



CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 6, 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, and Mayor Harold Rader.

Also present were Dave Bocci, Della Marshall, Mittie Kaufman, Darryl Kirschner, and Vickie Forbes.

Darryl Kirchner stated he lived at 171 Main Street and questioned what classification or description was used for the area running between Main Street and Washington Street near his house. He indicated that cars occasionally travel on it, and he had concerns for children playing in this area. He also indicated that he and the neighbor had shoveled the area in the winter. If the road is a street, it needs attention. Leslie indicated that this area is Second Street, and the road committee will look at it to determine what type of work is required.

Mr. Kirchner also commented on his concern for the safety of children and pedestrians due to the speeding traffic on Main Street. Council indicated that several letters had been sent to the State Police in past years requesting that this area be given attention, especially during the hours that involve the release of students at the Vo-Tech. Council directed the Secretary/Treasurer to send another letter to the State Police requesting attention be given to the speeding vehicles on Main Street, especially during the hours students are released from the Vo-Tech.

Mittie Kaufman questioned when the warning siren at the Fire Hall would be installed. It had been three months since the issue was originally discussed.

Ms. Kaufman questioned if the Code Enforcement Officer had addressed the current complaints. Leslie indicated that a report had been submitted by the Code Enforcement Officer and would be addressed as per listed on the agenda. Ms. Kaufman mentioned that issues with other properties in the Borough needed to be addressed. Leslie stated that no complaints had been received regarding other properties.

Della Marshall thanked Council for the work that had been done to restore properties after the sidewalk installation.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci reported that information regarding the sewage plant was now being entered online to the DEP. Manhole inspections were about 25% complete. Only a few of those manholes may need minor repairs. The sewage operation is working well with no issues. Smith questioned the impact of heavy rains on the sewage system.

Leslie announced that nominations for the vacant Council position would be accepted. Mr. Kirchner stated that he would be interested in filling the position and provided information to Council about himself. Council discussed. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded, to appoint by Resolution 2011-02 Darryl Kirchner to fill the Council position until December 31, 2011. Motion passed. Mayor Rader administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Kirchner.

Leslie stated that do to the resignation of Vice President Ryan Graham, Council should appoint a Council person to fill the Vice President position. Clingensmith motioned, Kaufman seconded to appoint Francis Smith as Vice President. Motion passed.

Clingensmith motioned, Kaufman seconded, to accept the minutes from the August 2, 2011, meeting. Motion passed.



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

Clingensmith questioned the mileage rate. (Rate is paid based on information provided by the PSAB.)

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Complaints – 291 Main, 215 Main, 161 Harmony

The Secretary/Treasurer read the report as submitted by L. Lokhaiser. Council discussed actions to date and agreed to allow the process to continue. Notification is to be given to Mr. Lokhaiser to also investigate issues with 207 Connoq Main Street.

Complaint – 113 Sunset Drive

A third complaint involving 113 Sunset Drive was reviewed. Council had discussion and directed the Code Enforcement Officer to address.

RPS Mulch/TopSoil

After discussion regarding how to manage issues including location of dumpster, bags to be used, and items permitted to be placed in box, Smith motioned, Clingensmith seconded to rescind the motion to approve at the August 2, 2011, meeting. Motion passed.

Leslie stated that he had discussion with an individual about removing top soil in Leslie Farms. He indicated that most of the top soil came from the retention pond and road areas. Council discussed and requested information be obtained from the Engineer concerning the reason for the language in the ordinance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: Council asked that a letter be sent requesting representatives of the Fire Department attend the next Council meeting to address issues such as the siren, parking in front of the Fire Hall, and responses to calls.

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: PennDot will need to seal coat Main Street again before repainting the yellow line in the correct area of Main Street.

Council discussed the conditions of streets in the Borough and funding for those repairs.

Zoning/Planning: The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the Zoning Hearing Board met on September 1, 2011. New officers were appointed and meeting dates were selected for 2012.

Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to appoint Kelly Noronha as the alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion passed.

Borough Building: No Report

Park: Clingensmith reported difficulty in finding an available contractor to make repairs. Council discussed. Leslie stated that instead of repairing the rear entrance to the Borough building, additional information should be obtained to replace this entrance with a cemented walkway.



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Smith reported that some of the dead trees and branches had been taken down in the Park, but the job had not yet been completed.

Sewage Financial: Council reviewed the request by Gerald Donahue to change his sewage charge status from a multi-unit to a single unit effective with the billing in June 2011. Council discussed and concluded that the change would become effective the date of his request and no credit would be issued for past months as per the ordinance.

The Secretary/Treasurer stated that several houses would need to be posted by the end of the week for unpaid sewage bills.

NEW BUSINESS:

Snow Removal Contract

Clingensmith motioned, Kaufman seconded, to renew the snow removal contract with Voelker Paving with an agreement that pricing would be unchanged. If Voelker Paving does not agree to holding prices, the Secretary/Treasurer would bid the contract. Motion passed.

Liability / Worker's Comp Insurance for 2012

Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded, to renew the insurance coverage for 2012 with Howard Insurance Agency. Motion passed.

Trick or Treat Night/ Halloween Parade

Council decided Trick or Treat Night would be held on Monday, October 31, if that date is agreeable with Connoquenessing Township. No Halloween Parade was scheduled due to the lack of anyone to organize the event.

Resolution 2011-03 Authorized Representative

Kaufman motioned, Clingensmith seconded to adopt Resolution 2011-03 appointing Vickie Forbes as the representative of Connoquenessing Borough through whom information would be released by Berkheimer to the Borough. Motion passed.

Resolution 2011-04 Delinquent Tax Collection Fees

Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded to adopt Resolution 2011-04 approving the Cost Collection Schedule for unpaid Earned Income Tax. Motion passed.

Road Sign Reflectivity/Management Program

Council reviewed the email received indicating portions of the mandate to be rescinded. Vickie Forbes will continue to put together a sign inventory and will gather more information regarding signage materials and their reflectivity. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to have Ken Schultheis install on Main Street in the area of the new sidewalk a 25 MPH speed sign and break-away post. Motion passed.

Council discussed public water quality. Council discussed fire hydrant maintenance.

Clingensmith motioned, Kaufman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes
Borough Secretary/Treasurer