

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 7:04 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, Jones, McKee, Schneider.

Absent: Hawk.

Others Present: Mayor, Solicitor, Secretary, Treasurer.

Absent: None.

Citizens: Linda Grencavich, Tim Ference, Dolores Brosk.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session December 8, 2016 - Jones. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Mayor: The Department responded to 45 offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of November. One (1) criminal arrest was made, two (2) traffic citations were issued and two (2) local Ordinance citations. Report is on file.

Treasurer: Treasurer Blasé requested a Motion to approve the list of obligations in the amount of \$11,129.57.

Motion

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

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Adopt 2017 Budget - Fuccile. Second – McKee.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Solicitor:

Motion

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 303 Establishing the Tax Rate for 2017 - Jones. Second – Gallagher.

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Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

President Gregory noted the budget is balanced with no tax increase. He thanked the staff and Council for their efforts in keeping costs down.

Motion

Motion to Approve LC CDBG Certification Request for Payment # 6 for \$ 49,452.32 - Gallagher. Second – McKee.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion

Motion to Approve Multimodal Grant Drawdown #1 for Brookhill Paving Project for \$242,866.39 – 70% CFA Multimodal Grant & 30% Borough Funds - Fuccile. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

President Gregory noted project is substantially complete and thanked Reilly & Associates for the quick turnaround.

Fire, Rescue & EMA: Nothing at this time.

Recreation: Christmas in Conyngham was a success. The parade went well and the indoor vendors were very grateful. Christmas in Conyngham Classic 5K and walk raised \$1,700.00 for recreation.

Planning & Zoning: Nothing at this time.

Department of Public Works:

Motion

Motion to Purchase Used Box for 2004 Truck- Gregory. Second – McKee.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Councilman Fuccile thanked the Department of Public Works for all their in-house work. Main Street Streetscape complete. Sugarloaf Avenue Sidewalk Project to commence spring 2017.

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Buildings & Grounds:

Motion

Motion to Approve 2017 Building Use Brookhill Association; Have Yarn Will Knit; Historic Brainerd Church; Friends of the Nescopeck - Fuccile. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Motion

Motion to Approve Energy Technologies, Inc. Preventative Maintenance Agreement for \$715.00 - Fuccile. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Grants: Conyngham Borough has received over \$1,000,000.00 in grant funding since the current Council has been in office.

Last week Councilman Gallagher received a phone call from Senator Gordner with good news. The Borough received \$39,500.00 in C2P2 grant funds for Nature Park upgrades which will provide a pavilion and low impact restroom facilities. The second dose of good news provides the Borough \$133,000.00 in C2P2 grant funds for land acquisition to purchase the 11 acre George parcel. The Engineer can now incorporate the 11 acre parcel in the Borough's Master Plan.

President Gregory noted that the Verizon Cell Tower lease will provide the Borough with an additional \$900.00/month to be utilized for recreation purposes.

Police: Conyngham Borough Full Time Police Officers have not signed the Collective Bargaining Agreement to date however in good faith the Borough would like to approve the agreement pending the Police Officers' signatures by December 31, 2016.

Motion

Motion to Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Conyngham Borough and Conyngham Borough Full Time Police Officers 1/1/17 – 12/31/20 Pending Police Officers' Signatures by 12/31/16 - Fuccile. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Mayor Carrelli requested a formal letter be provided to the Police with a copy of the proposed contract. President Gregory will facilitate the Mayor's request.

New Business:

Motion

Motion to Advertise 2017 Meeting Schedule - Gregory. Second – Jones.

Questions on the Motion: None.

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Old Business: Vice President Schneider asked for clarification on the security camera purchase since it did not stipulate a contractor only dollar amount. Councilman Gallagher stated it was the low bidder Rich Radler and once a final proposal/contract has been submitted Council can act on it at that time.

Councilman Gallagher also noted the benefit of security cameras after an incident where someone hit the gate at the CSJMA sewer plant.

Catch-All: None.

Public Comment: Tim Ference on behalf of the Friends of the Nescopeck thanked Council for use of the Borough hall. He has been in contact with the Engineer regarding the Master Plan as well.

Dolores Brosk requested Council pass an Ordinance stating no winter maintenance will be provided on Sugarloaf Avenue for Liberty Place residents due to the unique situation of the sidewalk being situated in the rear of their properties. The Solicitor advised no such Ordinance can be drafted since the liability still exists. Councilman Fuccile requested the Solicitor draft a legal opinion so Council can provide it to the residents.

President Gregory advised the sidewalk installation is for the safety of the community.

Councilman Fuccile lives on Sugarloaf Avenue and every summer witnesses children walking under dangerous conditions. He is sorry for the inconvenience however it is for the betterment of the residents' safety as well as alleviating water problems.

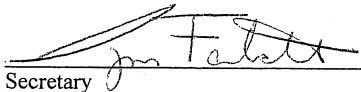
Vice President Schneider suggested looking for volunteers for snow removal such as the Boy Scouts.

Mrs. Brosk also requested the snow plow drivers to push snow past her mail box and into the ditch.

Motion to Adjourn @ 7:45pm – Schneider. Second – Gallagher.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

ATTEST:


Secretary