

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday September 15, 2015

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 7:02 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, Gregory, Hawk, McKee.

Absent: Gallagher, Jones, Schneider.

Others Present: Solicitor, Secretary, Treasurer, Junior Councilman Oswald.

Absent: Mayor, Junior Councilman Marushin.

Citizens: Rich Grencavich, Tim Ference.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session August 18, 2015 - Fuccile. Second - Hawk.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Junior Councilmen: School is back in session.

Mayor: Absent. President Gregory read the Police report into the record. The Department responded to 60 offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of August. Four (4) traffic citations were issued, six (6) non-traffic citations and seven (7) local Ordinance citations. Report is on file.

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

Motion

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

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Treasurer Blasé would request a Motion to approve the list of obligations in the amount of \$73,342.37.

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

Motion

Motion to Approve the Bills- Fuccile. Second – McKee.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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Treasurer Blasé reviewed the 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police & Non-Uniformed Pension Plans in detail at the Work Session.

Motion

Motion to Approve the 2016 MMO's - Hawk. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Solicitor: The Solicitor read into the record the following RFP for Engineering Services received for the Luzerne County Community Development Block Grant Streetscape Project:

ARRO
RKR Hess
Schumacher Engineering
Peters Consultants Inc
Drive Engineering Corp
Reuther & Bowen
Barry Isett & Associates
McMahon Associates Inc
Reilly Associates
Alfred Benesch & Company

Council will score and select an engineer to negotiate a contract with at the next work session in order for a full complement of the Board to be present since the engineer selected will likely work on the Sugarloaf Avenue project as well.

Motion

Motion to Table Adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code - Fuccile. Second – Hawk.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to RFP Borough Insurance - McKee. Second - Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Approve Penn DOT Winter Service Agreement & Resolution 16 of 2015 Naming Designated Signer of Agreement as Gary Gregory, President - Hawk. Second - Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Discussion ensued regarding the outstanding Hayden invoice in the amount of \$ 8,034.49 for work completed on the Borough section of the CBA building at 245 Main Street. The Solicitor

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recommends paying the invoice contingent upon inspection by Barry Isett & Associates to ensure work was completed correctly.

President Gregory stated service was provided by the Contractor however not the engineer. Peters Engineering did work in 2014 that was never authorized by Borough Council.

Motion

Motion to Approve Payment of Hayden Invoice in the Amount of \$8,034.49 Pending Engineer Inspection and Approval - Hawk. Second – McKee.

Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Hawk questioned if this invoice was to be split 50/50 by CBA. Councilman Fuccile responded – No, only the common areas were to be split 50/50.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

President Gregory predicated his vote with it being publicly noted that the contractor completed work in good faith. This contract was provided through the Conyngham Borough Authority and was administered by them through \$80,000.00 escrow of Borough funds. \$19,000.00 of unused escrow was returned to the Borough without making payment on the outstanding Hayden invoice. There was gross mismanagement by the CBA and Peters Engineering.

Council discussed amending the Renters Ordinance from semi-annual reporting to annual reporting to lessen the burden on the citizens.

Motion

Motion to Advertise Amendment to Renters Ordinance - Fuccile. Second – Hawk.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Discussion ensued regarding the Waste Container Ordinance and amending it to put the burden of obtaining permit on the homeowner/tenant as opposed to hauler.

Motion

Motion to Advertise Amendment to Waste Container Ordinance - Fuccile. Second – McKee.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Fire, Rescue & EMA: Conyngham had no (0) Fire and Rescue call and twelve (12) EMS calls for the month of August.

Councilman McKee discussed upcoming drills and paperwork sent out for residents needing assistance in the event of an emergency.

Recreation:

Motion

Motion to Approve CVCO Halloween Parade Sunday October 25th with line up at 1:30 pm and Parade at 2:00 pm - Fuccile. Second – Hawk.

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Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Planning & Zoning: Nothing at this time.

Department of Public Works:

Motion

Motion to Approve Covered Wagon Quote of \$610.00 to Service M60KW Mower - McKee. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Thursday the DPW employees will be attending an open house at Powell's Sales & Service for outdoor equipment and road maintenance.

Buildings & Grounds:

Motion

Motion to Accept Quote from S&J Seal King in the amount of \$2,310.00 to Seal & Line Borough Parking Lots - Fuccile. Second – McKee.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Arrangements have been made for Conyngham Borough to host a course in Zoning Administration through PMPEI to be held at the Borough for three consecutive Saturdays in November. The course is for Appointed and Elected Officials, Zoning Hearing Boards, Planning Commissions and Zoning Officers and is open to all surrounding municipalities.

Motion

Motion to Approve Building Use for Zoning Course November 7th, 14th & 21st from 9:00 am to 12:20 pm- Hawk. Second – McKee.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Grants: The Borough is currently working on RFP's for Sugarloaf Avenue and Streetscape.

Police:

Motion

Motion to Approve Standard Police Uniforms to be Dress Black- Fuccile. Second – Gregory.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Authorize Purchase of Gun Safe Not to Exceed \$350.00- Fuccile. Second – McKee.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

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Finance: Treasurer will provide first draft of 2016 Budget.

Personnel: Nothing at this time.

New Business: None.

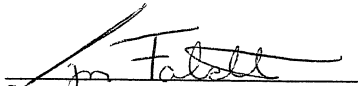
Old Business: None.

Catch-All: President Gregory advised residents the DPW will be collecting tires from Borough residents for the upcoming Free Tire Recycling to be held on October 3rd at the Butler Township Firehouse. For more information or to arrange pick up please contact the Borough office.

Public Comment: None.

Motion to Adjourn @ 8:04 pm - Hawk. Second – Fuccile. No Roll Call. Unanimous.

ATTEST:


Secretary