was little to report at the Sewage Plant. The light at the pump station was on over the weekend; however, it was a minor electrical problem. Maintenance on some plastic piping at the plant is planned for next year. Flows are good averaging 20,000 gal.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire:

Kaufman indicated that the Fire Department was close to finalizing the purchase of the new rescue vehicle.

Council requested the Secretary/Treasurer send a letter to the Fire Department and Beth Knauer thanking them for their involvement in the Halloween Parade.

Kaufman stated that he was still waiting to be reimbursed for the medication that he and another Fire Department member received after a rescue call.

Law and Order:

Council discussed the recent incident involving an alleged attempt of child abduction at a bus stop in the Borough. Council further discussed the possibility of part-time police coverage.

Council directed the Secretary/Treasurer to send a letter to the State Police notifying them of the speeding problem on Constitution Avenue, Main Street, and Harmony Street.



Streets: The Secretary/Treasurer explained the requirement of all agencies to establish and implement a sign assessment and management method by January 2012. All signs must meet certain reflectivity standards as specified by the MUTCD. Meeting this requirement shows good risk management. The inventorying of signs should begin in 2010; and once completed, a plan put in place for continued inspections and replacement. Compliance is achieved by having a method in place and by using the method to maintain the minimum levels established.

Council requested that the Secretary/Treasurer get an update from Spagnolo on the status of the streets signs and the traffic light at the entrance of the Leslie Farms plan.

Council discussed cracks in the road on Main Street near Leslie Lane.

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: No Report

Park: No Report

Sewage Financial: No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

Council: Kaufman commented on the upcoming Hazard Mitigation meeting.

Clingensmith inquired as to whether the Election Bureau paid rent for the use of the Borough Building for elections. Council requested the Secretary/Treasurer contact the Election Bureau to obtain information.

Secretary: Council reviewed the Proposed Budget. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to move to executive session at 9:05 pm to discuss the Secretary/Treasurer's salary. Motion passed.

Rader motioned, Kaufman seconded to come out of executive session at 9:14 pm. Motion passed.

Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded to increase the Secretary/Treasurer's hourly rate by \$2/hour. Motion passed.

Smith motioned, Rader seconded to increase the Park Caretaker's salary 5%. Motion passed.

Rader motioned, Kaufman seconded to advertise the Proposed Budget. Motion passed.

The Secretary/Treasurer reminded Council of the Butler County Boroughs Association Dinner Meeting to be held November 19, 2009.

Kaufman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 pm. Smith seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer