

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, February 17, 2015

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:06 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, Schneider.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Solicitor, Secretary, Treasurer.

Absent: Mayor Carrelli.

Citizens: Tim Ference.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session January 20, 2015 - Gallagher. Second - Schneider. No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Mayor: In the Mayor's absence Councilman Gallagher read the police report. The Department responded to 42 offenses, incidents and/or requests. Four traffic citations were issued and one local Ordinance citation. Report is on file.

Councilwoman Hawk questioned whether anyone has been cited for Snow/Ice Removal.

Treasurer:

Motion

Motion to Accept the January 2015 Treasurer's Report - Fuccile. Second - Hawk.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Treasurer Blasé would request a Motion to approve the list of obligations in the amount of \$56,952.96.

Motion

Motion to Approve the Bills- Jones. Second - McKee.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Close PLGIT Accounts and Transfer to General Fund Money Market - Jones. Second - Gallagher.

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Questions on the Motion: Councilman Fuccile questioned whether the Borough would lose anything by closing accounts - No.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Approve Actuarial Study for Pension Plans- Schneider. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Hawk questioned cost – minimal. Treasurer Blasé will speak with Actuary prior to commencement of study.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Authorize Office Staff to Bill Delinquent Per Capita Taxes - Gallagher. Second – Jones.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Solicitor:

Motion

Motion to Table Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collection Ordinance – Gregory. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

President Gregory stated it would be prudent to further pursue prior to advertisement.

President Gregory requested the Solicitor review the Fee Schedule with Council prior to adoption.

Motion

Motion to Adopt Resolution 4 of 2015 Fee Schedule Adoption – Gallagher. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: Councilman Fuccile questioned where renovations fall – not under zoning. Discussion ensued.

The Solicitor recommended inviting Zoning Officer Wech to a Work Session to discuss permitting process.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Award Loan RFP to FNB at 2.81% for Remainder of Term – Gregory. Second – Hawk.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The Solicitor recommended tabling Valley Regional 2015/2016 Addendum to Fire and Rescue Agreement and Lease Agreement until Valley Regional's Counsel provides review.

Motion

Motion to Table Valley Regional 2015/2016 Addendum to Fire and Rescue Agreement and Lease Agreement – Gregory. Second – Gallagher. No Roll Call. Unanimous.

The Solicitor has prepared a Draft Snow Ban Ordinance revision which clearly defines when the ban is in effect, vehicles affected, establishment of a snow emergency route, states where parking is prohibited, posting requirements, enforcement and penalties for violation. Council will review at next Work Session.

The Solicitor recommended advertising RFP for Engineering Services for the Brookhill Stream Crossing. Once a proposal has been established the Borough, Brookhill Association and Sugarloaf Township can apply for a grant to facilitate necessary repairs.

Public Comment: None.

Motion

Motion to have Solicitor Prepare RFP for Engineering Services for the Brookhill Stream Crossing Repair – Gregory. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Valley Regional: Conyngham had five (5) Fire and Rescue and thirteen (13) EMS calls for the month of January.

Recreation:

Motion

Motion to Approve Boy Scouts of America Day Camp August 3– August 7, 2015 – Jones. Second – Schneider. No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Approve Valley West Little League Requests as Outlined Below – Jones. Second – Fuccile. No Roll Call. Unanimous.

VWLL Field Use & Storage Shed Request
 VWLL Improvement of Existing Infield
 VWLL Installation of New Batting Cage
 VWLL Purchase of Video Surveillance Equipment

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Motion

Motion to Approve Posting of Sign Pets Prohibited on Little League Field – Jones. Second – Fuccile. No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Councilwoman Hawk questioned whether Valley West Little League is assuming cost of sign – Yes.

Solicitor recommended establishing Comprehensive Park Rules.

Motion

Motion to Purchase Nine (9) Gazebo Banners at a Cost of \$50.00 Each – Schneider. Second - Jones. No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Vice President Schneider would like to ensure banners are ready for Memorial Day.

Planning & Zoning:

Motion

Motion to Table Pittinger Minor Subdivision – Gregory. Second – Hawk. No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Reappoint Robert Hoppy to a Five (5) Year Term Ending 12/31/19 UCC Appeal Board via Resolution 5 of 2015 – Hawk. Second – Gregory.

Councilman Jones advised Mr. Hoppy is happy to continue to serve.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Conyngham-Sugarloaf Joint Municipal Authority: Councilman Gallagher stated the Authority is up and running. Next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 25th @ 7:00 pm at Conyngham.

Streets & Property:

Motion

Motion to Approve Building Requests of the Historical Society and Valley West Little League – Gregory. Second – Schneider. No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Approve Proposed School Lane Parking Lot Planning with Engineering – Schneider. Second – Fuccile.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Approve Cleaning Services by Knecht's Janitorial Service Once/Week @ \$50.00 Per Week at Will – Fuccile. Second – Gregory.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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Motion

Motion to Approve Freeland Salt Request of 50 Ton at Cost – Fuccile. Second – Jones.

Councilman Fuccile explained entire process has been approved by Penn Dot and transaction will be properly documented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Advertise for Part Time Street Department Help – Gregory. Second – Jones.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Barry Isett & Associates are preparing roof specs for 245 Main Street under the LSA Grant with costs not to exceed grant administration fees. Councilman Gallagher discussed the design options considered.

Penn Dot will be conducting traffic counting in the Borough on Birch Street.

Grants: Councilman Gallagher advised they are moving forward with the Banner Committee which consists of representatives from Valley Vets, CVCO with Deborah Santangelo as representative, Historical Society, Recreation Board and the Downtown Committee.

Shade Tree:

Motion

Motion to Reappoint Jacquelyn Bonomo to a Three (3) Year Term Ending 12/31/17 via Resolution 6 of 2015– Jones. Second - Schneider.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

COG: Next meeting February 20, 2015 @ 8:00 am. Councilman Jones will attend.

Police Committee: Eleven (11) applications were received for the part time position. The Chief is reviewing applications and interviews will be scheduled.

New Business: Butler Township has received a grant for recycling bins. Conyngham Borough will have bins available at the office for pick up by residents. An article will appear in the Community News.

Old Business: Councilwoman Hawk questioned whether subpoenas have been issued. Councilman Fuccile questioned as well since Borough funds are involved. Discussion ensued.

Motion

Motion to Move to Executive Session Regarding Litigation @ 8:10 pm – Gallagher. Second – Hawk. No Roll Call. Unanimous.

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Meeting resumed @ 8:25 pm.

Motion

Motion to Authorize Solicitor to Issue Subpoena to Louis Rizzo to Attend Hearing & to Produce Documentation on February 27th @ 6:00 pm Following Continued Meeting – Gallagher. Second – Hawk.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

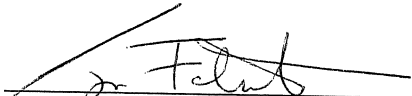
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Jones	-	Affirmative	McKee	-	Affirmative
Schneider	-	Affirmative			

Catch-All: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion to Continue Meeting to February 27, 2015 @ 6:00 pm - Gregory. Second – Jones. No Roll Call. Unanimous.

ATTEST:



Secretary