

**CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH****October 1, 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, Keli Kalkowski, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Katie Douthett, Della Marshall, Dave Bocci, and Vickie Forbes.

Katie Douthett confirmed that St Paul's Church would be available as the starting point for the Halloween Parade. She indicated that the bathrooms in the Church would be available for the participants in the parade. Katie also stated that St. Paul's Church would like to donate a park bench to be placed near the tennis court for a group of pickle ball players, part of which attended the Church. Leslie indicated that she should discuss details of the bench with the Park Committee. Katie questioned if the group playing pickle ball in the park could plug in a coffee pot in the shelter and that the Church would be glad to make a financial donation to offset the electric costs. Smith indicated the contribution could go to the Eagle Scout Project.

Della Marshall questioned the unsightliness of the subdivision lots on South Main Street. Smith indicated that today building was beginning on Lot 1.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci stated that #2 blower motor had failed and a replacement was ordered and received. The motor for #1 blower had failed in 2011. The cost of the motor has doubled in price to \$1800 since the purchase in 2011. #3 blower motor has not been replaced but has the least amount of run time. Final repairs are being made at the Plant in preparation for winter. A truck was brought in to pump out one of the two sludge holding tanks. Only about half of the sludge was removed and another truck will be brought in to complete the job.

Snow Removal Sealed Bids

Two bids were received for the 2013-2014 Snow Removal bid. The bids were opened, and the amounts were announced for each category. Council discussed the information provided. Leech motioned, Kaufman seconded to award the contract to Rod Peffer. Motion passed. The deposit will be issued once the Certificate of Insurance is received.

Smith motioned, Kalkowski seconded, to accept as presented the September 3, 2013, meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Council reviewed the amount borrowed from the Capital Improvement Fund. A summary of improvements made to the Park and Borough building and the option to use the borrowed funds to offset these improvements was discussed. Leslie suggested making a decision when reviewing the budget at November's meeting.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:**Road Weight Limit Ordinance 3**

Council reviewed Ordinance 3. Kaufman motioned, Smith seconded to adopt Road Weight Limit Ordinance 3. Mayor Rader indicated that he would veto the Ordinance because it was a waste of tax payer money. Kaufman, yes; Leech, yes; Smith, yes; Kalkowski, yes; Leslie, yes. Motion passed unanimously.



MINUTES

The Secretary/Treasurer stated that Steve Harris from Rex Energy had contacted the office to bond Constitution from Rt. 68 to Park Road. Rex Energy is going to put a gas well off of Constitution and will attend the November meeting to update Council.

Tractor Purchase

The bids for the tractor to be purchased for Borough use were reviewed by Council. The bids included JD 1023E, Kubota BX 2370, Massey Ferguson GC 1705, Kubota B 2620, and Massey Ferguson GC 1715. After discussion, Council choose to further investigate and compare the 25-26 HP tractors by inspecting these models at the dealers during the upcoming month and then further discussing at the November meeting.

ESB Bank Collateral Agreement

Information was provided to Council by Attorney Lope's office for Council's review concerning the collateral agreement with ESB Bank. Attorney Reese researched the statues requiring collateral for public funds deposited above the FDIC insured amount and spoke with Terrie Krukenberg at ESB Bank. She stated that the majority of clients do not require a written agreement but one could be developed. After further discussion, Leech motioned, Smith seconded, to request a legal opinion from Attorney's Lopes office on this issue and then to accept that recommendation. Motion passed.

Sheriff Sale

The information provided to Council by Attorney Reese of Attorney Lope's office concerning the Sheriff Sale for 218 Constitution Avenue was discussed. Smith motioned, Leech seconded to authorize Attorney Lope's office to represent the Borough at the Sheriff Sale if it was their opinion that the property could be purchased for \$70,000, which would be the Borough's maximum bid. Leech, yes; Smith, yes; Kalkowski, yes; Leslie, yes; Kaufman, no. Motion passed.

PA American-New CIS System/Diversified Technology Update

PA American provided information on the new Customer Information System (CIS) being implemented on the Go Live date of October 21, 2014. This impacts the Borough with sewer accounts and the billing of sewage. Diversified Technology also provided information regarding their programmer developing an import program for converting water consumption numbers into a sewer bill. The Secretary/Treasurer stated that she has been attending the weekly WebEx sessions and meetings for the past few months demonstrating all the changes involved with sewage billing and water disconnect/reconnect, and accessing usage information.

NEW BUSINESS:

Butler County Community Development Block Grant Program

A letter was received from Butler County Planning Commission stating that the Borough's request for funds for the Constitution Avenue sidewalk and storm sewer replacement was not allocated. Council also reviewed and discussed the application for Community Development Block Grant funds for 2014 and opted to reapply for the Constitution Avenue sidewalk and storm sewer replacement. If the stats for income information for the census are released, new surveys will be required. Deadline for applying is January 31, 2014.

Affordable Care Act

As an employer, the Borough is required to provide notification to current employees as well as new employees regardless of full or part-time employment. This notification is required whether or not a health care plan is provided. Sample notices have been provided to comply with this regulation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: No Report

Law and Order: No Report



MINUTES

Streets: Dominic Gigliotti has requested the Borough adopt Leslie Farms Drive since that street is almost 50% occupied. Council indicated that the Developer's Agreement requires the Borough to adopt the streets in the Development after it is 75% complete and elected not to adopt Leslie Farms Drive.

Council suggested that a contact be made with Ken Schultheis to install the street signs in inventory. Leech requested a speed limit sign be installed on Dogwood Lane.

Zoning/Planning: Rader stated that he was informed that a contact was made with the building inspector, and he only receives calls early in the morning.

Borough Building: No Report

Park: Council discussed the condition of the walking trail and indicated a regular maintenance plan needed to be implemented to keep the trail in good condition.

Kalkowski stated that the Park Committee had met with Ryan Deemer and a location had been selected for the fire pit. She also inquired as to funds that might be available for a contribution to the project. Council discussed the monies received from concession stand sales and requested that Katie Douthett be contacted to see if a contribution from that account could be made towards the project in the amount of \$300.00

Sewage Financial: No Report

Code Enforcement: E-Mail Update

Leech motioned, Kaufman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer