

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 7:00 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 and the Public Hearing for Ordinance #291 Parking Ordinance began.

Public Hearing: President Gregory read the highlights of the Ordinance into the record and advised it was duly advertised and on public display at the municipal building for the required amount of time.

Public Comment: None.

Questions: None.

Public Hearing Closed

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Gallagher.

Others Present: Solicitor, Secretary, Treasurer.

Absent: Mayor Carrelli.

Citizens: Tim Ference.

Public Comment: None.

Invited Guests: President Gregory welcomed special guests Brooke Cull and Hailey Love. Councilman Jones announced the girls are the first recipients of a new Borough merit program Conyngham Kids Kudos! Councilman Jones' dog Buddy, who is blind and can't hear, got loose, and Brooke and Hailey caught him, bathed him, fed him and called the owner.

Certificates were presented by President Gregory and Councilman Jones. Councilman Jones wants to see more good deeds rewarded and encouraged parents to let the Borough know when they see one. More citizens need to be involved to form a committee.

President Gregory gave personal thanks to the girls for being shining examples to the youth of the community and advised they are tremendous role models.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Special Session, August 14, 2014, Work Session, August 14, 2014 and Regular Session, August 19, 2014 - Jones. Second - McKee. Unanimous.

Mayor: Absent. President Gregory advised a press conference was held at 6:00 pm regarding the reduced speed limit on SR 3034 from 35 mph to 25 mph. New signs were erected and the public needs to be aware that the new limits will be strictly enforced. The Police Report was read into the record. There were 46 offenses including six traffic citations, two non-traffic citations and one local Ordinance violation. The report is on file.

Treasurer: Treasurer Blasé recommended the approval of the Borough obligations and asked for a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for August which was presented at the Work Session.

Motion

Motion to Accept the Treasurer's Report for August 2014 and approve the Bills – Gregory. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Solicitor:

Motion

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 291 which amends Ordinance 275 which amended Ordinance 161 to permit parking at all times in certain locations on the east and west side of Main Street - Schneider. Second – Jones.

Questions on the Motion: None

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Authorize the Solicitor to determine status of \$80,000.00 in Borough funds held by the Conyngham Borough Authority and take all necessary action – Gregory. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The Solicitor has prepared the Loan RFP and it will be advertised October 10, 2014 and October 17, 2014 with proposals due October 28, 2014.

Motion

Motion to Advertise October 9, 2014 Work Session to be changed to Regular Session and Meeting October 21, 2014 changed to October 28, 2014 at 7:00 pm – Jones. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Valley Regional: Vice President Schneider noted on the August 2014 report there was 1 fire and rescue call; and 5 EMS calls for Conyngham Borough.

The Fire Department will be conducting training on September 17, 2014 and October 15, 2014 on the new equipment at the Southside Fire Station.

Recreation: Councilman Jones advised Christmas in Conyngham is moving forward with the tentative dates set for December 12, 2014 with a make-up date of December 13, 2014. Lacie McGowan and Charisa Reggie are very enthusiastic and energetic.

President Gregory added that a parade, ice carving, vendors and tree lighting will be highlighted. The Solicitor donated a 16' live tree to be planted for the event. Last year several hundred people attended and hopefully this year will be bigger and better.

Councilman Jones has been in contact with area businessmen regarding the gazebo reconditioning and they advised not to do anything until the spring.

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President Gregory would like to establish the Conyngham News and Views to promote the programs sponsored by the Recreation Board and CVCO as well as keep the residents up to date on Borough progress.

Councilman Jones is in the process of getting a group to make enclosed bulletin boards for the Borough.

Council reviewed the 2014 Park Program Reconciliation and discussion ensued over how to handle the excess funds. Councilwoman Hawk questioned if we can lower fees next year due to surplus. Councilman Fuccile noted it would be premature to make decisions for next year's park program.

Planning & Zoning: Mr. Pittinger has signed a waiver extending approval of his minor subdivision until December 11, 2014.

Shannon Tire needs to combine into one lot to correct an oversight by Planning. The Planning Commission can review at their October 7, 2014 meeting and the Borough can act at their October 9, 2014 meeting.

President Gregory advised that a bill has been received by Barry Isett and Associates for UCC inspection fees for Shannon Tire however to date the Borough has not received payment therefore the bill will be held until the fees are paid by Shannon.

Goliath Resolution is needed for their Sewage Facilities Planning Module. Councilwoman Hawk feels this should go before Planning first to remove the non-building waiver.

Motion

Motion to Table Goliath Resolution – Gregory. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

President Gregory had one other item under Recreation. The Borough has just received a \$500.00 check as their portion of the proceeds from the Sports Auction put together by Attorney Karpowich. Thank you to Jesse Armstead and Antonio Pierce for participating in the event and good luck on the Beltway project.

Conyngham-Sugarloaf Joint Municipal Authority: President Gregory gave an update on the status of the lawsuit stating that at this time procedural motions are being addressed. The Solicitor advised against commenting on active litigation. President Gregory went on to address what has transpired over the last six months at the Conyngham Borough Authority. Expenditures have exceeded \$250,000.00 after they have been dissolved. Attorney fees have exceeded \$140,000.00.

By a unanimous vote of Council and the Supervisors a Joint Authority has been formed and the only thing stopping it is a signature from the CBA. This is unacceptable.

The CBA has threatened to turn off the water at the municipal building, fire station and fire hydrants. This directly affects the safety and welfare of the public.

Vice President Schneider suggested a motion to establish an escrow account to put the money owed to CBA for the new Joint Authority and they can bill us.

President Gregory believes that did happen so no motion is necessary at this time.

Streets & Property: Vice President Schneider addressed the CBA utilizing the Borough building for meetings noting that originally Council was courteous to allow usage however cooperation has been nil.

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Motion

Motion to not allow CBA to utilize the Borough Building since they are no longer recognized as an entity – Schneider. Second – Jones.

Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Hawk feels anyone can ask to utilize the Borough building for meetings. President Gregory has reservations about getting into the same sand box as them. Councilman Jones stated after all the rhetoric we consider them a non-entity. How can we give them access to the building? President Gregory agreed the Borough does not recognize them therefore the motion should include that they are no longer recognized as an entity. Councilman Fuccile added that if the CBA would cooperate with an orderly transition that would be grounds for reconsideration. President Gregory noted this could all be resolved by good faith by the CBA.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Grants: 2015 Community Block grant has been submitted for Streetscape. Phase I will include period street lighting, sidewalk improvements, crosswalks and new trees from Sugarloaf Avenue to the post office.

The 2012 Community Block grant for the Comprehensive Downtown Study has been closed out.

Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant is due September 24, 2014 which would extend the Sugarloaf Avenue project.

Motion

Motion to submit Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant – Gregory. Second – Jones.

Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Hawk questioned if this was in conjunction with the ARLE grant – Yes.

No Roll Call – Unanimous.

Shade Tree: Nothing at this time.

Police Committee: Nothing at this time.

Parking Committee: Vice President Schneider will work on implementing the new parking regulations.

New Business: None.

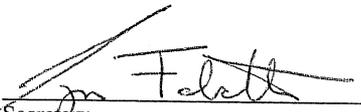
Old Business: None.

Catch-All: The Borough’s FCC License has been successfully updated to narrowband compliance.

Public Comment: None.

Motion to Adjourn @ 8:07 PM – Schneider. Second – Fuccile. Unanimous.

ATTEST:


Secretary