

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, April 21, 2015

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 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 roll call was taken.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: McKee.

Others Present: Mayor, Solicitor, Secretary, Treasurer.

Absent: None.

Citizens: Tim Ference, Linda Grencavich, Maureen Susa, John Cotsack, Betty Marushin, Joseph Marushin, Liz Starrick, Kathy King, Marty King, Joseph Marushin, Shane Pettit, Kelly Pettit, Ray Croker.

Public Comment: None.

Swearing In of Junior Councilmen: Mayor Carrelli swore in Junior Councilmen Benjamin Oswald and Joseph Marushin. Vice President Schneider welcomed them and directed them to their designated seats and presented their name plates.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session March 17, 2015 & Continued Session March 31, 2015 - Jones. Second - Fuccile.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Mayor: The Department responded to 45 offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of March. Three traffic citations were issued and one local Ordinance citation. Report is on file.

Treasurer: Treasurer Blasé reviewed the March report in detail. A copy of the report is available for public inspection and is on file.

Motion

Motion to Accept the March 2015 Treasurer's Report - Gregory. Second – Jones.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Treasurer Blasé would request a Motion to approve the list of obligations in the amount of \$68,955.24.

Motion

Motion to Approve the Bills- Schneider. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fuccile	-	Affirmative	Gallagher	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Hawk	-	Affirmative

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Jones - Affirmative McKee - Absent
Schneider - Affirmative

Solicitor: The Solicitor read into the record the duly advertised proposed Snow Ban Ordinance. The Ordinance is on file and available for public inspection.

Motion

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 294 Snow Ban Ordinance – Fuccile. Second – Hawk.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Bid opening was held Friday, April 17, 2015 at 10:00 am by Barry Isett & Associates at the Borough Building. The Solicitor would prefer Council to open future bids at Council meetings. The Solicitor noted a fourth bid was received after the 10:00 am opening.

The Solicitor read the bid results for the **Municipal Building Roof Replacement** prepared by Barry Isett & Associates into the record as follows:

T.G.W. Corporation - \$79,000.00
Budget Renovations & Roofing Inc - \$126,145.00
JB Roofing Systems - \$135,375.00

The Bids are on file and available for public inspection.

Motion

Motion to Award Roof Replacement Bid to T.G.W. Corporation - Schneider. Second – Jones.

Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Hawk questioned who authorized Barry Isett to open bids.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The By Laws are being drafted and Council will review at the next meeting.

Valley Regional: Conyngham had two (2) Fire and Rescue and seven (7) EMS calls for the month of March.

Recreation: Brady Pettit was presented with a Kids Kudos award. Brady was nominated by Kathy & Marty King who were in attendance. The Kings recommendation was read into the record and is on file. Brady is the third recipient of this award. President Gregory commended Brady for being a shining example to the community.

Motion

Motion to Approve the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony – Gregory. Second – Schneider. No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Hire Christina Merrick as Assistant Park Program Director – Jones. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Hawk questioned whether Ms. Merrick was in attendance – No.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fuccile - Affirmative Gallagher - Affirmative

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Gregory	-	Affirmative	Hawk	-	Affirmative
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Schneider	-	Affirmative			

Planning & Zoning: Councilwoman Hawk explained the feral cat spay/neuter program. Council will continue the program for 2015 up to the budgeted amount.

Conyngham-Sugarloaf Joint Municipal Authority: A letter was received from Sugarloaf Township indicating they support the Joint Authority's preparation of a Task Activity Report (TAR) for submission to DEP. The Joint Authority is in favor as well. Once DEP approves the TAR the Act 537 Plan can move forward. Grants are available however they must be submitted by June 30, 2015.

Streets & Property: The Committee will meet with Franzosa Trucking, Inc. on April 30, 2015 to discuss quote provided.

Motion

Motion to Approve Energy Technology Quote in the Amount of \$225.00 – Fuccile. Second – Gregory.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Grants: WREN Grant in cooperation with the Friends of the Nescopeck will hold two clinics – one May 9th "Using Rainwater to Beautify your Property while Protecting your Neighbors Property" and one May 30th for rain gardens used in landscaping and planting at the Borough building.

The C2P2 Grant has been submitted last week for the Recreational Master Plan. Nine letters of support were received for the project.

The TreeVitalize Grant has been awarded to the Borough.

The LSA Grants should be awarded May 13, 2015.

The LC Community Development Block Grant should be awarded soon.

Members of Council will be attending seminars regarding Dirt, Gravel & Low Volume Roads Maintenance Programs and the grant funding available.

Shade Tree:

Motion

Motion to Accept with Regret the Resignation of Jacquelyn Bonomo from the Shade Tree Commission – Gregory. Second – Jones.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Anyone interested in serving on the Shade Tree Commission was asked to contact the Borough office.

Tree Vitalize planting will take place May 2nd at Whispering Willows Park. Volunteers are needed to plant sixteen (16) trees.

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COG: Randy Gross from Auctions R Us attended last COG meeting to plan for June 20, 2015 Annual MCOG Auction. Department heads were urged to look for any unused equipment/supplies to place for sale.

Police Committee: President Gregory explained the need to re-advertise for part time police due to the recent hire taking a position elsewhere. He also requested the advertisement be combined with Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement position in order to save on advertising costs.

Motion

Motion to Advertise for Part Time Police and Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement - Gregory. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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Gregory	-	Affirmative	Hawk	-	Affirmative
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New Business:

Motion

Motion to Refund Peters Realty Transfer Tax in the Amount of \$318.50 - Gregory. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Fuccile	-	Affirmative	Gallagher	-	Affirmative
Gregory	-	Affirmative	Hawk	-	Affirmative
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The Solicitor recommended Council table motion to approve Janney Investment Policy Statement until Financial Advisor can explain changes to Council.

Motion

Motion to Table Janney Investment Policy Statement - Gregory. Second – Schneider. No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Old Business: Councilman Jones stated the Whispering Willows Garden Club is in need of members.

Councilman Gallagher provided an update on the Banner Program.

President Gregory requested an update from the Engineer for Brookhill and recommended the possibility of them utilizing a Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil Integrated Bridge System.

Communications Upgrade is being contemplated for Council Chambers with the potential of holding fundraiser to cover costs.

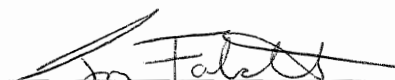
Catch-All: Vice President Schneider congratulated the new Junior Councilmen.

Public Comment: Shane Pettit of Valley Regional volunteered to assist with traffic control for the Memorial Day Parade.

Council will hold an Executive Session at the conclusion of the meeting regarding litigation.

Motion to Adjourn @ 8:15 pm - Jones. Second – Fuccile. No Roll Call. Unanimous.

ATTEST:


Secretary