



## **CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES OCTOBER 4, 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 Ronald Kaufman, Francis Smith, Donald Clingensmith, Darryl Kirchner, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Rob Burr, Mittie Kaufman, and Vickie Forbes.

### **Sewage Plant Update**

Dave Bocci reported Plant was running smoothly. He indicated that ordering of supplies for the balance of the year had been discussed with the Secretary/Treasurer and that about 1/3 of the inspections of the manholes had been completed.

Chief Lou Zimmerman from the Connoquenessing Volunteer Fire Department reported on information that had been identified as concerns of Council. He stated that the siren had been installed and was operational. He also addressed parking in front of the building and questioned whether a 3-way stop should be considered at that intersection. Council requested that a contact be made with PennDot to understand if it could be arranged. Chief Zimmerman addressed additional questions from Council and also presented Council with a summary of statistics related to the Fire Department. Clingensmith questioned Chief Zimmerman as to whether there would be anyone interested in organizing the annual Halloween Parade. Chief Zimmerman indicated that he thought that he could make the arrangements. Chief Zimmerman asked Council if there would be interest in arranging quarterly meetings with the Fire Department and Connoquenessing Township. Council indicated they would discuss.

Rob Burr reviewed the work he had done removing trees and dead branches from trees in the Park. A memorial bench was damaged during the work. Discussion followed regarding repairs to the bench or replacement if repairs were not possible.

Clingensmith motioned, Kirchner seconded, to accept the minutes from the September 6, 2011, meeting. Motion passed.

Clingensmith questioned miscellaneous income and expense items on the Treasurers Report. Council discussed landlord fees and the issues with those landlords not paying the fees and not reporting when tenants change.

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

Clingensmith asked if the notary training costs would be applied to the Sec/Treasurer Education expense account.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Code Enforcement Report**

Council reviewed the report submitted and indicated that they were satisfied with the progress being made. Council requested that the Code Enforcement officer also investigate the unacceptable conditions of the property located at 242 Constitution Avenue. A letter will be sent from the Borough to the Manor Development requesting the grass be cut at 292 Main Street.



### Pfabe Parcels and Right-of-Way

Council discussed the options available to access and make use of the three parcels identified as 370-S1-B6, B6A, and B11 owned by Sara Pfabe. After review of comments from Tom Thompson, it was agreed by Council that if the lot lines were removed and the entire property was identified as one lot, then access could be made as per the easement or right-of-way (370-S1-A45G) granted and recorded as long as there was available at least a 16 foot wide portion of the easement that directly accessed the property. This 16 foot wide access would permit a 10 foot wide driveway and three (3) feet on each side of the driveway between it and neighboring property owners.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Fire:** No Report

**Law and Order:** Council discussed the response received from the State Police concerning Council's request to monitor traffic exceeding speed limits in the Borough. Kirchner indicated that he would do a follow-up with the officer who responded to the request.

**Streets:** Council reviewed information present on the street sign inventory and the available reduced prices of signs and posts offered currently by Walsh Equipment. Clingensmith motioned, Kaufman seconded to purchase two (2) stop signs, four (4) speed limit signs, and six (6) ten-foot break-a-way posts to be delivered to the Borough office. Mr. Schultheis has agreed to install the signs and posts. Motion passed.

Council reviewed information received from Danny Facemire of 243 Constitution Avenue regarding a spring or wet area located in his yard coming from beside the road. After discussion, Council indicated that the Borough was not responsible for water seepage.

**Zoning/Planning:** No Report

**Borough Building:** Clingensmith reviewed a bid from R. Kradel to do maintenance work to the entrance ramp in the rear of the Borough building and to the shelters.

**Park:** No Report

**Sewage Financial:** The Secretary/Treasurer stated there were three (3) properties to be posted for unpaid sewage.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program

Council directed the Secretary/Treasurer to apply for the 2012 Community Development Block Grant using the same information for the ADA compliant sidewalk project from the 2011 grant application

#### Per Capita Tax for Road Improvements

Kaufman suggested a per capita tax for road improvements be levied in the Borough for future road improvements. Council discussed and requested the Secretary/Treasurer investigate this issue.

#### Butler County Boroughs Association Dinner/Meeting

The next meeting will be held November 17, 2011.



Minutes

Kirschner suggested changes to the language regarding guns in the rules and regulations for the Park. He also commented on liability issues regarding School Street and Second Street. Council discussed.

Council determined not to pursue obtaining detail for the Fire/Rescue Call Log provided by the 911 Center.

Clingensmith motioned, Kirschner seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer