

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION
Thursday, August 14, 2014

Conyngham Borough Council met in Special Session on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 6:03 p.m. in Council Chambers, Municipal building, 215 Main Street, Conyngham, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order by Council President Gary Gregory, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, roll call was taken and the Special Meeting was called to order.

Roll Call:

Present: Fuccile, Gregory, Hawk, Jones, McKee, Schneider.

Absent: Gallagher.

Others Present: Solicitor, Secretary, Treasurer.

Absent: Mayor Carrelli.

Citizens: John Cotsack, Linda Grencavich, Maureen Susa, Carol Ference.

Public Input: None.

2015 Block Grant Application: President Gregory noted it was imperative we approve this grant application prior to Friday August 15, 2014 which is one of the reasons for this special meeting. An income qualification study was completed and submitted to the Borough engineer. Need for study was due to the fact that HUD administers to the grant and 51% must qualify as low to moderate income and there are not many areas in the Borough that qualify. The reason the downtown area qualifies is due to the renters and retired residents.

The Solicitor went on to describe the proposed \$100,000.00 Streetscape project which is in direct correlation to the Comprehensive Downtown Study previously completed by Alfred Benesch & Company. The proposal will include sidewalks, decorative crosswalks, period lighting, benches, trash receptacles and trees. The work area will be from the Post Office to Sugarloaf Avenue with two decorative crosswalks, one at Sugarloaf Avenue and one near the Post Office. The sidewalks will be of adequate width which currently they vary in width. Our engineers did the original work up however as part of the grant process the Engineering for the project will be a Request for Proposal process which includes scoring the Engineering submissions. As part of the project underground conduit can be run.

The Solicitor will be organizing a bus trip for the Freeland Business and Development Authority and Conyngham Borough Council see similar size towns that are prospering and to see how their downtown is laid out.

President Gregory advised the tight timeline for the submission. Once the application has been submitted we can have the Downtown Committee provide suggestions.

Vice President Schneider questioned percentage of likelihood grant will be funded. Solicitor replied 100%.

Councilwoman Hawk questioned fees – None.

Motion

Motion to Approve 2015 Block Grant Application for Streetscape – Gregory. Second – Schneider.

Questions on Motion – Councilman Jones Can we be turned down for the specificity of the request. Solicitor – No we qualify based on income and this is one of the applicable uses. Councilman Fuccile added the project is a good idea.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fuccile	-	Affirmative	Gallagher	-	Absent
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Hawk	-	Affirmative
Jones	-	Affirmative	McKee	-	Affirmative
Schneider	-	Affirmative			

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President Gregory would like to see project done right if possible he would like to see the utility lines removed and would like to have PPL attend a meeting.

The Solicitor advised it should be a Committee meeting.

Motion

Motion to have the Grants Committee facilitate a meeting with PPL for Streetscape Project – Gregory.
Second – Jones.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fuccile	-	Affirmative	Gallagher	-	Absent
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Hawk	-	Affirmative
Jones	-	Affirmative	McKee	-	Affirmative
Schneider	-	Affirmative			

Consideration of Appointments:

President Gregory called for an Executive Session for potential legal issues.

Motion

Motion to Call Executive Session – Jones. Second – Fuccile. Unanimous.

Executive Session began at 6:18 pm.

Meeting called back to order at 6:50 pm.

President Gregory informed the public that one of our UCC Board members passed away, Mr. William Fields. Council thanked the family for the service rendered to the Borough. He was President Gregory's neighbor and was very community oriented. A moment of silence was observed.

Motion

Motion to Advertise for UCC Board Member – Fuccile. Second – McKee.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fuccile	-	Affirmative	Gallagher	-	Absent
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Hawk	-	Affirmative
Jones	-	Affirmative	McKee	-	Affirmative
Schneider	-	Affirmative			

New Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion to Adjourn at 6:52 PM – Schneider. Second – Fuccile.

ATTEST:

Secretary 