

CONNOQUENESSING BOROUGH MINUTES AUGUST 7, 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, Francis Smith, Don Clingensmith and Mayor Rader.

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

Katie Douthett stated that she was gathering information for purchasing and installing signs for both ends of Connoquenessing. Council discussed size, locations and types of signs. Ms. Douthett will continue to research and will update Council. She also stated that St. Paul's United Church of Christ would like to donate a bench to be placed along the new walking trail. Leslie indicated that the Park Committee will handle the specifications of the benches.

Della Marshall questioned the condition of the retention pond on Leslie Farms. She indicated that the weeds were high and that the pond posed a problem with mosquitoes. Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded to send a letter expressing concern and inquiring about the developer's plan to maintain the retention pond area. Motion passed.

Debra Grigorovich requested an extension to be in compliance with Ordinance 10. Ms. Grigorovich stated that she had plans to replace the fencing. Clingensmith questioned what her plan was to handle the manure from the animals. Council discussed. Smith motioned, Clingensmith seconded to allow a 45 day extension to be in compliance.

Sewage Plant Update

Dave Bocci presented a three-year plan for repairs and upgrades to the sewage plant. Kaufman questioned capacity levels, and Bocci stated that the hydraulic flow is about 20-30 thousand gallon with the design accommodating 80 thousand gallon. The organic side is about 33-50% capacity, but it has options to waste it out. Bocci acknowledged that he had pulled the older of the two pumps at the pump station because it was running at high amperage. It will be tested and evaluated for extent of repairs.

Clingensmith motioned, Kaufman seconded, to accept the July 3, 2012, meeting minutes. Motion passed.

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

Clingensmith commented on the amount paid for hydrant maintenance.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Code Enforcement

There was no report submitted by Code Enforcement officer. Council requested that a contact be made with the Code Enforcement officer to update him on the extension granted to Grigorovich and to have him inspect the Sunset Drive property and report to Council before the next meeting.

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Snow Removal Contract 2012-2013

Leslie requested that the word "sanding" on the bid sheet be changed to antiskid. Council discussed the specifics of a performance bond and elected not to require it as part of the bid. Council also discussed and concluded that the Certificate of Insurance should include one million in liability coverage.

Fiber Optic Lines/Poles-Main Street

The Secretary/Treasurer explained that an attempt had been made to file a complaint with the PUC. The website indicated that a contact should be made with the utility company. The representative from Century Link indicated that they were not their lines being installed and that anyone could put lines up on the poles. He stated that it would be costly to move their lines. He asked if the Borough was willing to share some of the cost. He indicated that with permission from his supervisor, he would work up an estimate of cost. No response had been received.

NEW BUSINESS:

Boy Scout Troop 482 - Camping in the Park

Dr. Surkosky contacted the office requesting permission for the Connoquenessing Boy Scout troop to camp in the Park a weekend in September. The boys range in age from 11 to 18 years of age and would be working on acquiring badges. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to give permission for the troop to us the Park. Motion passed.

Butler County Council of Governments

The annual report for the Butler County Council of Governments was distributed to Council members and the Mayor.

Butler County Boroughs Association - New Code

Two sessions are scheduled at the Saxonburg Borough Municipal Building on Monday, September 17, 2012, to update officials on Act 43, the new Borough Code. The Secretary/Treasurer stated she was enrolled in 10 webinars for training with Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs over the next 5 weeks.

<u>Attorney Lope E-Mail – Sewer System</u>

Council reviewed Attorney Lope's response to the inquiry on how to handle sewage billing to homes that are occupied but have had water service disconnected. Smith questioned if rental homes should be inspected for safety issues. Council discussed.

Sewage Billing - Collection Box

The Secretary/Treasurer asked if a collection box at the Borough building should be installed to accommodate sewage customers wanting to make payment locally. Council discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire: No Report

Law and Order: No Report

Streets: Council discussed the culvert at the corner of Constitution Avenue and

Washington Street. Leslie stated that a precast lip insert might resolve the issue. Smith motioned, Kaufman seconded to contact Voelker Paving to make the repair.

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Kaufman commented on the problems with the drains on Main Street. Council

discussed.

Zoning/Planning: No Report

Borough Building: No Report

Park: Smith stated that the first phase of the walking trail was complete. Leslie

acknowledged that he had contacted the property owner to the rear of the Park to see if there was interest in continuing the walking trail across that property. The owner seemed reluctant. Leslie stated that the Church of God would be approached to obtain permission to take the walking trail across their property.

Smith also stated that the third tree that had been identified to be cut down had actually cracked at the base during the last storm. Leslie stated that the tree

should be taken down as soon as possible to avoid a crisis.

Leslie stated that the house on Constitution Avenue had been posted by Butler

County.

The lower shelter needs the gutter and down spouting on the lower side cleaned and repaired and needs to have the ground rebanked up to the cement floor.

Clingensmith stated he had been unable to find the type of paint recommended for

the roof of the shelter. Leslie suggested using the silver roof paint.

Sewage Financial: There are two houses to be posted.

Clingensmith motioned, Smith seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie L. Forbes Borough Secretary/Treasurer

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