

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday October 20, 2015

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 20, 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: Solicitor, Secretary, Treasurer, Junior Councilman Oswald.

Absent: Mayor, Junior Councilman Marushin.

Citizens: Linda Grencavich, Richie Grencavich, Deborah Santangelo.

Public Comment: Linda Grencavich stated Officer Shelak should be made full time.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session September 15, 2015 - Gallagher. Second - Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Invited Guest: Joseph Clifford, C Group Energy Services, LLC prepared a Power Point presentation which he shared with Council regarding the upcoming expiration of our Energy contract with Nextera Energy. The current proposal is with GDF Suez Energy at .05382/kwh for 24 months resulting in an annual savings of \$700.00. Mr. Clifford will also investigate the possibility of PPL Electric Utilities installing LED lighting for the Borough street lights.

Motion

Motion to Approve Contract with GDF Suez Energy Resources NA, Inc from January 1, 2016 through January 31, 2018 - Jones. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Hawk questioned the breakdown of transmission versus generation charges.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Junior Councilmen: Nothing at this time.

Mayor: Absent. President Gregory read the Police report into the record. The Department responded to 40 offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of September. Seven (7) traffic citations were issued and four (4) local Ordinance citations. Report is on file.

Treasurer: Treasurer Blasé reviewed the September 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 September 2015 Treasurer's Report - Schneider. Second – Jones.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

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Treasurer Blasé would request a Motion to approve the list of obligations in the amount of \$156,557.68.

Motion

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

Council broke into Executive Session for potential litigation at 7:15 PM.

Council returned at 7:42 PM and advised Executive Session covered potential litigation and personnel.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Solicitor: Council has reviewed and ranked the Engineering RFP. Alfred Benesch and Company was highest ranked with a total score of 32.7.

Motion

Motion to Award Engineering Contract for Community Development Block Grant Street Scape Main Street Project to Highest Ranked Engineer Alfred Benesch & Company - 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			

The Solicitor read into the record the following RFP for Insurance Bids:

Brown & Brown - \$22,080.00
EHD - \$31,163.00
Dryfoos Agency - \$36,883.00
National Penn Insurance - \$30,896.00

Motion

Motion to Award Insurance Bid to Brown & Brown Pending Solicitor Review - Jones. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Reject Terrorism Insurance Coverage - Gregory. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

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Motion

Motion to Adopt Ordinance #296 Amending Ordinance #295 Waste Container Ordinance - Gallagher.
 Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Adopt Ordinance #297 Amending Ordinance #242 Renters Ordinance - Gregory. Second – Hawk.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Adopt Resolution 17 of 2015 Adopting Luzerne County 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update - Schneider. Second – Jones.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The Solicitor advised meetings were held with the owners of Smith Drive and his recommendation to Council is to undertake an engineering review to determine cost to bring road up to specifications in order to dedicate road to the Borough. With an engineering study a grant proposal can be submitted for the cost of work.

Motion

Motion to Obtain a Proposal to Prepare an Engineering Study on Smith Drive to bring it up to Specifications from Donald Totino, PE - Gregory. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Fire, Rescue & EMA: Conyngham had one (1) Fire and Rescue call and three (3) EMS calls for the month of September.

Recreation:

Motion

Motion to Purchase 20 Vinyl Seasons Greeting Banners @ \$40.00 each - Schneider. Second – Jones.

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Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Pumpkin decorating was a success.

Planning & Zoning: Mainview Sewage Facilities Planning Module needs to be approved by Planning Commission.

Zoning Hearing will be held October 29th @ 7:30 PM regarding 46 Myers Avenue.

Department of Public Works:

Motion

Motion to Accept with Regret the Resignation of Ransom Young - Gregory. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Mr. Young has accepted a position with Penn DOT. He was thanked for his service to the Borough.

Motion

Motion to Hire Bob Babenko as DPW Foreman at a Rate of \$17.75/Hr plus Benefits Conditioned Upon Solicitor Preparing Contract- Fuccile. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The new Foreman will meet with current Foreman this week for a seamless transition.

Crack Sealing has been completed in 90% of the Borough including the basketball courts at Whispering Willows.

Motion

Motion to Approve Employees & Council Liaison to Attend Flagger Course November 9th - Schneider. Second – Gregory.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Buildings & Grounds: The Committee is in the process of ordering stars for the Borough Christmas trees as well as addressing electric concerns for outdoor events.

Grants: A work session with the Engineer was held prior to this evening's Council meeting to prepare for upcoming grant submissions. The Borough is currently waiting to hear on numerous grant applications submitted.

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Police: Councilman Fuccile recommended to Council to change the status of Officer Shelak from Part Time to Full Time in order to provide stability to the Department.

Motion

Motion to Change the Status of Officer Shelak to Full Time with Benefits Effective January 1, 2016 – Fuccile. Second – Jones.

Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Hawk questioned the need for a Civil Service Commission which President Gregory duly noted.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

President Gregory welcomed the opportunity to add another full time officer to the roster.

Motion

Motion to Advertise for Part Time Officer – Fuccile. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

Public Comment: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Allow Solicitor to Draft Ordinance for Civil Service Commission Effective January 1, 2016 – Gallagher. Second – Jones.

Questions on the Motion: None.

Public Comment: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Finance: Preparations for the 2016 Budget have begun.

Motion

Motion to Advertise for Two (2) Budget Work Sessions - Gregory. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Personnel: Nothing at this time.

COG: Vice President Schneider recommended Council buy in to COG Crack Sealer.

Motion

Motion to Buy In to COG Crack Sealer at a Cost of \$700.00 - Schneider. Second – Fuccile.

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Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Hawk questioned weekly rental cost - \$400.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Vice President Schneider advised COG will be electing a new President and Vice President next month.

New Business: None.


Old Business: None.

Catch-All: None.

Public Comment: Richie Grencavich questioned if the Street Department will have part time employees for snow plowing.

Motion to Adjourn @ 8:43 pm - Fuccile. Second – Jones. No Roll Call. Unanimous.

ATTEST:


Secretary