

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Thursday, May 14, 2015

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 7:01 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, Junior Councilmen Oswald & Marushin.

Absent: Mayor.

Citizens: Carol Ference, Thomas Licurgo, Eugene Conrady.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session April 21, 2015- Jones. Second - Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Mayor: Absent. No Police Report provided.

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

Motion

Motion to Accept the April 2015 Treasurer’s Report - Gregory. Second – Schneider.

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 \$47,492.96.

President Gregory requested Council take a moment and review bills for approval.

Motion

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

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Solicitor: The Solicitor reviewed Resolution 9 of 2015 adopting By-Laws governing Borough Council. The Resolution is on file and available for public inspection.

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Motion

Motion to Approve Resolution 9 of 2015 Adopting Council By- Laws- Gallagher. Second – Gregory.

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 two (2) Fire and Rescue calls and zero (0) EMS calls for the month of April.

Recreation: Potential locations for the Borough Bulletin Boards were discussed.

Motion

Motion to Erect Park Bulletin Board by Flag – Gregory. Second – McKee. No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Erect Borough Bulletin Board to Left of Borough Sign – Schneider. Second – Gallagher. No Roll Call. Unanimous.

The Recreation Committee recommended Council advertise for a Seasonal Part Time Park Maintenance Employee. The job description was read into the record and is available for public inspection.

Motion

Motion to advertise in the Conyngham News for a Seasonal Park Maintenance Employee at a rate of \$9.00/hr, twenty (20) hours per week – Gregory. Second – Hawk. No Roll Call. Unanimous.

The Park Program Committee is in the process of completing interviews for the Aide positions and request the Council meeting be continued in order to facilitate hiring of employees in adequate time to apply for all necessary clearances.

Junior Councilmen: Junior Councilman Oswald is looking forward to the Memorial Day Parade & Ceremonies and encouraged the public to attend.

Junior Councilman Marushin questioned the park grounds maintenance and noted the basketball courts need repair.

Discussion ensued on encouraging youth groups, scouts and the Ecology Club to take an active role.

President Gregory advised Councilman Fuccile will be the Chairman of the newly created Building and Grounds Committee.

Planning & Zoning: Several applications have been received for the Zoning/Code Enforcement position. Interviews will be scheduled. Verizon has indicated a renewed interest in pursuing cell tower negotiations with the Borough. Field meetings will be held.

Conyngham-Sugarloaf Joint Municipal Authority: Entech Engineering is actively pursuing the Task Activity Report necessary to resubmit the Act 537 however the project will be on hold until dissolution occurs.

Streets & Property: President Gregory has been working with Freeland Borough on contracting with Pocono Spraypatching, Inc. at a cost of \$2,000.00 for 6 ton and a one (1) year warranty.

Motion

Motion to Approve Pocono Spraypatching, Inc. up to \$10,000.00 with Payment from State Aid Fund – Gregory. Second – Hawk.

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Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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Gregory	-	Affirmative	Hawk	-	Affirmative
Jones	-	Affirmative	McKee	-	Affirmative
Schneider	-	Affirmative			

Motion

Motion to Allow Solicitor to Prepare and Advertise Bid Package for Paving Lissa Lane – Fuccile.
Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Grants: Rain Barrel seminar was held. Additional barrels will be installed at the Borough and the park. A work session will be held on May 30th for installation of rain gardens. Volunteers are needed for installation.

LSA Grants will not be awarded until July.

Growing Greener Grant is available for stream work. Deadline for application is July 15th.

Shade Tree: Sixteen trees and one donated cherry tree have been planted in conjunction with the TreeVitalize Grant. Next phase is mulch.

COG: Annual Municipal Auction to be held June 20th. Next COG meeting to be held Friday, May 15th at 8:00 am.

Police Committee: Several applications have been received for the part time position. Interviews will be conducted.

New Business: Borough Council will discuss potential for acquiring additional land for Whispering Willows.

Old Business: Discussion ensued regarding the parking lot to be constructed in the rear of the building. Council will look into honeycomb material to create pervious parking.


Catch-All: Live Well Luzerne County listed Bishop Trail as a site for the KAZ Passport program. Handouts for the program are available at the Borough office. Councilman Fuccile stated Council is waiting for a grant to repair Edge Trail.

Public Comment: None.

Council held an Executive Session prior to the meeting regarding personnel.

Motion to Continue Meeting to Tuesday, May 26, 2015 @ 7:00 pm - Gregory. Second – Fuccile. No Roll Call. Unanimous.

ATTEST:



Secretary