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CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH

September 4, 2012

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, Mitch Leech, Francis Smith, Don Clingensmith and Mayor Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci and Vickie Forbes.

Kaufman motioned, Leech seconded to accept the snow removal bid submitted by Voelker Paving Inc. Motion passed.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci reported that the pump from the pump station had been repaired by replacing a seal. The cost of the repair was \$880, and the pump was 1.5 years old. He also reported that they had been bagging sludge at the plant preparing for winter.

Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded, to accept the August 7, 2012, meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Clingensmith commented on park expenses and the expenses in the Sewage Fund. Council discussed.

Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded, to accept the submitted July 2012, Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Smith stated that RB Tree Service had revised the cost of cutting the third oak tree down in the Park. Because of complications, Mr. Burr was required to make a second trip to the Park and required the assistance of a helper. The cost was revised from \$300 to \$350.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Code Enforcement

The report from the Code Enforcement officer was reviewed which stated that Mr. Karnes had made some improvement. The property at 242 Constitution Avenue was discussed. Clingensmith suggested that a solution to the odor problem might involve getting rid of the male goat. Safety issues were discussed. Council also discussed the comments from Mr. Gigliotti concerning the retention pond on Leslie Farms and also the landscaping that was proposed as a buffer around the development and retention pond. Leech will contact Tom Thompson to get his input. Leech stated that the retention pond on Dogwood had ground hogs living in it and a tree was growing in the bank of the pond. Council also discussed the complaint concerning the demolished house in the Hidden Spring development.

NEW BUSINESS:

2013 Insurance Package

Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded to request a package for 2013 from Howard Insurance Agency. Motion passed.

Trick or Treat

Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded to have Trick or Treat night in the Borough on Wednesday, October 31, 2012, from 6-7 pm if Connoquenessing Township agrees to the same night. Motion passed.

Halloween Parade

The Fire Department will discuss hosting the Halloween Parade at their business meeting on September 11, 2012, meeting.



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Cub Scout Troop

The Cut Scout Troop will hold a meeting at the Park on Monday, September 24, 2012.

Solicitation Permit

A request has been made to put door hangers on Borough homes by a local Church. A solicitation permit will be completed and returned to the Borough.

Borough Code – Order Form

Council agreed to order two copies of the new Borough Code.

Plant Aid Clothing Recycling Box

A request was received to place a recycling bin on Borough property. Council discussed and agreed that a more appropriate location for such a box would be in one of the Church's parking lots in town.

Light-Up Night

Council discussed the offer from Lisa Brady to chair the 2013 Light-Up Night. A contact will be made with Lisa requesting she attend the October meeting with her ideas for the event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: No Report

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: Clingensmith stated that something needed to be done about the quads and dirt bikes running on the roads in the Borough. Council discussed. Leslie stated that Voelker Paving will be repairing the grate on the drain located at the corner of Constitution Avenue and Washington Street.

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: No Report

Park: Council requested that Mr. Schultheis cut the weeds on the dirt piles in the parking lot near the ball field dugout.

Leslie stated that the Church of God had agreed to allow the walking trail to cross their property. Contacts will also be made with additional property owners to get permission. He indicated that engineering costs and solicitor costs would be involved and the project should be funded with capital money.

Sewage Financial: Clingensmith questioned how many homes in the Borough had not physically tapped into the sewage system.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer