

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION  
Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 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, Gallagher, Gregory, Hawk (Late), Jones, McKee, Schneider.

**Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** Mayor, Solicitor, Secretary, Treasurer.

**Absent:** None.

**Citizens:** Robert Machy, Tim Ference, Jean Bartos, Frederick J. Bartos, Todd Smith.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session January 17, 2017 - Jones. Second – Gallagher.

**Questions on the Motion:** None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

**Mayor:** The Department responded to 51 offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of January. Two (2) traffic citations and five (5) local Ordinance citations were issued. Report is on file. The Mayor provided Council with a breakdown of the incidents.

**Treasurer:** The January report was reviewed 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 January 2017 Treasurer’s Report – 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			

Treasurer Blasé requested a Motion to approve the list of obligations in the amount of \$79,309.12.

**Motion**

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

**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 Frey & Co. to Audit LSA Grant 245 Main Street at a Cost of \$1,750.00 – Gregory. Second – McKee.

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Questions on the Motion: None.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>Fuccile</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>	<b>Gallagher</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>
<b>Gregory</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>	<b>Hawk</b>	-	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Jones</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>	<b>McKee</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>
<b>Schneider</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>			

Treasurer Blasé reviewed proposals received from Tri-County Business Machines and Bodnar Sales and Service for a color copier to be shared between administrative staff and the police department. The lowest quote received was from Bodnar Sales and Service. Quotes are on file and available for review.

Motion

Motion to Approve Bodnar Sales & Service 60 Month Lease \$54.14 per Month Pending Police Approval - Fuccile. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>Fuccile</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>	<b>Gallagher</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>
<b>Gregory</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>	<b>Hawk</b>	-	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Jones</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>	<b>McKee</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>
<b>Schneider</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>			

If unacceptable to Police, Council would like to consider alternative option to purchase desktop color printer for the Police Department.

Motion

Motion to Approve Printer Purchase Not to Exceed \$800.00 - Fuccile. Second – Jones.

Questions on the Motion: None.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>Fuccile</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>	<b>Gallagher</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>
<b>Gregory</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>	<b>Hawk</b>	-	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Jones</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>	<b>McKee</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>
<b>Schneider</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>			

Councilwoman Hawk arrived at 7:25 pm.

Invited Guest: Robert Machy & Todd Smith from Valley Regional Fire West provided the January report to Council. Five (5) Fire, Rescue and EMS calls occurred in Conyngham during January. 31 volunteers responded for the month. Discussion ensued regarding garage bay door replacement at the Conyngham Fire Station. Valley Regional entered into a contract however President Gregory stated Fire Chief Matt Balliet met with the Fire, Rescue & EMA Committee and they advised that the Borough's Service Agreement with Valley Regional was due to expire 12/31/17 and no actions were to be taken until there is resolution to new agreement.

Solicitor:

Motion

Motion to Approve Resolution 7 of 2017 Eliminating Police Officer Contributions to Pension Plan for Years 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017 - Fuccile. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>Fuccile</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>	<b>Gallagher</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>
<b>Gregory</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>	<b>Hawk</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>
<b>Jones</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>	<b>McKee</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>
<b>Schneider</b>	-	<b>Affirmative</b>			

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Motion

Motion to Approve Preparation & Advertising of Police Pension Ordinance with Act 600 Compliance - Gregory. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Hawk questioned advertising prior to Council review.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

Motion

Motion to Approve George Addendum to Agreement of Sale Negotiated Privately Consistent with Discussion Held in Executive Session - Fuccile. Second – Jones.

Questions on the Motion: None.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

Prior to the meeting the Solicitor met with the Zoning Officer regarding the Zoning map. The large map with GIS overlay is easier to identify properties however there are subtle differences between that map and adopted zoning map. The Solicitor recommended Council motion to advertise Ordinance adopting LC Assessor’s Office map to replace current adopted zoning map.

Discussion ensued regarding differences. The Planning & Zoning Committee will meet with the Zoning Officer to discuss further. The Zoning Officer will be advised to use current adopted map to determine zoning of parcels.

Fire, Rescue & EMA: Covered under Invited Guest.

Recreation:

Motion

Motion to Approve Cub Scout Day Camp August 7, 2017 – August 11, 2017 7:00am-4:00pm daily - Jones. Second – Gregory.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Planning & Zoning: The Zoning Report was read into the record. There was one (1) permit issued and eight (8) concerns addressed/actions taken.

Department of Public Works:

Motion

Motion to Approve Proclamation Recognizing April 2017 as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month” - Fuccile. Second – Jones.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Buildings & Grounds:

Motion

Motion to Approve Historical Society Building Use March 12, 2017 - Fuccile. Second – Schneider.

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**Questions on the Motion:** None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

**Motion**

Motion to Approve Valley West Little League Building Use February 2017 - Fuccile. Second – Gregory.

**Questions on the Motion:** None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

**Motion**

Motion to Approve Waiver of Pavilion Rental Fee July 23, 2017 Conyngham UMC Church Picnic - Gregory. Second – Schneider.

**Questions on the Motion:** None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

**Motion**

Motion to Approve Waiver of Gazebo Rental Fee July 30, 2017 Conyngham UMC Tin Roof Brass Band - Gregory. Second – Jones.

**Questions on the Motion:** None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

**Grants:** DCNR grant application due at the end of April. The Borough will submit for the rehabilitation of the grass trail at the Nature Park. A DCNR C2P2 grant has been secured to erect a pavilion at the site.

Whispering Willows Master Plan Public Meeting was held on February 16, 2017 and resulted in positive feedback from the community.

**Police:** Committee meeting to be held in the near future.

**New Business:** Vice President Schneider advised Council the COG Spring Fling will be held Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm at Sands Springs.

COG Law & Order Forum to be held May 19, 2017 consisting of Police Chiefs, Magistrates and Judge Stevens.

Luzerne County Tax Collection Committee will hold their next meeting April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Berkheimer has been retained as the tax collector.

Luzerne County Boroughs & Townships Association Dinner will be held March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Best Western Genetti Hotel Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Correspondence was received from the Brookhill Association thanking Council for the Brookhill Paving Improvement Project.

A dividend check was received from the Borough's insurance carrier EMC in the amount of \$2,274.89. This savings was in addition to the significant reduction in premium already saved. President Gregory expressed thanks to the agent, Brown & Brown Insurance.

**Old Business:** None.

**Catch-All:** Vice President Schneider shared an article from the Borough News regarding 511PA.com which provides current road conditions. He recommended placing information on the Borough's website promoting 511PA.com.

President Gregory commented on the positive Times Leader article featuring Conyngham Borough. Vice President Schneider congratulated the Historical Society for their input.

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**Public Comment:** Fred Bartos of Maple Avenue read a letter into the record regarding stormwater issues on Maple & Birch Streets. The record is on file and available for inspection.

Mr. Bartos stated the new street lights are very nice.

President Gregory thanked Mr. Bartos for his comments.

Councilman Gallagher advised a Stormwater Grant has been applied for to correct problems in affected area.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:26 pm – Gregory. Second – Gallagher.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

**ATTEST:**

  
Secretary