

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL CONTINUED SESSION
Tuesday, December 23, 2014

Conyngham Borough Council met in Continued Session on Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at 6:07 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 roll call was taken.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Schneider.

Others Present: Mayor, Solicitor, Secretary, Treasurer.

Absent: None.

Citizens: Tim Ference, Linda Grencavich, Maureen Susa.

Public Hearing: President Gregory opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 292 Establishing the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2015. The tax rate will remain at 2.83 mills. Councilwoman Hawk questioned the EIT Rate of ½% for Conyngham Borough and 1% for HASD. No Public Comment was offered. Public Hearing Closed.

Public Comment: None.

Mayor: All three officers are scheduled Sunday, December 28, 2014 for Firearms Certification. Officer Saullo will do certification and the only cost to the Borough is for his time. Councilman Gallagher questioned the Mayor if this was cleared with the Chief – Yes.

Treasurer:

Motion

Motion to Adopt the 2015 Budget – Gregory. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

President Gregory thanked all Council members who worked on the budget with no tax increase.

Motion

Motion to Approve the Bills in the Amount of \$5,823.26 – Gallagher. Second – Jones.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Solicitor:

Motion

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 292 Establishing the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2015 – Gallagher. Second – Gregory.

Questions on the Motion: None.

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The Solicitor and Treasurer reviewed the Proposals for Actuarial Services and recommend Mockenhaupt Benefits Group. The Treasurer prepared a detailed breakdown of costs which is on file and available for public inspection. Councilman Jones applauds the Treasurer for delving into the matter. Councilwoman Hawk questioned if GASB method is a necessity – Treasurer - Yes. Councilman Fuccile questioned how the rates compared to last year. The Treasurer stated they are slightly higher.

Motion

Motion to Accept the Proposal of Mockenhaupt Benefits Group to Provide Actuarial Services for the Borough for a Two Year Period – Gregory. Second – Jones.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Adopt Resolution 24 of 2014 Appointing Deputy Tax Collector Betty Jane Gasper – Gallagher. Second – Gregory.

Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Hawk questioned the term. Solicitor responded until the next election.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The Valley Regional Lease and the Addendum to the 2015/2016 Fire Services Agreement have been forwarded to Valley Regional for their review and acceptance.

The Loan RFP is still being negotiated. Next week the Solicitor and President Gregory will meet with the bank to discuss.

Motion

Motion to Advertise the Snow and Ice Sidewalk Ordinance – Fuccile. Second – McKee.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

New Business: President Gregory stated he regretfully received three resignations from the Conyngham Borough Authority effective immediately. It would be prudent for Council to replace if that is the intention of Council.

Public Comment: None.

Councilman Gallagher noted Ed Nahay was the Sugarloaf representative; Marc Eble and John Cotsack were Conyngham Borough representatives.

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President Gregory stated Council received interest from three outstanding members of the community who are exceptionally qualified.

William Genetti of Conyngham Borough would replace Marc Eble term expiring 12/31/15.
Marguerite Woelfel of Sugarloaf Township would replace Edward Nahay term expiring 12/31/16.
Anita Reber of Conyngham Borough would replace John Cotsack term expiring 12/31/17.

Councilman Gallagher added that Sugarloaf Township is in agreement with Marguerite Woelfel as their representative.

Motion

Motion to Adopt Resolution 25 of 2014 Accepting the Resignations and Appointing Members to the Conyngham Borough Authority Effective Immediately as follows:

NAME:	TERM ENDING:	TO REPLACE:
<u>William Genetti</u>	<u>December 31, 2015</u>	<u>(Marc Eble)</u>
<u>Marguerite Woelfel</u>	<u>December 31, 2016</u>	<u>(Edward Nahay)</u>
<u>Anita Reber</u>	<u>December 31, 2017</u>	<u>(John Cotsack)</u>

Motion by Gregory. Second – Hawk.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Councilman Gallagher stated the resignations were regrettably received a week ago and it is Council's duty to reappoint to maintain accountability to our citizens and rate payers.


Old Business: None.

Catch All: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion to Adjourn at 6:30 PM – Hawk. Second – Gallagher. Unanimous.

ATTEST:


Secretary