

CONYNGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Conyngham Borough Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 20, 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, Jones, McKee, Schneider.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Solicitor, Secretary, Treasurer.

Absent: Mayor.

Citizens: Tim Ference, Matt Balliet, Robert Machey.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Motion to Approve Minutes from Regular Session June 8, 2017 – Jones. Second – Gallagher.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Mayor: Absent. The Department responded to fifty three (53) offenses, incidents and/or requests for the month of May. Report is on file.

Treasurer:

Treasurer Blase requested a Motion to approve the list of obligations in the amount of \$ 41,698.34.

Motion

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

Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Hawk questioned Park Program refund.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Solicitor: Excavation Ordinance will be prepared for the July work session to address underground boring.

The CBA Subdivision and Easement Agreement with Party Wall Agreement have been prepared for approval.

Motion

Motion to Approve CBA Subdivision and Easement Agreement with Utilities and Party Wall and Waiver of Engineer Review - Gregory. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Hawk questioned subdivision. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment: Mr. Ference questioned if the Borough Planning Commission recommended approval – Plans were sent to Luzerne County Planning Commission. Conyngham Borough Planning Commission did not review since parcel is owned by the Borough.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

George Property Acquisition is pending second appraisal.

Fire, Rescue & EMA: Conyngham had Zero (0) Fire and Rescue calls and Thirteen (13) EMS calls for the month of May.

Vice President Schneider requested Fire Report be listed after Police Report to accommodate Fire Department schedule.

Chief Balliet noted a Housing Ceremony was held on June 16, 2017.

A Strategic Planning Committee has been formed to develop a Comprehensive Plan.

Recreation: Simple Gifts will present a concert in the Gazebo on June 27, 2017 at 7:00 pm. The public is invited to attend. In case of inclement weather the program will be held at the Conyngham United Methodist Church.

Motion

Motion to Approve Partial Payment Request \$6,400.00 Master Plan Grant - Jones. Second – Fuccile.

Questions on the Motion: Vice President Schneider questioned status of Master Plan – 65% complete.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Planning & Zoning: The Zoning Report was read into the record. There were six (6) permits issued and thirty (30) concerns addressed/actions taken.

Department of Public Works: MS4 application is due September 16, 2017. President Gregory advised a meeting was held with RJD Engineering, Joe Calabrese, to review entire process. The Borough will be eligible for credits for their storm drain repairs, rain garden, street sweeping and infrastructure already in place.

The Borough will receive Penn DOT Additional Winter Service Agreement Payment 2016/2017 in the amount of \$349.46.

President Gregory read the Brookhill Association request into the record for installation of a stop sign at Hollow Road. An amendment to the Ordinance would be required if the Police feel a stop sign is warranted.

Motion

Motion to Authorize Police Department to Survey Stop Sign at Hollow Road – Fuccile. Second – Gregory.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

President Gregory reviewed all Deduct Alternates for Sugarloaf Avenue Sidewalk Project.

Motion

Motion to Award M&J Excavation Deduct Alternates # 11, # 12, # 51 (Less 1 Tree), # 52 (Less 5 Pole Foundations), # 53, # 54 & # 55 (Less 1 Pedestal Mounting Post) - Gregory. Second – Jones.

Questions on the Motion: Councilwoman Hawk questioned removals from deduct alternates.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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Fuccile	-	Affirmative	Gallagher	-	Affirmative
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Jones	-	Affirmative	McKee	-	Affirmative
Schneider	-	Affirmative			

Buildings & Grounds: GO Joe 20 will be in Conyngham on July 28th. All profits raised will benefit St. Joseph's Center. A newspaper article will be prepared to encourage community involvement and fundraising.

Motion

Motion to Approve Building Use Request Blakeslee Frederick Masters July 7, 2017 at 4:00 PM – Fuccile. Second – Schneider.

Questions on the Motion: None.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

Whispering Willows water fountain will be delivered on June 22, 2017. The electrical panel at the entrance to the park has been painted by the DPW.

Grants: Nothing at this time.

Police: Security System has been installed and is fully functional.

New Business: A meeting was held on June 19, 2017 with the Luzerne County SPCA to review a Municipal Services Partnership Agreement. There are several different options if the Borough wishes to enter into an agreement with the facility to take stray animals. President Gregory requested Council review for July meeting.

Old Business: None.

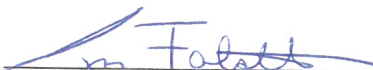
Catch-All: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:08 pm – Fuccile. Second – Gallagher.

No Roll Call. Unanimous.

ATTEST:


 Secretary